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PMV-2 Mishap Claims One Soldier's Life

A Specialist assigned to Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall died in a PMV-2 mishap 13 March 2021 in Alexandria, Virginia, at 1100 local. Two Soldiers were riding their motorcycles when they swerved to avoid colliding with another vehicle traveling in the same direction. The lane they moved to was occupied by a stopped city bus. The first Soldier ran into the rear of the bus and subsequently started a vehicle fire. The second Soldier laid down his bike and avoided the bus. Both Soldiers were transported to the local hospital for further treatment. The first Soldier later died, while the second was treated for road rash and released several hours later. The initial report states that both Soldiers were wearing all appropriate PPE, licensed, and had completed all required Motorcycle Safety Foundation courses. The use of alcohol or drugs is unknown at this time.

Since 2016, the Army has lost an average of 27 Soldiers a year to off-duty PMV-2 mishaps. This mishap was the 10th off-duty PMV-2 fatality of FY21 and above the number of fatalities for the same time period last year.

PLRs are intended to be used as an engagement tool for leaders to discuss the hazards and trends impacting Soldier safety and readiness. The PLR contains only basic information but provides sufficient background to allow leaders an opportunity to communicate risk at the Soldier level. More detailed information on this and other Army mishaps can be found on the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center website at <https://safety.army.mil/lessonslearned>.

To access current U.S. Army accident statistics and reports, visit <https://safety.army.mil/STATISTICS>.

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