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## Off-Duty Sports, Recreation, and Physical Training Mishap Claims One Soldier's Life

A Soldier assigned to Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia, died in an ATV mishap 3 April 2021, in Williamsburg, Virginia. The Soldier was involved in a side-by-side ATV mishap and sustained injuries serious enough to warrant an emergency life flight. The specifics of the mishap, including Soldier's use of personal protective equipment, alcohol or drugs, and speed as contributing factors are unknown at this time. The Soldier was evacuated to the local hospital, where doctors attempted to stabilize him well enough for a life flight to Richmond, Virginia. The chain of command was notified and between the hours of 0027 and 0047, the Soldier died. The safety point of contact is waiting for local law enforcement to release their report.

Since FY16, the Army has lost an average of 12 Soldiers a year to off-duty sports, recreation and physical training mishaps. This tragedy was the fourth fatal off-duty sports, recreation and physical training mishap of FY21.

*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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