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PMV-4 Mishap Claims One Soldier's Life



A Major assigned to United States Army National Guard, Saint Joseph, Missouri, activated under Title 32 orders for training at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, died in a PMV-4 mishap 13 April 2021 in Pleasant Hill, Missouri. The Soldier was driving to work when he pulled out of a gas station and into the path of an 18-wheeler that hit the driver's side of the vehicle. After both vehicles came to rest, the truck driver called 911. Emergency Medical Services and Missouri State Highway Patrol arrived, and EMS performed life-saving steps. Initial reports state that the Soldier was not wearing his seat belt. At this time, it is reported that there were no indications of speed and alcohol being contributing factors to the mishap. The Soldier was transported to the local hospital and pronounced dead upon arrival by the attending physician. The civilian truck driver suffered non-fatal injuries. An investigation is currently ongoing by the local authorities.

Since 2016, the Army has lost an average of 33 Soldiers a year to off-duty PMV-4 mishaps. This mishap is the 22nd PMV-4 fatality 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>.

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<https://safety.army.mil/STATISTICS>.**

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