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PMV-4 Mishap Claims One Soldier's Life

A Private First Class assigned to Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia, died in a PMV-4 mishap 17 April 2021 in Newport News, Virginia, at 1930 local. The Soldier lost control of his vehicle and struck a light/utility post. Local authorities reported that speed was a contributing factor to the mishap. At this time, it is unknown if alcohol was involved or who discovered the mishap and called 911. Due to the severity of the mishap, the Soldier had to be extracted from the vehicle and was pronounced dead at the scene. The unit and safety point of contact are waiting for the local authorities to release their report.

Since 2016, the Army has lost an average of 33 Soldiers a year to off-duty PMV-4 mishaps. This mishap was the 24th 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>.

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

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Additional U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center PLR resources can be found on the USACRC website at <https://safety.army.mil/PLR>.

