



PLR ARMY PRELIMINARY LOSS REPORT

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PMV-4 Mishap Claims Two Soldiers' Lives

A Specialist and Sergeant First Class assigned to Fort Bliss, Texas, died in a PMV-4 mishap 18 July 2021 in El Paso, Texas, at 0345 local. A Soldier was driving his PMV with one Soldier, believed to be the front-seat passenger, and one Soldier and civilian as back seat passengers, when they were involved in a multi-vehicle mishap. The driver and front-seat passenger were pronounced dead at the scene, requiring dental forensic identification. The Soldier in the backseat was transported to the local medical center for non-fatal injuries. Their medical prognosis is favorable; however, potential for a disability cannot be determined at this time. The civilian passenger was ejected from the vehicle. There is no clear indication of what caused the mishap, which is currently being investigated by the El Paso Police Department (EPPD). The division has initiated a line-of-duty investigation, and subordinate units have executed casualty assistance procedures to notify and assist surviving family members and units/Soldiers affected by the loss. The unit/safety points of contact are waiting for EPPD to release its official report. Alcohol as a contributing factor is unknown at this time, pending the medical examiner's release of the toxicology report. Seat belt use is undetermined due to a post-crash fire.

Since 2016, the Army has lost an average of 33 Soldiers a year to off-duty PMV-4 mishaps. This mishap was the 34th and 35th PMV-4 fatalities 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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