

Fort Devens PLR Updates April 2014

Preliminary Loss Reports (**PLR**) are For Official Use Only and are to provide leaders with awareness of Army loss as we experience it and to point out potential trends that affect our combat readiness.

PLR 14047

PMV-2 CRASH CLAIMS ONE SOLDIER'S LIFE

A 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss, Texas, Soldier died from injuries sustained in a PMV-2 crash that occurred on 12 April 2014 at approximately 1200 in El Paso. The 24-year-old SGT was operating his Honda CBR 600 motorcycle at a high rate of speed when he lost control and was ejected after hitting a retaining wall. He was pronounced dead at the scene. The SGT was wearing PPE and had completed BRC in March 2014.

PLR 14048

PMV-4 CRASH CLAIMS ONE SOLDIER'S LIFE

A Fort Bragg, North Carolina, US Army Officer died on 13 April 2014 from injuries sustained in a multiple PMV-4 crash that occurred on 11 April at approximately 0830 in Fayetteville. The 24-year-old 1LT was driving a 2003 Mitsubishi Lancer when he attempted to turn left across the oncoming lanes into a parking lot. His vehicle was struck broadside by a 2000 Dodge Durango. He was wearing his seatbelt and was extricated by a Soldier that witnessed the crash and was given lifesaving measures until emergency personnel were able to evacuate him to a local medical center. The 1LT died from his injuries while receiving medical treatment.

PLR 14049

PMV-4 CRASH CLAIMS ONE SOLDIER'S LIFE

An Oklahoma Army National Guard Soldier died on 21 March 2014 from injuries sustained in a PMV-4 crash that occurred on 20 March 2014 at approximately 1845 near Stillwater, OK. The 39-year-old SGT was driving a 1967 Ford Mustang at a high rate of speed when he ran off the right side of the road. He then swerved left, and ran off the left side of the road, striking a tree. Investigators reported he was driving at an unsafe speed at the time of the crash. The SGT was transported to a medical center, where he was pronounced dead at 9:21 p.m. the next day.

Leader Engagement Tips:

Driving can be impacted by several different factors depending on the situation.

- Fatigue.
- Distracted Driving.
- Speeding.
- Animals in the roadway.
- Traffic Patterns
- Situational Awareness

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PLR 14050

PMV-2 CRASH CLAIMS ONE SOLDIER'S LIFE

A 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Knox, Kentucky, Soldier died from injuries sustained in a private motor vehicle (PMV-2) crash that occurred on 21 April 2014, at approximately 1730 local, in Elizabethtown, KY. The 22-year-old PFC was operating his newly purchased Bashan motorcycle along with another Soldier, who was also riding a recently purchased motorcycle. They were directed by their command not to ride until they had completed the required training. The PFC failed to negotiate a sharp curve and was ejected. He was wearing full PPE. The PFC died from his injuries at a local hospital.

Leader Engagement Tip:

Our Leaders must always set the example for our Soldiers. How can we tell Soldiers to obey the rules and not obey them ourselves?

PLR 14051

PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMS ONE Department of the Army Civilian's LIFE

An Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, Department of the Army Civilian (DAC) was killed on 22 April 2014 at approximately 0900 local on Aberdeen Proving Ground. He was mowing a large area laterally on a sloping downgrade that was in excess of 30 degrees when the commercial mower he was utilizing overturned. The mower's rollover protection system was not raised or locked in place. The DAC was pinned underneath the mower.

PLR 14052

PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMS ONE SOLDIER'S LIFE

A 21st Signal Brigade, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Soldier was killed on 22 April 2014 at approximately 1400 local in Los Limones, Guatemala. The 24-year-old SPC was participating in an engineering project with three other Soldiers when a large branch fell on them. They were transported to the hospital where the SPC was pronounced deceased. The other Soldiers were not seriously injured.

PLR 14053

PMV-4 CRASH CLAIMS ONE SOLDIER'S LIFE

A 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Casey, Korea, Soldier died while on PCS leave on 24 April 2014 from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle crash that occurred on 17 April 2014, at approximately 1630 local, in Ocala, Florida. The 22-year-old PFC was operating his 1999 Kia Sephia when he failed to yield the right of way at an intersection. The Soldier turned left in front of a 2003 Ford F150 Pickup truck and the truck struck his car in the driver's side door. He was wearing his seatbelt. The Soldier was pronounced deceased after being removed from life support.

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PLR 14054

PMV-4 CRASH CLAIMS ONE SOLDIER'S LIFE

A 12th Combat Aviation Brigade, USAEUR, Katterbach, Germany, Soldier died from injuries sustained in a PMV-4 crash that occurred on 23 April 2014 at approximately 0430 local in the vicinity of Katterbach Kaserne. The 24-year-old SPC was en route to Lundstuhl Regional Medical Center when he lost control of his vehicle, exited the road and struck a tree on the driver's side. He was not wearing his seatbelt and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Leader Engagement Tips:

Excessive speed will always limit the time you have when reacting to the roadway while driving. Watch the Just Slow Down 2011 – Bishop Grandin Crash.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7sjK6qGz8-I&feature=youtu.be>

“Wearing a seat belt costs you nothing, but not wearing it could cost you a ticket or worse...your life.” For help on talking with Soldiers about wearing a seatbelt visit our Seat belt Resource Page.

“Research has shown that when lap and shoulder belts are used properly, the risk of fatal injury to front-seat passenger car occupants is reduced by 45 percent, and the risk of moderate to serious injury is reduced by 50 percent.”

The annual “Click It or Ticket” National Seat Belt Enforcement Mobilization occurs from May 20 to June 2, 2014.

PLR 14055

PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMS ONE SOLDIER'S LIFE

An Infantry One Unit Station Training Soldier died on 26 April 2014 from an injury that occurred on 25 April 2014 at approximately 2100 local on Fort Benning. The 20-year-old PVT became unresponsive after the unit leadership placed him in the trail vehicle at the 9-mile point of a 12-mile foot march. Emergency medical personnel evacuated the Soldier to a local medical facility where he died four hours later.

PLR 14056

FALL CLAIMS ONE SOLDIER'S LIFE

A 4th Infantry Division, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, Fort Carson, Colorado, Soldier died from injuries sustained in an apparent fall that occurred on 26 April 2014 in Colorado Springs. The 24-year-old 1LT was discovered unresponsive at approximately 1830 by a group of hikers. He is suspected of having fallen down a 200-foot incline. He was pronounced deceased at the scene.

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PLR 14057

PMV-2 CRASH CLAIMS ONE SOLDIER'S LIFE

A 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, Soldier died from injuries sustained in a private motor vehicle (PMV-2) crash that occurred on 27 April 2014, at approximately 1600 local, in Mililani. The 24-year-old SPC was riding his 2014 Kawasaki 636 motorcycle, at a high rate of speed, with three other unit Soldiers when he crossed the center line. The SPC attempted to get back into his lane of traffic to avoid an oncoming vehicle, but lost control and struck a utility pole. He was wearing a helmet and had completed BRC. The SPC died from his injuries at a local hospital.

Leader Engagement Tips:

Consider the following TTPs to help prevent similar motorcycle crashes in general:

- Speeding Kills, inform Soldiers about how speeding negatively affects vehicle handling capabilities and reduces the rider's time to react to hazards.
- Brief Soldiers on the importance of maintaining situational and handling awareness while riding. Click here to see Motorcycle Safety, Section entitled "Follow These Rules" and You and Your Motorcycle: Riding Tips, page 18.
- Leaders consider establishing a Motorcycle Mentorship Program to encourage safe and responsible habits and behavior.

These PLR's does not identify specific root causes of these incidents as the investigations are ongoing. Our Army depends on you to use these PLRs to help Soldiers understand the impact of decisions made on and off duty.