

Fort Devens PLR Updates February 2013

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 13031

FALL MISHAP CLAIMS ONE SOLDIER'S LIFE

A 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, Soldier died on 14 January 2013 from injuries sustained in a fall that occurred on 12 January 2013 near Honolulu. He was hiking with his wife and other Soldiers on a popular trail when the ground gave way and he fell 30 feet. He was evacuated to a medical center with multiple injuries. He was placed on life support and died two days later.

PLR 13032

POV CRASH CLAIMS ONE SOLDIER'S LIFE

A 428th Field Artillery Brigade, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Soldier died on 4 January 2013 from injuries sustained in a single vehicle crash that occurred on 3 January 2013 at 2300 local near Cache. The 29-year-old SSG was driving a pickup when, for an unknown reason, it crossed the median into and through the eastbound lanes and down into a culvert where it hit some trees. The truck narrowly missed another pickup as it crossed lanes. The cab separated from the chassis during impact at the base of an embankment. The impact caused the fuel tank to rupture and the cab to catch fire. The SSG was extricated from the cab and taken to a medical facility for treatment. He later died of his injuries.

PLR 13033

AMV CRASH CLAIMS ONE SOLDIER'S LIFE

A Florida Army National Guard, Gainesville, Florida, Soldier died on 15 January 2013 at approximately 0400 local from injuries sustained in a single vehicle crash near Jacksonville. The 20-year-old SPC was driving a HMMWV en route to Snyder Armory in Jacksonville from his duty station in Gainesville when he lost control of the vehicle while attempting to change lanes and it overturned. According to the Florida Highway Patrol the SPC was not wearing his seatbelt and was thrown from the vehicle. He was air evacuated from the crash but died following the medical transport at the hospital.

PLR 13034

POM CRASH CLAIMS ONE SOLDIER'S LIFE

A 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, Soldier serving with the rear detachment died on 16 January 2013 at approximately 2330 local from injuries sustained in a single vehicle crash in Copperas Cove. The 26-year-old SFC was riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle home when he attempted to negotiate a curve and lost control. He crashed and was ejected from the motorcycle. He was not wearing a helmet and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

PLR 13035

POV CRASH CLAIMS ONE SOLDIER'S LIFE

A Third Army, Shaw AFB, South Carolina, Army Officer died while on TDY on 19 January 2013 at approximately 1600 local from injuries sustained in a single vehicle crash near Sandersville, Georgia. The 47-year-old CW4 was driving his vehicle when he lost control in a curve; the vehicle exited the roadway and struck a tree. Seatbelt use has not been reported but initial reports indicate the Officer was ejected from his vehicle. He was pronounced deceased at the scene.

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PLR 13036

POV CRASH CLAIMS ONE SOLDIER'S LIFE

A 316th Cavalry Brigade, Fort Benning, Georgia, Soldier died on 20 January 2013 at approximately 1200 local from injuries sustained in a single vehicle crash while on leave in Houston, Texas. The 38-year-old SSG was driving a KIA Soul at a high rate of speed through a construction zone when he lost control, struck a curb, and slammed into a concrete pillar. He was evacuated to a local medical center where he was pronounced deceased.

PLR 13037

POM CRASH CLAIMS ONE SOLDIER'S LIFE

A 500th Military Intelligence Brigade, Schofield, Barracks, Hawaii, Soldier was killed in a chain-reaction crash on 20 January 2013 at approximately 1830 near Honolulu. The 23-year-old SPC was riding his 2012 Kawasaki, ZX6R motorcycle when he attempted to avoid a tanker truck that had stopped in front of him in his lane. A vehicle, two cars behind him struck the vehicle in between them shoving it into his motorcycle. He was ejected from his motorcycle and pinned underneath another vehicle. The Soldier was extricated and evacuated to a local medical center where life-saving measures failed to revive him. He was wearing full PPE and had completed MSF training in August 2012.

PLR 13038

POV CRASH CLAIMS ONE SOLDIER'S LIFE

A 159th Combat Aviation, 101st Airborne Division, Warrant Officer training with the 1st Aviation Brigade, Fort Rucker, Alabama, died on 25 January 2013 from injuries sustained in a single-vehicle crash that occurred on 19 January 2013, at approximately 0100 local, near Enterprise, Alabama. The 31-year-old CW2 was driving his POV when he ran a stop sign and crashed into a clay bank. He was evacuated to a local medical center where he later died from his extensive injuries.

Leader Engagement Tip

****PRELIMINARY LOSS REPORT 13034****

• Leader Engagement Tips

* Senior leaders are responsible for the example they set for peers and subordinates. How can I use this PLR to mentor my Soldiers on consequences of high risk behavior?

This is the 7th Class A PMV-2 (two-wheeled on-road vehicles) fatality in FY13 compared to 7 for the same time frame in FY12. This PLR does not identify specific root causes of this incident as the investigation is ongoing.

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