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SUBJECT: Early Evening Accident Results In A Fatality

1. A Fort Hood Soldier recently died of injuries sustained in an early evening accident. The Soldier was operating his motorcycle eastbound on a local area farm-to-market road. The driver of an automobile headed in the opposite direction turned left at an intersection and collided with the motorcycle head-on. The Soldier sustained numerous severe injuries and died four days later.
2. III Corps has now experienced eleven fatal accidents resulting in twelve fatalities this fiscal year (FY). This total is two less than the entire last FY, with two months remaining. All eleven accidents involved an automobile and/or a motorcycle. Although it appears our Soldier from the accident mentioned above was doing all the right things, this accident reminds us how dangerous our highways can be. Vehicle operators must constantly maintain situational awareness.
3. Outside of combat, accidents are the number one cause of Soldier fatalities. Our leadership has put tremendous emphasis towards accident prevention. Safety is a team effort that requires continuous actions by all. Unit leaders must continue to be involved in their Soldiers' activities and provide advice on risk mitigation. Soldiers must make their safety and the safety of others their personal responsibility. Leader involvement, attention to detail, and personal discipline will make a difference. We must maintain our focus on accident prevention.

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