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SUBJECT: Weekend Motorcycle Accident Results in Fatality

1. A Fort Hood Soldier died as the result of a recent motorcycle accident. Initial investigation revealed that the motorcycle struck a pickup truck which had entered the roadway from a side street. It was reported that the motorcycle was traveling at a high rate of speed. The lack of personal protective equipment (PPE), to include a helmet, contributed to the severity of injuries.
2. This accident brings the total motorcycle fatalities for this Fiscal Year (FY) to three, which equals the total for the entire FY10. The common factors in most fatal motorcycle accidents continue to be excessive speed, indiscipline and inexperience. The Soldier in the accident above had completed the required motorcycle safety course and knew the requirement for PPE. The requirement for PPE must be reiterated – REQUIRED FOR ALL MOTORCYCLE OPERATIONS on and off the installation regardless of duty status.
3. Commanders and leaders at all levels must continue their efforts to encourage compliance with all requirements of safe motorcycle operations. Ensure brigade/battalion motorcycle mentorship programs are robust and provide face to face counseling for unit motorcycle operators. Command emphasis and leader involvement will make a difference.

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