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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Motorcycle Accident Results in Fatality

1. A Fort Hood Department of the Army civilian died as the result of a recent motorcycle accident. Initial investigation revealed that the motorcycle rider was traveling on a Farm to Market road. The rider overcorrected after going into the opposite traffic lane and lost control of the motorcycle. This individual utilized appropriate motorcycle riding protective equipment and was considered a trained and seasoned rider.

2. This is the second Fort Hood motorcycle fatality for the Fiscal Year 2012. Motorcycle riding can be an inherently dangerous activity and, as this accident demonstrates, even experienced riders, wearing the proper safety equipment can be involved in fatal accidents. While motorcycle accident common factors continue to be excessive speed, indiscipline, and inexperience, riders must also maintain constant situational awareness. Riding conditions can change quickly due to traffic and road conditions. Riders must be properly prepared both mentally and physically for all road challenges. Successful completion of motorcycle safety training, participation in mentorship programs, obeying all traffic regulations, and wearing the proper personal protective equipment will dramatically reduce – but not eliminate – the risks involved in riding a bike. Remaining alert and aware of the environment is also a key part in remaining safe.

3. Commanders, leaders, and supervisors at all levels must continue their efforts to encourage compliance with all requirements of safe motorcycle operations. Motorcycle mentorship programs must positively reinforce safe motorcycle standards and enhance rider skill levels. My goal for all motorcycle riders is to ride safely and enjoy their riding experiences.

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Let's all work to ensure this is our last Fort Hood teammate lost.

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