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SUBJECT: Motorcycle Accident Results in Fatality

1. A Fort Hood Soldier died as the result of a recent motorcycle accident. The Soldier and friends had been at a local waterpark where alcohol was involved. It is unknown at this time if the Soldier had consumed alcohol. Initial investigation revealed that two motorcycles were transitioning from IH35 to US190 at a high rate of speed. One of the motorcycles failed to negotiate the curve, traveled off the roadway, and crashed head-on into a barricade. The Soldier died a short time later in a local hospital.

2. This accident brings the total of motorcycle fatalities to seven for this Fiscal Year (FY), and is over two times the total (3) for the entire FY10. The most common factors in 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 was trained on safe motorcycle operations. Undisciplined motorcycle operators have been the cause of numerous fatalities throughout the Army this year. There is no doubt that commanders, leaders, and motorcycle mentors are engaged to reduce these needless losses; however, we cannot give up the fight.

3. Commanders and leaders at all levels must continually explore new methods in 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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