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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Holiday Weekend Motorcycle Accident Results in Fatality

1. Our holiday weekend was marred by an afternoon motorcycle accident. A Fort Hood Soldier died as the result of this accident. Initial investigation revealed that the Soldier was riding with members of a local motorcycle club when she lost control while negotiating a curve and struck a tree. The Soldier was operating a 1400cc sport bike. The group was traveling on a two-lane Farm to Market road in the local area. The Soldier had been restricted from riding her motorcycle (due to medical considerations) by the chain of command.

2. This is the first motorcycle fatality for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 and the first in three months. The common factors in most fatal motorcycle accidents continues to be excessive speed, indiscipline and inexperience. Unit mentors need to discuss safe group ride processes and help organize unit group rides whenever possible. Motorcycle mentors should coach inexperienced riders and ensure they are placed into the group with an experienced rider. When riding with a local club, Soldiers must ensure the club is promoting safe motorcycle operations.

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 with unit motorcycle operators. Command emphasis and leader involvement will make a difference.

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