

# FATALITY



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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Motorcycle Accident Results in Fatality

1. A Fort Hood Soldier died as the result of a recent motorcycle accident. The Soldier departed a local restaurant on his motorcycle shortly after midnight following an evening with friends. The Soldier was observed driving recklessly by doing 'wheelies' and subsequently lost control of his motorcycle. The Soldier spent a week on life support before succumbing to his injuries.

2. The Soldier in this incident was operating his motorcycle without the required personal protective equipment (PPE), driving carelessly, and operating his motorcycle after consuming alcohol. Although this Soldier had attended all required motorcycle training, he displayed a total disregard for his own safety.

3. Leaders and peers alike must remain vigilant in ensuring all our Soldiers are following the Corps and Army standards for operating a motorcycle and intervening when necessary if someone is not adhering to those standards. Intervention in this instance may very well have prevented this accident from occurring. This is the fourth III Corps Soldier that has died in a motorcycle accident this fiscal year, and the second in a two-week period.

4. Commanders and leaders at all levels must continue to be innovative in their efforts to ensure compliance with all requirements for safe motorcycle operations. Motorcycle mentorship programs at the brigade and battalion levels must be comprehensive and provide face-to-face counseling for all unit motorcycle operators. Command emphasis and leader involvement will make a difference.

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*Unfortunately, we've lost another Soldier - Let's all continue to do our part to prevent this type of tragedy.*

  
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