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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Late Evening Accident Results In A Fatality

1. A Fort Hood Soldier recently died in a late evening privately owned vehicle (POV) accident. The Soldier was traveling on IH35 at a high rate of speed, lost control, and the vehicle overturned. He was pinned under the vehicle and was killed instantly. Initial investigation revealed the Soldier was not wearing his seatbelt. Drug and alcohol results are not yet known. The command had identified the Soldier as high risk.

2. III Corps has now experienced two fatal POV accidents in the first two weeks of this fiscal year (FY). This compares to a total of six POV fatalities for the entire FY11. We cannot allow this alarming trend to continue. Commanders and leaders must continually share risk reduction measures for accident prevention with their troops. Leaders must continue to conduct one-on-one counseling with Soldiers about off-duty conduct and provide mitigation measures for potential high risk activities. All Soldiers must then take this counseling to heart and implement the advice and counsel their leaders provide. Accidents such as this can only be prevented when individuals make the correct decision not to engage in unsafe or careless acts such as speeding or not using a seatbelt. Individual discipline is our first line of defense.

3. Accidents continue to be a leading cause of Soldier fatalities throughout the Army. Accident prevention must be a top priority, both on and off duty. We must be proactive to combat indiscipline in order to eliminate these tragedies. We must identify indicators of the next accident or high-risk event and initiate appropriate prevention actions. Remain vigilant in your safety efforts and let's stop these needless losses from occurring.

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Let's all do our part to reverse this terrible loss of life.

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