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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Traffic Fatality -- Fatality Memo 06-03

1. The morning of 10 December 2005, III Corps experienced its fourth accidental fatality of Fiscal Year (FY) 2006; the third privately owned vehicle (POV) fatality of the FY. The Soldier was pulling out of a parking lot onto a local road, when his automobile was hit by another vehicle (suspected DWI Soldier). The accident resulted in two fatalities, the Corps Soldier and his passenger, another FORSCOM Soldier.

2. Although the III Corps Soldier was operating his vehicle in a safe manner, the senseless actions of another individual took two lives. Accidents like this occur in a matter of seconds. Leaders must continually try to impress upon their Soldiers the need to drive defensively and pay attention to detail while operating a vehicle. Leaders can find a wealth of POV safety resource material in the "POV Toolbox" on the Combat Readiness Center's website (https://crc.army.mil/home/).

3. This accident was an unfortunate event that should not have occurred. Two Soldiers lost their lives in a split second at the hands of an undisciplined individual. We must continue to do our part to combat this type of behavior and these results.

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