

➔ A Soldier was killed in a motorcycle accident November 10 at approximately 0200 local near Georgetown, Texas. The Soldier was operating his 2008 Suzuki GSXR 750 motorcycle when he left the roadway and crashed. The Soldier had completed an Army-approved Motorcycle Safety Foundation course and was wearing a helmet, but no other personal protective equipment. Another Soldier, operating a separate motorcycle, was present during the accident.

Safety Reflection

• **Soldiers may not identify their behavior as high risk until they experience the negative results firsthand. Leader engagement is key to reinforcing what right looks like and teaching Soldiers how to avoid preventable accidents.**

➔ A Soldier died November 12 from injuries sustained in a vehicle accident November 8 in Kenosha, Wis. The Soldier was driving his vehicle at a controlled intersection, during an amber light, while he was attempting to turn left, a truck in the oncoming lane struck him. The Soldier was not wearing his seat belt.

Safety Reflection

• **Constant vigilance, and adherence to safety laws, is critical to mitigate the risks involved in operating privately owned vehicles.**

➔ A Soldier was killed and two others injured in an Army Motor Vehicle (AMV) accident November 13 in Iraq. The Soldier was the driver of a M1114 High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV) which was being positioned for a road block when it was struck by a local national's tractor-trailer. Two other Soldiers in the HMMWV received non-life threatening injuries.

Safety Reflection

• **Soldiers must protect themselves and their battle buddies by remaining alert to identify potential hazards during motor vehicle operations.**

➔ A Soldier was killed and three others injured in an Army Motor Vehicle (AMV) accident November 13 at approximately 0242 local in Iraq. The Soldier was on patrol as the gunner in a Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle (MRAP). The vehicle crossed over a break in the median, hit a curb and rolled over onto its side. Three other Soldiers in the vehicle received non-life threatening injuries.

Safety Reflection

• **Seeing the injury or death of a brother in arms is not the way Soldiers should learn how to conduct themselves safely. Leaders must ensure Soldiers understand the hazards and safety controls specific to MRAP operations.**



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- 5 Soldier Injured
- 1 HMMWV Damaged
- 1 MRAP Damaged

