

# SAFETY ALERT



## 200th MP COMMAND SAFETY SENDS



*Within 82 days, amongst 2 BDEs, 4 Soldiers, 1 Injury, and 1 Fatality*

- On 18 March 2021 at approximately 0753 about 7 miles from exit 350 in Ocala, FL heading Northbound on Rte. 75, while conducting a convoy from home station to Camp Blanding, FL in support of BA, the fifth vehicle in a convey, a M1151A1, veered to the left and made contact with the side of a FEDEX cargo trailer. Both vehicles pulled over and no one was injured. The M1151A1 sustained minor damage to the driver side mirror and rear passenger window; there was no damage to FEDEX trailer. It was determined that the driver and TC of the M1151A1 were both struggling to stay awake and alert in the vehicle.
- On 16 April 2021 at approximately 0630 while driving to the Fort Bragg Reserve Center for BA from HOR a Soldier experienced fatigue while driving. The vehicle turned off the road and landed in a nearby ditch. The Soldier was transported to the hospital, treated for a sprained ankle and a contusion to both the chest and hip, and discharged at approximately 1300 with quarters. The Soldier had worked from 0700 to 1800 the day prior.
- On 7 June 2021 at approximately 0830, a Soldier was involved in a fatal car accident along US Highway 59 just west of Freer, TX. The Service Member (SM) was driving his POV along the northeast lane of the highway on his way to AT from his HOR when his vehicle left the roadway and crashed into an unoccupied truck and tractor trailer parked on the grassy shoulder of the southwest lane. The vehicle then caught fire. It is unknown if he was wearing his seatbelt. The accident is still under investigation however the investigating officer has stated that there was no evidence of braking or evasive movements at the scene.



### IMMEDIATE LEADER ACTIONS

- Brief this alert to all Soldiers in your formations
- Find out what hours Soldiers are working in their civilian jobs
- Identify high risk Soldiers (shift workers, young drivers, sleep disorders, those who are on prescriptions that cause drowsiness)
- Discuss with the Soldiers:
  - getting sufficient sleep (no less than 7 hours before driving)
  - abstaining from alcohol (12 hours since last drink or until residual effects are gone)
  - the expectations of reporting to duty, any circumstances that may affect reporting on time and available courses of action

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