

## Vehicle Safety

1. Privately owned vehicle accidents are consistently the number one killer of Army soldiers. Every 72 hours a soldier is killed in a POV accident.

2. In an effort to provide commanders, leaders, and non-commissioned officers with tools to target this problem, the Fort Bragg POV Accident Prevention Commander's Handbook was developed. A team of subject matter experts (safety personnel, senior noncommissioned officers, and senior officers) reviewed fatal POV accidents, research literature, existing programs/packages/etc., and field input to develop controls for the hazards involved with POV operations.



3. This handbook contains detailed information on those controls and examples. It provides “instant expertise” for commanders, leaders, and non-commissioned officers on how to reduce the risk of hazards that have killed soldiers in POV accidents. Commanders, leaders, and non-commissioned officers should review its contents and build/reinforce their POV Accident Prevention Programs. They should pick and choose from the controls based on their situation and available resources, adding their own ideas and using as many controls as feasible. Since no single control can target all hazards or be guaranteed to be 100% effective, it is important to develop a program with a variety of controls.

4. Copies of this guide can be obtained by calling the Installation Safety Office at 396-7233 or downloading it from their web site at

<http://www.bragg.army.mil/safety/povsafety.htm>.

Additional information such as the Army POV Safety Toolbox and Leader's Guide can be obtained from the Army Safety Program homepage on the Internet at

<http://safety.army.mil>.

5. As with any program, solid command support and emphasis up and down the chain of command is key to program success.