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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) Fatality -- Fatality Memo 03-05

1. Last year's record of ZERO fatalities during the Christmas and New Year's holiday period will not be repeated this year. Only three days into our holiday schedule, III Corps has lost another teammate to a tragic automobile accident. Initial information indicates that for unknown reasons, during daylight hours the soldier lost control of her vehicle, over-corrected and struck another vehicle head-on. The accident is still under investigation.

2. This is the fifth POV fatality III Corps has experienced in FY03. At this rate, we are on a path to experience the worst year in recent history regarding POV fatalities. We cannot allow this trend to continue! POV accidents continue to kill more soldiers throughout the Army than all other causes combined. To change this adverse trend, commanders should reemphasize use of the "POV TOOLBOX" which is in the G1 Safety public folder titled "Toolbox" and other resources that are available on the US Army Safety Center website <http://safety.army.mil/home.html>. These sites contain valuable information to use in your accident prevention efforts.

3. Now is the time to review your command's efforts to prevent POV accidents and ensure we are taking a hands-on approach at the first-line supervisor level to influence the way our soldiers operate their POVs.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Wilson".

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Acting Commander

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