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UAS HUMAN ERROR MISHAPS

Soldiers in the UAS community look at the end-of-year human error lessons learned and often can't imagine how these mistakes happen. They are very similar to a car driver pulling away from the gas pump with the nozzle still in the vehicle. Pretty stupid, but it happens all the time. These aren't different mistakes, but rather the same types of errors happening year after year.



ATV CLOSE CALL

I never gave much thought to off-duty safety. For me, it was just something I always had to hear about before being released for a long weekend. Fortunately, I eventually got the message — but it nearly cost me my life.



SAFETY BRIEFS

As a result of this incident, I had to write a lot of reports for what turned out to be a Class B mishap that could have been avoided. It was a small price to pay for the more valuable lesson I learned.

ACCIDENT BRIEFS

PMV-4

A 28-year-old Staff Sergeant assigned to the Florida Army National Guard died in a PMV-4 mishap near Fort Myers, Florida, at 2215 local. The Soldier was traveling on an interstate highway when her vehicle struck the rear end of a pickup truck that was being towed. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

ENGAGEMENT TIPS

What you can do to help prevent driving mishaps:

- Never drive distracted.
- Never drive drowsy.
- Slow down at night.
- Avoid slow-moving vehicles.
- Never drink and drive.
- Ensure safe following distances.



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When standards aren't enforced or followed, that's when an mishap is likely to happen.

Whether handling an assigned or a privately owned weapon, remember to always **THINK** safety:

- T**REAT EVERY WEAPON AS IF IT IS LOADED.
- H**ANDLE EVERY WEAPON WITH CARE.
- I**DENTIFY THE TARGET BEFORE YOU FIRE.
- N**EVER POINT THE MUZZLE AT ANYTHING YOU DON'T INTEND TO SHOOT.
- K**EEP THE WEAPON ON SAFE AND YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER UNTIL YOU INTEND TO FIRE.

YOUR LIFE, OUR LOSS

When a Soldier dies in a preventable accident, it has a detrimental effect on the morale and welfare of the unit. That Soldier's absence, however, extends far beyond the Army because often they also leave behind a heartbroken family, friends and colleagues. Remember, **IT'S YOUR LIFE, BUT OUR LOSS**.

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