This report is a monthly update of motorcycle mishaps that occurred throughout the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. The data listed reflects what was reported during the time period covered.

**The information contained in the report is based on preliminary information and is provided for hazard awareness and training purposes only.** The Naval Safety Command recommends motorcycle safety representatives use this information for training and mentorship programs and forward to others who may have an interest.

**Official mishap data should be obtained from the Naval Safety Command.**

| **Navy** | | **Marine Corps** |
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| Rider fatalities this report: **4**<br>Rider fatalities for FY 22: **9** | Total mishaps this report: **17**<br>Total fatalities this report: **6** | Rider fatalities this report: **2**<br>Rider fatalities for FY 22: **7** |

# Keep an eye out for distractions this summer

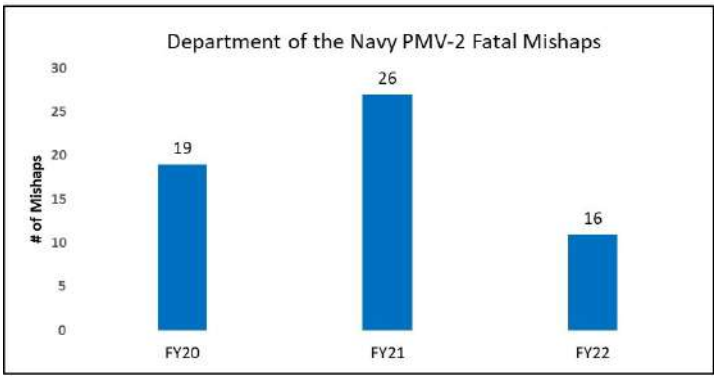
The 101 Critical Days of Summer began Memorial Day weekend, and unfortunately May wasn't a good month for motorcycle riders. So how do we repackage safety for our service members? The common finding in the majority of the motorcycle mishaps this month was distracted driving. Distracted driving dramatically increases the risk of mishaps. Here are some tips to add to your current skill set and help prevent mishaps caused by distracted driving.

1 Always look twice before pulling off or turning. This action can decrease your chances of being in a mishap.

2 Ensure other drivers and riders see you on the road. Keep moving back and forth in the lane so you're not in the driver's blind spot.

3 Keep your head on a swivel when riding. The more riders can see, the sooner they can react to avoid potential mishaps within their line of sight.

4 When you are at a stop, don't forget to use turn signals *and* hand signals. This is for vehicles that get too close and may need your assistance to let them know your next move.




***The graph above depicts 61 reported motorcycle fatalities between fiscal year (FY) 2020 and May of FY22.***

Take driving defensively seriously, and please get home safe.

Regards,
Malcolm Logan

## 101 Critical Days of Summer

In 2021, between Memorial Day Weekend and Labor Day weekend, the Department of the Navy lost 10 Sailors and Marines resulting from of PMV-2 mishaps. Learn how to avoid preventable mishaps during this year's 101 Critical Days:

*https://navalsafetycommand.navy.mil/Stand-Down/Safety-Stand-Down/*

# Motorcycle Mishaps
## May 2022

### Motorcycle Mishap Legend

**NR** represents information not reported

**Red entries** signify Marine Corps-specific mishaps

**Fatal Mishaps (All times local)**

May 28, 3 p.m., age NR, E-4
Location: Wilmington, North Carolina
Remarks: Rider was struck by PMV-4. Rider was transported to local hospital and treated for fractured pelvis, lacerated liver, ruptured stomach and kidney failure. Rider succumbed to injuries and was declared deceased June 2.

May 24, 9:30 p.m., 29-year-old E-5
Location: Jacksonville, Florida
Remarks: Rider was riding in a group of four and collided with another rider in the group. Rider pronounced deceased at the scene.

May 15, p.m., time and age NR, E-4
Location: Deming, New Mexico
Remarks: Service member struck the back of a semitruck and crashed. Rider pronounced deceased at the scene.

May 14, 2:35 p.m., age NR, E-4
Location: Malibu, California
Remarks: Service member collided head-on with a PMV-4 after driver made a U-turn in the middle of the road. Rider pronounced deceased at the scene, and mishap is still under investigation.

May 12, 9:15 a.m., 38-year-old E-6
Location: Jacksonville, Florida
Remarks: Notification of rider mishap. Service member was transported to local hospital and placed in intensive care. Service member was declared deceased May 18.

May 8, 10:53 p.m., 23-year-old E-4
Location: Jacksonville, Florida
Remarks: Notification of rider mishap. Rider was pronounced deceased at the scene, and mishap is still under investigation.

**Nonfatal Mishaps (All times local)**

May 31, 7:30 p.m., 25-year-old E-5
Location: San Diego, California
Remarks: Rider was cut off by another vehicle and crashed. Rider transported to local hospital and treated for sprained right ankle.

May 31; time, age and rank NR
Location: Fort Worth, Texas
Remarks: Notification of a mishap. Rider struck a wall, was transported to local hospital and received stitches to left leg.

May 31, 7:30 p.m., 21-year-old E-4
Location: San Clemente, California
Remarks: Rider was traveling 45 mph when the preceding driver hit the brakes. Rider did not have enough reaction time to stop, hit the right rear of the PMV-4 and crashed. Rider transported to local hospital and treated for minor injuries.

May 30; time, age and rank NR
Location: Palm Springs, California
Remarks: Notification of rider mishap. Rider was transported to local hospital and treated for fractured right leg, left wrist, sternum and ribs on both sides.

May 23, 12:20 p.m., 30-year-old E-5
Location: Seattle, Washington
Remarks: Rider had to navigate when PMV-4 veered into rider's lane. Rider locked the brakes, lost control and laid the bike down. Rider was transported to local hospital, evaluated for injuries and released the same day.

May 21, time and age NR, E-5
Location: Norfolk, Virginia
Remarks: Rider was riding on a wet highway, slid and crashed. Rider transported to local hospital and treated for sprained ankle and fractured wrist.

May 19, 7:30 a.m., 37-year-old E-8
Location: San Diego, California
Remarks: PMV-4 ran red light and struck rider, who was transported to local hospital, examined for injuries and released the same day.

May 19, time NR, 27-year-old E-3
Location: Norfolk, Virginia
Remarks: On the way to work, rider exited the tunnel and traffic started to slow down. Rider lost traction and slid into the vehicle in front of rider. Rider was transported to hospital, evaluated, treated for fractured collarbone and sent home.

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**Additional Motorcycle Rider Down Reports are available at**
https://navalsafetycommand.navy.mil/Resources/Motorcycle-Rider-Down-Reports-Newsletters/

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May 14, time and age NR, E-5
Location: San Diego, California
Remarks: Rider hit a patch of dirt, causing bike to slide and crash. Rider transported to local hospital and treated for fractured wrist and road rash.

May 13, time and age NR, E-5
Location: Temecula, California
Remarks: Rider was preparing to exit interstate when a vehicle crossed into rider's lane, clipping the motorcycle's left front tire and forks, which caused rider to lose control. Rider was ejected from bike and came to rest on the pavement. Rider transported to local hospital, treated for multiple injuries and is in stable condition.

May 9, 3 p.m., 40-year-old E-8
Location: California, Maryland
Remarks: Rider was turning motorcycle around in driveway of private residence to load onto the back of a truck. The bike's front end slid across the ground while turning due to an underinflated front tire. The motorcycle fell, and the forward momentum pinned the rider's right foot to the ground. Rider was transported to local hospital and treated for lacerations to the right foot.

May 9, 3 p.m., 40-year-old E-8
Location: Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri
Remarks: Rider was cut off at intersection and lost control of motorcycle. Rider was transported to local hospital and treated for a fractured tibia and fibula on the right leg.

May 9, time and age NR, E-6
Location: Lemon Grove, California
Remarks: Rider was exiting highway on motorcycle. Rider stopped and waited for right-of-way, looked back to the right and saw PMV-4 approaching. PMV-4 collided with rider, who fell to the ground. Rider was transported to local hospital and treated for lacerations to both knees and contusion to left wrist.

May 9, 3 p.m., 21-year-old E-4
Location: Virginia Beach, Virginia
Remarks: Rider was on a dirt bike at a local track, lost control of bike and crashed. Rider was transported to local hospital and treated for multiple lacerations.

**Members of Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune's Motorcycle Mentorship Program participated in a command-sponsored ride July 16, 2021.The MMP is a mandatory program for active-duty staff and encouraged for civilian staff members who operate a motorcycle. The command-sponsored rides aim to pair experienced riders with less-experienced riders to help teach safety rules and the do's and don'ts of motorcycle riding. (U.S. Navy photo by by Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael Molina)**

May 5, time and age NR, E-4
Location: Virginia Beach, Virginia
Remarks: Rider was ejected from motorcycle and taken to the local hospital. Rider was treated for fractured left tibia.

May 3, 8:35 a.m., 24-year-old E-5
Location: Portsmouth, Virginia
Remarks: Rider was on the way to work when a car swerved into the lane and blocked the rider on a three-lane road. Rider had no option but to hard brake and then crashed. Rider woke up in the ambulance during transport to local hospital but does not remember rest of incident. Rider received minor lacerations throughout the body and a fractured wrist.

May 3, time NR, 32-year-old E-6
Location: San Diego, California
Remarks: Rider swerved to avoid vehicle and laid down bike. Rider was transported to local hospital, examined for possible injuries and released same day.

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