

DEVENS RFTA SAFETY BULLETIN NOV 2022

PMV-4

- **Risk:** Shorter days, hazardous weather, and holiday travel increase PMV-4 risk in NOV.
- **Context:** NOV is perennially the highest month for PMV-4 fatalities in FORSCOM.
- **Vignette:** [PLR 22-012.pdf \(army.mil\)](#)
[PLR 22-078.pdf \(army.mil\)](#)
[Winter Wipeout](#)
- **Resources:**
 - [Winter Driving](#)
 - [Seatbelts: Get the Facts](#)
 - [Drowsy Driving](#)
 - [Travel Risk Planning System \(TRiPS\)](#)

Maintenance

- **Risk:** Increased risk from maintenance activities as units approach the leave cycle.
- **Context:** Maintenance failures result in the loss of fingers, deaths, SMs crushed by vehicles, and loss of vehicles due to fire.
- **Vignette:** [AFES Bottle Discharge Improper Tools Wheel and Tire Replacement](#)
- **Resources:**
 - [Maintenance](#)
 - [Commanders Maintenance Handbook](#)
 - [Principles of Ground Guiding](#)
 - [M88 Fire Prevention Flip Book](#)

Aviation – Cold Weather

- **Risk:** Snow and Ice pose immediate risk to both manned/unmanned AVN Operations.
- **Context:** Army FY18 to present; 6 WX Class A mishaps and 3 Fatalities (2 H60L/4 MQ-1).
- **Vignette:** [Aviation Mishap Claims 3 Lives](#)
- **Resources:**
 - [Winter Icing](#)
 - [Top 5 Cold Weather Hazards](#)
 - [Aircraft White Out](#)
 - [Gray Eagle Icing](#)
 - [PS Magazine Gray Eagle Winter Care](#)
 - [Gray Eagle Icing Prevention](#)
 - [All Aircraft: Don't Play the Odds](#)

Seasonal

- **Risk:** Increased seasonal risk
- **Context:** ~100 people die in hunting accidents each year; Thanksgiving has the highest incident of house fires; ~155 SMs are diagnosed with cold weather injuries each year.
- **Vignette:** [Hunter Shoots SM House Fire The Typical Victim](#)
- **Resources:**
 - [Critical Hunting Safety Facts](#)
 - [Preventing Thanksgiving Fires](#)
 - [Cold Weather Training](#) (cancel authentication)

Leader Notes

- Is my maintenance program safe? Are we properly equipped and trained? Where are we taking shortcuts in maintenance operations?
- What have we done to reduce risk during the Thanksgiving holiday? Are we adequately addressing the risk of POV travel (fatigue, weather, seatbelts)? Have we addressed hunting and fire safety?
- Have we addressed cold weather operations? Are they adequately prepared and understand the risks?
- Has my unit completed required annual cold weather training?