

# Fatality Alert

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09 MARCH 2020

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### Synopsis

On 09 March 2020, at approximately 0810 hours, two 11<sup>th</sup> ACR M1113 HMMWV smoke trucks were on a mission to obscure the area around the town of Barasu, vicinity grid location, 11S NV 586801569 (Flagpole) Simultaneously, elements of the rotational unit were conducting a recovery mission in the same area. The smoke trucks were making a pass down an MSR when they drove into a recovery winch cable that was stretched across the MSR. The driver, a 21 year old Private First Class, was pronounced dead at the scene. The TC a 34 year old Staff Sergeant, was MEDEVAC'd for non-fatal injuries.

### Factors

- Both driver and vehicle commander were licensed on the M1113 HMMWV
- Limited visibility due to the smoke mission
- A hazard was inadvertently created by recovery operations
- Controls were not developed/implemented to mitigate the hazard

The mishap is being investigated by the Combat Readiness Center (CRC).

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