

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
Vehicle Accident (LN death)  
1-8 CAV, 2/1CD  
10 March 2007

1. Facts.

On 10 March 2007, 1-8 CAV was tasked to (b)(2)High, with a (b)(2)High section, on (b)(2)High. The patrol was moving south in the north bound lane at a speed of about 25 mph with their white lights on, because of limited visibility. Around 2040, a white van passed the lead (b)(2)High at a high rate of speed, (b)(2)High mph. The van crashed into the gun tube of the second (b)(2)High. Specifically, the gun tube hit the side of the van. The (b)(2)High turret was pointed left, toward the on coming traffic's right, when the van struck the (b)(2)High. The turret was pointed left because SPC (b)(3), (b)(4) was scanning down an ally way. All the passengers in the vehicle (b)(6) and their son were injured. The family was taken to the hospital by the IPs. (b)(6) later died as a result of the injuries she sustained in the accident.

2. Findings. The patrol was traveling at a safe speed and proceeding with caution, due to limited visibility. The van was traveling at a high rate of speed, and the driver was inattentive to his surroundings. The van's driver, (b)(6) actions caused the accident.

3. Recommendations.

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b. BCT Cdr concurred with the IO's findings and recommendations. BCT Cdr disagreed with the IO's finding that the driver's actions were the sole cause of the accident.

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