

Safety Alert



M1114 Rollover Deaths OIF SA-002

The loss of a life is a pity, even more so when the loss is not attributed to enemy contact. As some personnel have learned, quite painfully, Army equipment and how that equipment is operated does cause harm when not used appropriately.

This week, 4ID experienced several M1114 rollovers; one of which resulted in a fatality. A Soldier lost his life when their M1114 rolled into a canal. This accident is still under investigation, so it is not known if he drowned or was fatally injured during the rollover.

This is the first accidental death since the MND-B TOA and serves as a reminder that the enemy is not the only hazard on the battlefield. We must continually use Composite Risk Management (CRM) to evaluate both the enemy and accidental hazards. In this case the accidental hazards possibly required additional attention.

Hazards

Controls

Muddy/slippery roads

- Slower operating speeds
- Practice rollover drills
- Remain clear of drop offs/edges
- Ensure trails are wide enough and strong enough for the equipment

Canals after heavy rains

- Use alternate routes
- Utilize TUAV/SUAV for high risk areas
- Practice recovery procedures
- Practice M1114 escape/rescue procedures

Rollover

- Practice rollover drills every day
- Operate vehicle at proper speeds for conditions
- Know the location of rescue wrench
- Ensure gunners have stripped IBAS
- Ensure gunners are wearing and using proper harness

