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Two Soldiers Dead After Training Exercise Accident

HELICOPTER

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md. -- Two soldiers were killed in a helicopter crash during a training exercise at the parade field here at approximately 9:50 p.m. on Mar. 5.

The names of the deceased are being withheld until 24 hours after the next of kin has been notified. No other casualties have been reported at this time.

The two soldiers, who were a part of the 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, were undergoing a training exercise when their AH-64E Apache helicopter went down in the parade field here. The unit, based out of Fort Campbell, Kentucky, had been conducting training around Maryland for the past month.

“This is an unfortunate event, and we are saddened by the loss of our soldiers.” Said Col. Craig Alia, the brigade commander of the 101st Combat Aviation Brigade.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation.