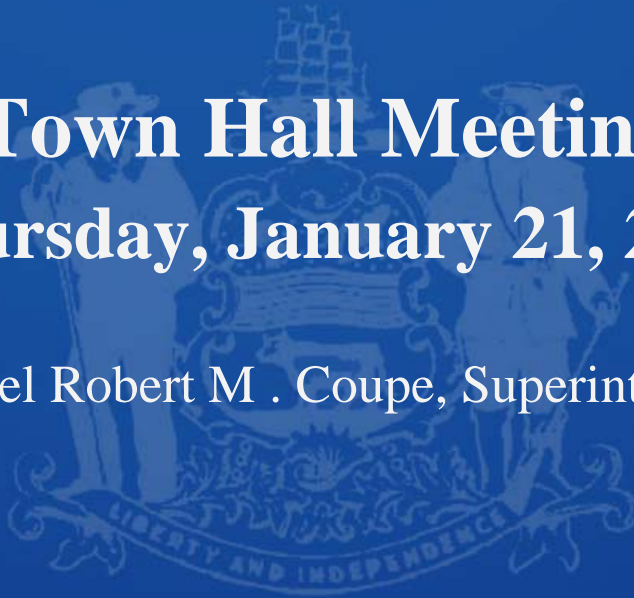




Delaware State Police

Town Hall Meeting
Thursday, January 21, 2010

Colonel Robert M. Coupe, Superintendent





Town Hall Agenda

- Introductions of DSP personnel
- Overview of four incidents
- Discuss measures DSP investigators are utilizing in investigation
- Tips on keeping your child from becoming a victim
- What you can do to help us with the investigation
- Overview of Crime Stoppers
- Questions



Incident # 1

- **Location:** Trillium Drive, Magnolia, DE
- **Date of Occurrence:** Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 12:40 p.m.
- **Vehicle:** Older model dark blue sedan
- **Suspect:** Older white male, clean shaven, with a full head of grey hair. He was last seen wearing a blue or green pull over sweater
- **Summary:** Delaware State Police are investigating what appears to be an attempted abduction of an 11 year-old girl. Before 1 p.m. this afternoon an 11 year-old girl got off her school bus and was walking home when an older model dark blue sedan pulled up beside her. The driver, who is described above, asked the little girl where she was going and offered her a ride. The girl refused and the suspect told her that he had candy in his car and that she could sit in the back seat and eat it while he drove her home. The girl became frightened and ran from the car.



Incident # 2

- **Location:** Carolina Avenue and New Jersey Drive, in Whispering Meadows Development, Dover, DE
- **Date of Occurrence:** Tuesday, December 8th, 2009, between 7:45 – 8:00 am
- **Vehicle:** Black vehicle, nothing further
- **Suspect:** White male approximately 30 years old. No further description.
- **Summary:** The operator of the suspicious vehicle approached a male student who was walking alone on their way to the bus stop. During this incident the operator of the vehicle asked the student to “get in”. The student ignored the operator of the black vehicle and ran to their bus stop to contact others.



Incident # 3

- **Location:** Donegal Road and Galway Court, in Irish Hill Development, Magnolia, DE
- **Date of Occurrence:** Tuesday, December 15th, 2009, between 3:45- 4:00 pm
- **Vehicle:** Black vehicle, nothing further
- **Suspect:** White male approximately 30 years old. No further description
- **Summary:** A male juvenile was walking alone headed home and approached by the suspect. During this incident the operator of the suspicious vehicle asked the student if they “need a ride”. During this incident the student also ignored the operator of the black vehicle and ran home.



Incident # 4

- **Location:** The Reserve at Chestnut Ridge, Magnolia, DE
- **Date of Occurrence:** Tuesday, January 5th, 2010, 4:00 pm - 4:15 pm
- **Vehicle:** White four door vehicle, no further description
- **Suspect:** White male approximately 30 years old. No further description
- **Summary:** A female elementary school student was contacted by a white male who was operating a white four door vehicle. The suspect asked the student to get in the vehicle; however the student ignored the suspect and continued to walk home.



What Parents Can Do to Keep Their Kids Safe





- **Teach your children to run away from danger, never toward it**
- **“RUN-YELL-TELL”**
- **“Never let your children go places alone”**

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- **Consider installing an alarm system in your home with a monitoring feature**
- **Practice what you teach by creating “what if” scenarios**
- **Know where your children are and whom they are with at all times**
- **Talk openly to your children about safety and encourage them to tell you or a trusted adult...”**

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- **Make your children part of securing your home**
- **Have a list of family members who could be contacted in case of an emergency**
- **Be alert to and aware of your surroundings**
- **Consider varying your daily routines and habits...**



What You Can Do to Help Us





Be a Good Witness

- Make this a priority
- Carry a pen/pencil and paper in vehicle and record details immediately
- Utilize cell phone if possible
- Call 911 immediately





Good Descriptions Solve Crimes

- The suspect is described as
 - White male
 - 5’10” tall
 - Wearing a green shirt displaying ‘Nike’ in white writing
 - He wore black track pants with two white stripes down the side of the leg
 - The suspect had a scar on his left cheek
 - He spoke with a low raspy voice
 - His hair was close cut on the sides and long on top



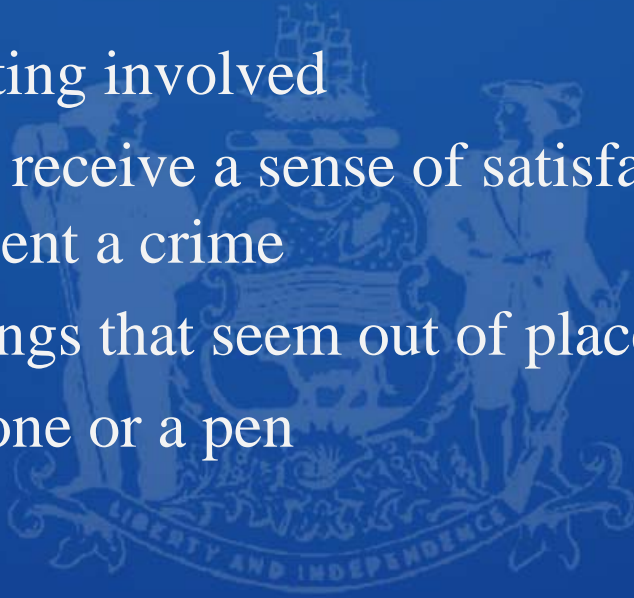
Vehicle Descriptions Help Too

- The vehicle is described as:
 - Blue Honda two door
 - Displayed DE 12345
 - There was a scratch along the hood
 - Two air-fresheners hung from the rear view mirror
 - Any specific identifying characteristic



Be a good neighbor

- This means getting involved
- One will surely receive a sense of satisfaction by helping to solve or prevent a crime
- Be aware of things that seem out of place
- Carry a cell phone or a pen





Understand that you are the best resource for better safeguarding your family.

Stay alert, informed, and vigilant about personal-security issues.



**Report any suspicious persons or
activities to law enforcement
Call 911 immediately**

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Questions?





Thank You for Attending

- Please make sure to take home one of the informational pieces we've handed out tonight
- If anyone would like additional information regarding tonight's program please see one of the DSP Troopers here tonight or visit the Delaware State Police Website at www.dsp.delaware.gov