

Troopers Investigate Tow Truck Crash Near Smyrna

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Smyrna – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is currently investigating a serious crash that occurred early Thursday evening on Route 1 near Smyrna.

The incident occurred around 5:53 p.m. Thursday September 1, 2016 as William D. Jayne, 46 of Dover, was operating a 2005 International Tow Truck (D&D Towing) southbound on Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway (SR1) in the area of Twin Willows Road when the truck experience a front tire blow out. This mechanical issue caused William Jayne to lose control of the truck and travel off the west side of the roadway while rotating clockwise before striking a tree. The impact with the tree caused the truck to rotate violently and overturn, ejecting William Jayne from the vehicle. The truck came to a stop in a tree line west of SR1.

William Jayne, who was not properly restrained, was transported to Bayhealth Kent General Hospital (KGH) where he was listed in critical condition.

Tina I. Jayne (wife of William), 52 of Dover, was properly restrained, and was trapped inside the vehicle until fire crews freed her from the wreckage. She was transported to KGH and eventually released with non-life-threatening injuries.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. SR1 southbound in the area of Exit 114 experienced intermittent lane closures for approximately four hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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