Troopers Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash Involving a Pedestrian-Final Update

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Penny Hill, DE- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit has identified the 84 year old male who was struck and killed on Philadelphia Pike north of the Washington Street Extension, on Thursday, November 17, 2016 as John L. Schultz of Wilmington, Delaware.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police.

The Delaware State Police would like to offer these pedestrian safety tips to help educate and encourage pedestrians to make smart and safe decisions when walking near roadways. By following these basic safety tips and laws it is our hope that no other pedestrians lose their lives.

- Do not walk under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Impaired walking is like impaired driving; it is illegal and can be deadly.
- Teach children not to run into the street after balls or other toys, and don’t allow them to cross alone until you’ve practiced the basics with them.
- Carry a flashlight or other reflective item when walking at night. It’s the law.
- Do not step into a cross walk if it will create a hazard to motorists. When it is clear to cross, continue to watch for traffic while crossing the street until you have safely reached the other side.
- Use sidewalks. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far off the edge of the road as possible.

- Do not risk crossing outside of a cross walk or intersection just because it’s more convenient, especially on high-speed roadways. Cars cannot stop in time for you.
- Cross only at cross walks or intersections with signals or traffic signs. Look left, right, and left again. Only start to cross when it’s clear.
- If your vehicle breaks down on an interstate or busy roadway, don’t leave your vehicle. Instead call #77 or 911 for assistance. Motorists can also call #77 to report a disabled vehicle they see on the roadways.
- If you are driving, be on the lookout for pedestrians near the roadway.

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Troopers Investigating Serious Crash Involving a Pedestrian – Update

Penny Hill– The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a motor vehicle crash which has claimed the life of an 84-year-old male pedestrian that occurred last night just north of Wilmington.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident happened at approximately 6:48 p.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2016, as an 84-year-old Wilmington, DE man was attempting to cross the northbound lanes of Philadelphia Pike, just north of the Washington Street Extension, in an eastbound direction. As the male subject entered the right hand lane, he stepped directly into the path of a 2010 Toyota Tundra which was being operated by Daniel A. Streevy, 32, of Wilmington. The front of the Tundra struck the male pedestrian who then fell into the right hand lane where he came to rest. Daniel Streevy was able to bring his vehicle to a controlled stop at the scene.

The male victim, who was wearing all dark clothing and was not

crossing at a marked cross walk, was treated at the scene by New Castle County Paramedics. He was then transported by EMS to the Christiana Hospital where he was pronounced dead. The victim’s name is being withheld pending the notification of his next of kin.

Daniel Streevy was properly restrained at the time of the crash and was not injured.

Both northbound lanes and one southbound lane of Philadelphia Pike were closed for a period of time as the crash was investigated and cleared.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police.

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Penny Hill – Delaware State Police are currently investigating a serious motor vehicle crash involving a pedestrian that occurred this evening north of Wilmington.

The initial investigation has determined that the crash occurred at approximately 6:48 p.m. this evening, Thursday, November 17, 2016, on northbound Philadelphia Pike just north of the Washington Street Extension, and involves a vehicle and a pedestrian. As a result of the crash, the pedestrian has been removed from the scene and transported to the Christiana Hospital Trauma Center with serious injuries.

Both northbound lanes and one southbound lane of Philadelphia Pike have been closed to traffic and commuters are asked to find alternate routes of travel.

The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is currently enroute to the scene and will assume the

investigation.

More details will be released at the conclusion of the investigation.

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