Update #1 State Police Investigating Serious Crash, Lewes

Lewes – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash that occurred earlier this afternoon south of Lewes

The incident occurred around 1:19 p.m. Monday October 9, 2017 as a 40-year-old Lewes man was operating a 2000 Toyota Tundra northbound on Coastal Highway (SR1) in the left lane just south of Dartmouth Drive. A 25-year-old Lewes female was operating a 2015 Chrysler 200 sedan southbound on Coastal Highway in the left lane in the same general vicinity. For undetermined reasons, the Tundra crossed the grass median into the southbound lanes and struck the Chrysler head-on in the left lane.

The 40-year-old operator of the Tundra was not properly restrained and was transported by EMS to Beebe Healthcare where he was pronounced dead. His name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The 25-year-old female operator of the Chrysler was properly restrained and transported by EMS to Beebe Healthcare where she was treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. Impairment may be a factor on behalf of the operator of the Tundra. The two left lanes of SR1 southbound and the far left lane of SR1 northbound, south of Dartmouth Drive were closed for two and a half hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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