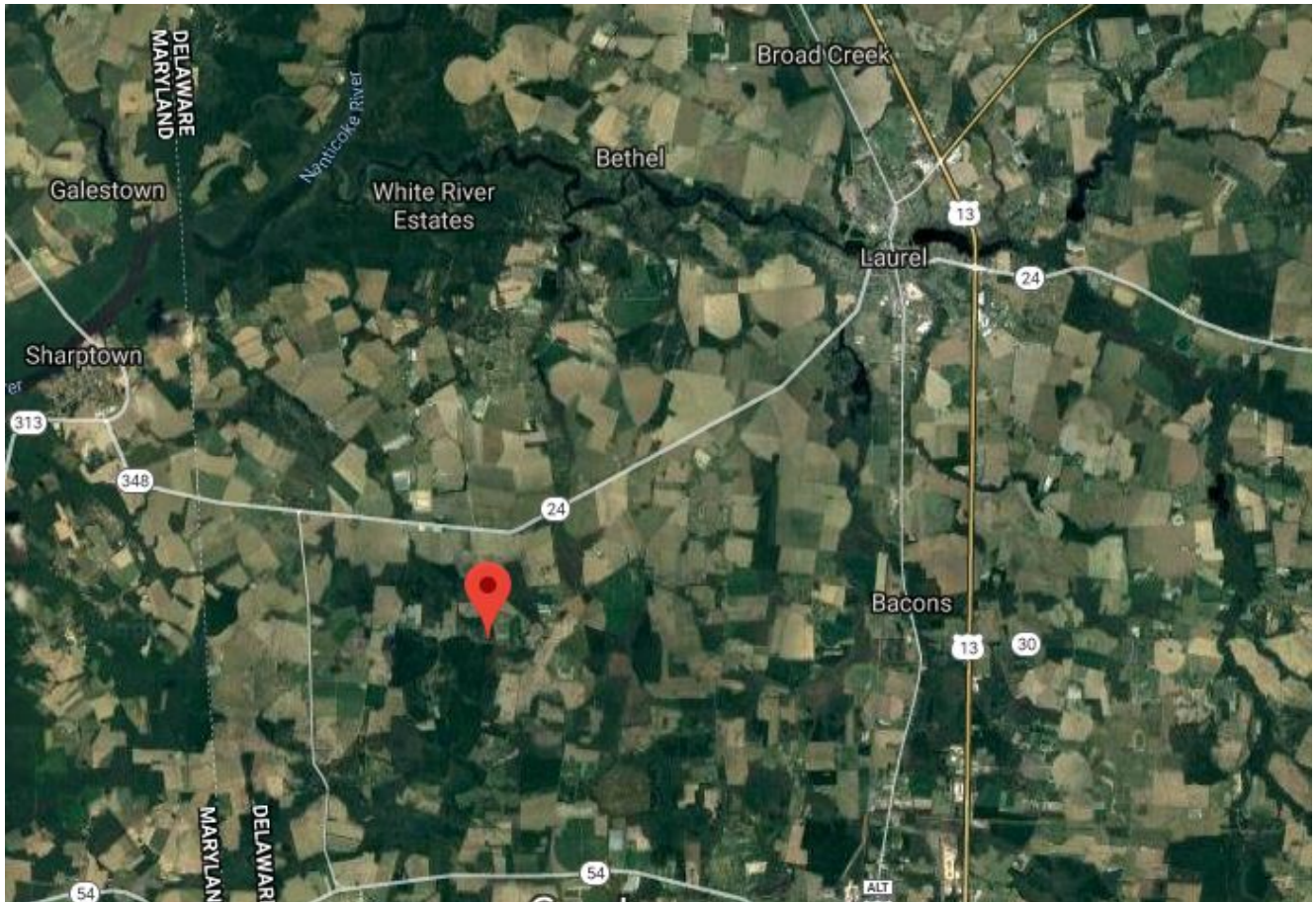


***Update* State Police Investigate a Fatal Motorcycle Crash-Laurel**



Laurel – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a fatal motorcycle crash which occurred earlier this afternoon west of Laurel.

The preliminary investigation has revealed the incident occurred at approximately 3:47 p.m., Saturday, July 14, 2018 on Ralph Road (Cr 505) east of Waycross Road (Cr 505A) Laurel. A 2006 Harley Davidson MC, operated by a 51-year-old Laurel man, was traveling westbound on Ralphs Road east of Waycross Road. The motorcycle was approaching a sharp left curve in the roadway at an apparent high rate of speed. The operator failed to negotiate the curve and exited the north edge of the roadway onto the soft grassy shoulder. The operator continued to ride the motorcycle, while the vehicle was in a right side yaw for a

brief period of time before entering a wooded line. The motorcycle then collided with a maple tree and ejecting the operator forward.

The operator, who was not wearing a helmet, was pronounced deceased at the crash scene. Speed is being considered as a factor in the crash. The name is being withheld pending next of kin notification. Impairment on the part of the operator is unknown.

Ralph's Road in the area of the crash was closed for approximately 3.5 hours as the crash was investigated and cleared.

[*Traffic Advisory* Troopers Investigating Serious Motorcycle Crash – Laurel](#)

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