

State Police Conducting Death Investigation Related to Kite Boarding Accident-South of Dewey Beach

South of Dewey Beach— The Delaware State Police are conducting a death investigation related to a kite boarding accident that occurred earlier this afternoon.

On October 4, 2019, at approximately 12:43 p.m., Troopers responded to the Towers Bay area of the Delaware Seashore State Park in reference to a kite boarder. It was learned that at approximately 11:00 a.m., a 48-year-old male met with his father at the Towers Bay area of the Delaware Seashore State Park (bayside off Coastal Highway south of Dewey Beach), and was practicing kite boarding by using only the harness and kite (no board) while standing in the water. Due to heavy winds, the victim was pulled farther and farther out into deeper water. The father called 911 and Delaware Fish & Wildlife Natural Resource Police initiated a search of the area.

At approximately 1:37 p.m., the male victim of Bear, DE, was located by the Delaware Fish & Wildlife Natural Resource Police deceased along the shore south of the original location. The victims name is being withheld at this time pending the notification of next of kin. The Delaware Division of Forensic Science was contacted to remove the victim and to conduct an autopsy to determine the cause and manner of death.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services

Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov

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