

Delaware State Police Investigating Single Vehicle Motor Vehicle Collision- Viola

Viola- Delaware State Police are investigating a single fatal motor vehicle collision that occurred early this morning on South Main Street, Viola.

On May 16, 2021, at approximately 5:57 a.m., a 2013 Chevrolet Camaro was traveling northbound on South Main Street, at a high rate of speed, approaching E. Evans Road. For unknown reasons, the Camaro exited the east edge of the roadway, traveled a short distance, then overcorrected to the left, turning back into the northbound than southbound lanes. The 17-year-old female operator of Magnolia then overcorrected to the right and exited the east edge of the roadway, traveled a short distance, and struck the front porch of a residence on South Main Street, with the right front corner of the Camaro. The vehicle exited the porch and continued to travel north into the front yard of another residence on South Main Street, and came to an uncontrolled stop facing west.

When the car struck the front porch of the residence, the fuel line was ruptured, causing it to catch fire. A citizen was able to remove the operator from the vehicle and move her to a safe location. When the citizen returned to the car to check for additional occupants, the Camaro was fully engulfed in flames. When the flames were extinguished, it was determined a 17-year-old female of Camden-Wyoming, was seated in the front seat.

The operator was transported by ambulance to a nearby hospital in serious condition and admitted for her injuries.

The 17-year-old female passenger was pronounced deceased at the scene. Identification is pending notification to next of kin.

The roadway was closed for approximately 3.5 hours while the investigation was completed and the roadway cleared.

There were no structural fires as a result of the collision, and no residents inside the homes were injured.

This collision remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 3 Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information regarding this collision should contact Cpl/3 W. Booth by calling 302-698-8451. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>.

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. (1-800-842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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