

State Police Investigating Fatal Motorcycle Crash

Bear – The Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motorcycle crash that occurred late Friday night.

The crash occurred around 11:47 p.m., Friday May 21, 2021, as a 21-year-old Middletown man was operating a 2017 Honda CBR1000 northbound on Bear Corbitt Road (SR7) north of Wrangle Hill Road (SR72) at an apparent high rate of speed. The motorcyclist began to brake in response to a separate motorcycle entering Bear Corbitt Road ahead of him. This caused his motorcycle to enter into a high-speed wobble and drive off of the east side of the roadway into a grassy area. The right side of the motorcycle sideswiped a utility pole located on the east side of the roadway and then traveled up a grassy berm where it then hit two small landscaping trees. The motorcycle then fell on its side and slid across the entrance into the newly constructed industrial park and came to a stop in a wooded area north of the entrance. The operator was ejected from his motorcycle and slid across the parking lot entrance where he struck a raised curb.

The 21-year-old Middletown man, who was reported to be wearing a helmet prior to the crash, was transported by EMS to Christiana Medical Center where he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead. Identification is pending notification to next of kin.

Bear Corbitt Road was closed north of Wrangle Hill Road for approximately three hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating the crash. Anyone with information regarding the incident should contact Cpl/3 J. Breen by

calling 302-365-8486. 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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