

Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Single Vehicle Crash- Wilmington

Wilmington- Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal single-vehicle collision that occurred Wednesday night on Interstate 495.

On March 9, 2022, at approximately 5:39 p.m., a 2007 Dodge RAM was traveling southbound I-495 just north of Edgemoor Road in the center travel lane. The Dodge began losing control due to wet road conditions. The Dodge continued traveling out of control into the left lane then back across all the southbound lanes and off the shoulder of the roadway where it struck the face of a guardrail. The Dodge went airborne and traveled over the guardrail for a short distance. The driver's side of the vehicle then struck a utility pole and ejected both the driver and front passenger who were not restrained.

The 54-year-old male operator of the Dodge from Chester, PA was transported to Christiana Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased. Identification of the victim is pending notification to next of kin.

The 53-year-old front passenger was admitted to Christiana Hospital for non-life-threatening injuries.

Southbound I-495 from the Pennsylvania line to the Edgemoor Road exit was closed for approximately 5 hours while the investigation was completed, and the roadway cleared.

Anyone who witnessed the collision is asked to contact Sgt. Alexander with the Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling (302) 365-8484. Information may also be provided by sending a Private Facebook Message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at

1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at www.delawarecrimestoppers.com

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of a crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and need 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 Victim Services Unit at DSP_VictimServicesMail@delaware.gov

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