Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash Involving an Off-Highway Vehicle

Delaware State Police are conducting a fatal crash involving an off-highway vehicle that occurred Saturday night.

On June 4, 2022, at approximately 9:11 p.m., a dirt bike was traveling southbound on New Castle Avenue passing the intersection with Halcyon Drive. The 31-year-old operator of the dirt bike from New Castle, DE had a 5-year-old male seated on the front of dirt bike between himself and the handlebars. The dirt bike is unregistered and does not have any lighting equipment. At this time, a Volkswagen Golf was in the northbound left turn lane of New Castle Ave, turning onto Halcyon Dr. As the Volkswagen crossed New Castle Ave, the dirt bike struck the front of the Golf. Both occupants on dirt bike were ejected.

The 31-year-old operator of the dirt bike was pronounced deceased at the scene. Identification of the victim is pending notification to the next of kin. The 5-year-old passenger was transported to AI Dupont Children's Hospital in critical condition.

Southbound lanes of New Castle Ave were closed for approximately 4.5 hours while the investigation was completed, and the roadway was cleared.

This collision remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has any information is asked to contact Sergeant Jefferson at 302-365-8484. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at http://www.delawarecrimestoppers.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 Victim Services Unit at DSP_VictimServicesMail@delaware.gov.

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