Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Bicycle Accident

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal bicycle accident that occurred Saturday morning in the Camden Wyoming area.

On September 10, 2022, at approximately 8:23 a.m., a 2012 gray GMC Sierra was traveling southbound on Apple Grove School Road towards Allabands Mill Road. At the time, a 51-year-old male bicyclist was traveling northbound on Apple Grove School Road from Allabands Mill Road, riding in two rows within in a large pack of bicycles. The bicyclist was on the inside, nearest to the solid yellow line. As he was traveling in the pack, the bicyclist in front of him began to slow. The bicyclist did not perceive these bicycles slowing causing his front wheel to contact the rear wheel of the rider in front of him. This action caused the bicyclist to lose control of his bicycle and swerve abruptly to his left into the southbound lane. Just as he entered the opposing travel lane, the Sierra was approaching the pack of bicyclists in the southbound travel lane. The operator of the Sierra was unable to avoid the collision and it's front left struck the front right of the bicyclist near the center of the southbound travel lane.

Following the initial impact, the bicyclist was forced under the Sierra, and came to rest on the grassy shoulder of the southbound travel lane.

The 51-year-old bicyclist of Chester, PA sustained severe injuries. He was transported by ambulance to Bayhealth Kent Campus (KGH) where he was pronounced deceased. Identification of the victim is pending notification to the next of kin.

The 23-year-old operator of the Sierra was not injured.

Apple Grove School Road was closed to vehicular traffic for approximately 3 1/2 hours while the collision was investigated, and roadway cleared.

This crash remains an active and ongoing investigation. Anyone with information regarding the crash should contact Sergeant Wheatley of the Delaware State Police Troop 3 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-698-8518. Information may also be provided by messaging the Delaware State Police on Facebook messenger or calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at http://delaware.crimestoppers.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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