

Delaware State Police Announces Retirement of Major Matthew Cox

The Delaware State Police announces the retirement of Major Matthew Cox on October 21, 2022. Major Cox is a Delaware State Police 60th DSP Recruit Class member that was hired on January 26, 1990. His retirement comes after accomplishing a dedicated career of over 32 years as a faithful public servant to the citizens of Delaware.

In 2000, he was assigned to the Collision Reconstruction Unit (formerly known as the Fatal Accident Investigation Reconstruction Unit). He attained the rank of Sergeant one year later. After serving ten years as a member of the Collision Reconstruction Unit, he was promoted to Lieutenant and assigned to Troop 2 patrol. He is attributed to the development of innovative enforcement strategies and initiatives, which caused a reduction in fatal collisions as well as non-fatal collisions. In 2017, he was promoted to the rank of Captain and appointed as the Director of the Traffic Operations Section, where he remained steadfast in improving safety on the roadways. During this time, DSP experienced a fifteen-year low in motorcycle and pedestrian collisions as well as a reduction in fatal collisions. In 2019, he was assigned as the Director of the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR, commonly referred to as Internal Affairs). Shortly after, he earned the prestigious rank of Major, where he oversaw daily operations for New Castle County and continued his involvement in many facets of highway safety. Major Cox has rewritten policies and legislation, in addition to developing traffic safety awareness programs for citizens. In September of 2022, he was awarded the Lifetime Achievement in Highway Safety in Law Enforcement Award, which recognizes individual law enforcement officers who have made

outstanding lifetime contributions to highway safety. While managing New Castle County Operations, Major Cox was also the officer in charge of the Delaware State Police Pipes and Drums. Additionally, he was a dedicated bagpiper within the Delaware State Police Pipes and Drum Corps.

“The women and men of the DSP extend their sincere gratitude to Major Cox for his thoughtful leadership and friendship throughout his exemplary career. Major Cox has served the DSP and the citizens of Delaware with distinction. During his tenure on the Executive Staff, Major Cox has overseen numerous special events and dignitary assignments while also excelling in his role as the New Castle County Operations Officer. He will be greatly missed by his DSP family, and we wish him and his family all the best in their next chapter,” said Delaware State Police Superintendent Colonel Melissa Zebley.



left to right: Colonel Melissa Zebley and Major Matthew Cox



Major Cox addresses colleagues, family, and friends during his walkout ceremony



left to right: Major Sean Moriarty, Major William Crotty, Major Cox, Colonel Melissa Zebley, and Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Meadows



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Colonel Melissa Zebley speaks during the walkout ceremony



Colonel Melissa Zebley presents a flag to Major Cox



Major Cox exits Delaware State Police Headquarters during his last tour of duty



Major Cox and his wife, Mindy

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