

Delaware State Police Investigating Crash Resulting in Three Fatalities

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision that claimed the lives of three individuals last night in the Lewes area.

The collision occurred on December 24, 2022, at approximately 7:59 p.m., when a 2016 Land Rover operated by an unknown subject, was traveling westbound on Lewes-Georgetown Highway (Route 9) approaching Minos Conaway Road. At the time, a 2008 Honda Odyssey operated by a 42-year-old male from Temple, PA, was stopped southbound on Minos Conaway Road for a stop sign at the intersection of Lewes-Georgetown Highway. The Honda attempted to turn left at the intersection and pulled into the path of the Land Rover. As a result, the front of the Land Rover struck the driver's side of the Honda for impact in the westbound lane, within the intersection. After impact, the Land Rover continued westbound as it rotated in a counterclockwise direction coming to rest in the westbound lane. The impact caused the Honda to spin in a counterclockwise direction where it came to a rest in the eastbound lane.

The 42-year-old male operator of the Honda was transported to an area hospital where he was treated for minor injuries. There were six other occupants inside the Honda, three of whom were ejected during the collision. A 35-year-old female from Temple, PA, a 9-year-old female from Temple, PA, and a 74-year-old male from Lewes, DE were all ejected and pronounced deceased at the scene. The identifications of the victims are pending notifications to the next of kin. The other three passengers, a 12-year-old male, a 4-year-old male, and a 67-year-old female were all transported to an area hospital with

non-life-threatening injuries.

The operator of the Land Rover fled from the collision scene on foot and has not been identified at this time.

Lewes-Georgetown Highway at Minos Conaway Road was closed for approximately 4 hours while the crash was investigated, and the roadway cleared.

The Delaware State Police Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this incident. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this collision to please contact Sergeant J. Burns by calling 302-703-3269. Information may also be provided by 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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