Delaware State Police Investigating False Reports of School Shooter

The Delaware State Police is investigating threats to multiple schools. Numerous phone calls regarding the threat of an active shooter at various schools throughout the State of Delaware were made to numerous police departments this morning. Similar incidents have been reported outside the State of Delaware.

These calls have been determined to be a **hoax** and a form of "swatting." Swatting occurs when a prank call is made to emergency services in an attempt to generate a large police response at a particular address.

The DSP is working with allied law enforcement agencies to thoroughly investigate this incident and ensure the safety of our children and the community as a whole. We encourage you to contact your local school district for additional information pertaining to a specific school.

The Delaware State Police is still actively investigating this incident. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact **Delaware Crime Stoppers** at 1-800-847-3333. Anyone who provides information leading to a successful arrest is eligible for a **CASH reward of up to $5000**. To report any suspicious activity, please call 9-1-1 or contact the Delaware Anti-Terrorism Tip Line at 1-800- 367-2312.

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 at 1-800-VICTIM-1 (1-800-842-8461). You may also email the Victim

Services Unit at **DSP_VictimServicesMail@delaware.gov**

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