

Delaware State Police Investigating Single Vehicle Fatal Collision

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal single motor vehicle collision that occurred in the New Castle area last night.

On March 2, 2023, at approximately 9:17 p.m., a 2005 Ford Mustang was traveling northbound on Route 9 approaching Federal School Lane. The 18-year-old male operator from New Castle, DE, lost control of the vehicle and it began to rotate clockwise skidding in a northeasterly direction across the southbound lane, back across the northbound lane, and then across the right shoulder. The driver-side tires of the Ford struck a raised concrete curb located at the entrance to a business on the 1300 block of River Road. The curb strike caused the Ford to roll over and go airborne into a heavily wooded area where it eventually came to rest on all four tires. The Ford then caught fire.

The front-seat passenger who was wearing his seatbelt was able to exit the vehicle. He was not injured during the crash. The operator who was not properly restrained was unsuccessful at exiting the vehicle. The operator was pronounced deceased at the scene. Identification of the victim is pending notification to the next of kin.

Route 9 between Hamburg Road and Federal School Lane was closed for approximately 4 hours while the crash was investigated and the roadway was cleared.



⚠️ Traffic Alert - New Castle ⚠️

Route 9 is closed in both directions between Hamburg Road and Federal School Lane for a serious collision. Seek alternate routes of travel.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this collision. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this collision to please contact Master Corporal J. Breen by calling 302-365-8486. Information may also be provided by sending a Private Facebook Message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-847-3333.

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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