

Delaware State Police Investigating Double Fatal Collision

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision that claimed the lives of two individuals yesterday evening in the Wilmington area.

The collision occurred on April 3, 2023, at approximately 4:44 p.m., when a 2015 Volkswagen Jetta was traveling eastbound on Philadelphia Pike in the left lane of travel. The Volkswagen slowed to a stop in front of the White Glove Car Wash located at 201 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington. At the time, a 2023 Dodge Ram 1500 was traveling westbound on Philadelphia Pike from Marsh Road's area in the right lane of travel at a high rate of speed. The Volkswagen attempted to make a left turn into the parking lot of the White Glove Car Wash. As the Volkswagen proceeded across the westbound lanes, the front of the Ram struck the right side of the Volkswagen. The Ram pushed the Volkswagen off the roadway and into the car wash parking lot, colliding with a 2011 Mercedes-Benz C300 parked in the lot.

The 42-year-old male operator of the Volkswagen from Chester, PA, who was not properly restrained, was pronounced deceased at the scene. The identification of the victim is pending notification to the next of kin.

The 34-year-old female passenger in the Volkswagen from Wilmington, DE, who was not properly restrained was transported to an area hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The identification of the victim is pending notification to the next of kin.

The 29-year-old male operator of the Ram from Philadelphia, PA, and his front passenger, who were also not properly

restrained, were transported to an area hospital for minor injuries.



Impairment does not appear to be a factor. There are no charges at this time, but the investigation is in its early stages.

Philadelphia Pike was closed between Edgemoor Road and Hillcrest Avenue for approximately 5 hours while the collision was investigated, and the roadway cleared.



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 Traffic Alert, New Castle County  Philadelphia Pike between Marsh Rd. and Edgemoor Rd. will be closed due to a serious crash. DSP is on-scene. Please seek alternate routes of travel to avoid delays.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this incident. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this collision to please contact Corporal/2 M. Calio by calling 302-365-8483. 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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