Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Near Townsend

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision that occurred in the Townsend area during the month of March.

On March 23, 2023, at approximately 9:53 a.m., an Audi Q3 was traveling southbound on Summit Bridge Road approaching Green Giant Road. A Jeep Comanche was traveling northbound on Summit Bridge Road, approaching the intersection to turn westbound onto Green Giant Road. A Chevy Silverado was stopped at the stop sign in the eastbound lane of Green Giant Road. The Jeep turned left into the path of the Audi, which caused the Audi's front bumper to strike the right rear side of the Jeep. The Jeep began rotating counterclockwise, causing its left rear side to strike the left side of the Chevy's front bumper.

Following the collision, the operator of the Audi, a 65-year-old woman from Middletown, was transported to an area hospital for minor injuries. The operator of the Chevy, a 41-year-old man from Townsend, was transported to an area hospital for minor injuries. The operator of the Jeep, 84-year-old **Charles Cook** of Townsend, was transported to an area hospital, where he was admitted for critical injuries. On **April 10, 2023**, he died from injuries sustained during the collision.

The roadway was closed for approximately 2 hours while the collision was investigated, and roadway was cleared.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this incident. Troopers are asking anyone with dashcam footage or video of the collision to please contact Master Corporal J. Forester by calling 302-365-8485. 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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