

State Police Investigating Fatal Crash

The Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal collision that occurred yesterday afternoon in Milford that left one man dead.

On August 30, 2023, at approximately 12:22 p.m., a white 2019 Freightliner Cement Pump Truck was traveling in the right southbound lane on Bay Road approaching Thompsonville Road. A tan/yellow compact Cub Cadet Tractor with a frontend loader and a red bush hog attached to the rear was traveling southbound on Bay Road while straddling the yellow fog line partially in the left southbound lane and partially in the grass median. For unknown reasons, the tractor veered to the right into the southbound lane in front of the Freightliner and was struck on its right side. After the impact, the tractor overturned and tumbled southbound on Bay Road until it broke in half and the operator was ejected onto the grass median.

The operator of the tractor, an 87-year-old man from Milford, Delaware, was pronounced dead at the scene. His name is being withheld until his family and relatives are notified. The driver of the Freightliner, a 45-year-old man from Clayton, Delaware, was taken to an area hospital for non-life-threatening injuries.

The roadway was closed for approximately 4.5 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

The Delaware State Police Troop 3 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this incident. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this collision to please contact Sergeant A. Mitchell by calling 302-698-8518. 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 you 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.