

# State Police Investigate Fatal Pedestrian Crash in New Castle

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal crash involving a pedestrian that occurred this afternoon in New Castle.

On September 30, 2024, at approximately 2:17 p.m., a GMC Savana operated by a 40-year-old man from Smyrna, Delaware, was traveling northbound in the left lane on South Dupont Highway near Heddington Road. An 80-year-old pedestrian from New Castle attempted to cross South Dupont Highway from the west side of the road to the east side. He was not in a designated crosswalk and entered the left northbound lane directly into the path of the GMC. The driver attempted to swerve to the right, but the vehicle struck the pedestrian.

The driver of the GMC was not injured. The pedestrian was pronounced dead at the scene. His identity is being withheld until his family is notified.

South Dupont Highway was closed for approximately two and a half hours while the Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit investigated the crash and cleared the roadway.



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Route 13 at Buena Vista drive is closed due to a serious crash.  
Please seek alternate routes of travel to avoid delays.

The investigation remains ongoing. Troopers are asking anyone who may have witnessed the crash or has dashcam footage or a video of the incident to contact Master Corporal J. Forester at (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 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](mailto:DSP_VictimServicesMail@delaware.gov).