

# State Police Investigating Fatal Collision on I-495

The Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal collision that occurred early this morning on I-495 in Wilmington that left one man dead.

On March 24, 2025, at approximately 4:57 a.m., a silver 2011 Ford Fusion was stopped in the center lane of I-495 northbound, just south of the exit for US Route 13. At the same time, a gray 2019 Jeep Comanche was traveling in the center lane of I-495 northbound, approaching the Ford. The preliminary investigation suggests that the Ford was disabled in the center lane, and the driver of the Ford was standing in front of it prior to the collision. As a result, the Jeep struck the rear of the Ford, which forced the Ford forward, where it struck the victim, and then the guardrail along the right shoulder. After the collision, the Jeep came to a stop in the left lane of I-495 northbound.

The driver of the Ford, a 35-year-old man from Darby, Pennsylvania, was pronounced dead at the scene. His name is being withheld until his family and relatives are notified.

The driver of the Jeep, a 34-year-old woman from Newark, was not injured.

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



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I-495 northbound near the North Dupont Highway off-ramp is closed due to a serious crash. Please seek alternate routes of travel to avoid delays.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues investigating this incident. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed this crash to contact Sergeant J. Jefferson by calling (302) 365-8484. 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](mailto:DSP_VictimServicesMail@delaware.gov).