

State Police Investigating Fatal Motorcycle Crash in Smyrna

Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motorcycle crash that occurred early this morning in Smyrna.

On September 5, 2025, at approximately 4:16 a.m., a Yamaha X1A was traveling eastbound on Smyrna-Leipsic Road east of Big Oak Road. The preliminary investigation revealed that the motorcycle failed to negotiate a curve and exited the south edge of the roadway. As a result, the motorcycle entered a ditch, struck a culvert pipe, and the driver was ejected.

The driver, a 59-year-old man from Clayton, Delaware, was taken to an area hospital where he died. His name is being withheld until his family is notified.

Smyrna-Leipsic Road was [closed](#) for an extended time while the scene was investigated and cleared.

Delaware State Police Troop 3 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate the crash. Troopers are asking anyone who witnessed the crash or has relevant information to contact Sergeant J. Wilson at (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 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.