State Police Investigating Fatal School Bus Crash in Newark

The Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal crash involving two school buses that occurred Thursday morning at Gauger-Cobbs Middle School in Newark.

On October 23, 2025, at approximately 7:00 a.m., an IC 300 school bus was parked in the drop-off lane at Gauger-Cobbs Middle School, located at 50 Gender Road in Newark. At the same time, a second IC 300 school bus was positioned directly behind the first bus. As the driver prepared to conduct an emergency exit drill behind the first bus, the second bus drifted forward for unknown reasons and struck her.

The bus driver, a 54-year-old woman from Wilmington, Delaware, was taken to an area hospital where she was pronounced dead. Her name is being withheld until her family is notified.

The driver of the second bus, a 53-year-old woman from New Castle, Delaware, was not injured.

The school buses were carrying 48 students. At this time, no student injuries have been reported.

The parking lot was closed for approximately 4 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

The Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this crash. Troopers ask anyone who witnessed the crash or has relevant information to contact Master Corporal R. Kunicki at (302) 365-8417. 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**.