

State Police Investigating Two-Vehicle Fatal Crash on Long Neck Road

The Delaware State Police is investigating a two-vehicle fatal crash that occurred Friday night on Long Neck Road.

On October 23, 2026, at approximately 7:00 p.m., a Jeep Compass was traveling northbound on Long Neck Road south of Pot Nets Road. At the same time a Hyundai Tucson was traveling southbound, in the northbound lane with no headlights on, on Long Neck Road south of Pot Nets Road. The investigation revealed that the Jeep attempted to avoid the Hyundai, but both vehicles struck head-on.

The driver of the Hyundai, 72-year-old **Deborah Pettyjohn**, from Millsboro, Delaware, was flown to an area hospital with serious injuries. On October 25, 2026, she died from her injuries.

The driver of the Jeep, a 53-year-old man from Millsboro, Delaware, was taken to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Long Neck Road was closed for an extended time while the scene was investigated and cleared.

The Delaware State Police Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this crash. Troopers ask anyone who witnessed the collision, or has related video, to contact Sergeant A. Mitchell by calling (302) 703-3269. Information may also be provided by sending a private Facebook message to the [Delaware State Police](#) or contacting [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at (800) 847-3333.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of a crime

or has lost a loved one to a sudden death and needs 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.