

Continuing with the Delaware State Police Centennial Anniversary, We Highlight the Second Troop

The idea for the construction of the Delaware State Police “State Road” building was first conceived in the 1930s. A plot of land along DuPont Highway in New Castle, situated just south of Hares Corner, was selected as the location for the building. The building served as the headquarters of the DSP until the late 1950s, while the second floor was reserved for patrol troopers until 1950.



“Ferry Boat”

In response to the opening of the Delaware Memorial Bridge and the resulting increase in traffic, a two-story building was constructed at the junction of US 13 and US 40 in 1950 to house Troop 2. Known as the “Ferry Boat” due to its unique design, the building served as Troop 2 until February 1958, when DSP Headquarters was relocated to Dover. Troop 2 personnel, consisting of approximately sixty patrol troopers and eight detectives, then moved back into the “State Road”

building.

In January 1977, all detectives in New Castle County were consolidated under one roof at the Troop 2 "State Road" building. Meanwhile, all patrol troopers were assigned to other Troops specifically for patrol purposes. The State Road building continued to serve as the headquarters for New Castle County's detectives until 2003.



Troop 2

The Troop 2 building, situated on twelve acres on US 40 in Glasgow, was unveiled in 2003. Covering an area of 53,000 square feet, it is the largest troop in the state and domiciles around fifty patrol troopers who serve the Newark, Bear, and New Castle regions. In addition, approximately seventy-five detectives, who make up various special investigative units such as the Major Crimes Unit, Robbery Unit, Property Unit, Financial Crimes Unit, Evidence Detection Unit, Youth Aid Unit, School Resource Officers, and more, are assigned to Troop 2 and serve all of New Castle County. The Troop 2 facility is comprised of six interview rooms, eight temporary holding cells, three temporary detention rooms, and a spacious community room, among other features.

"It's been an honor to serve at Troop 2 in various ranks and roles over the past twenty years and I'm very grateful to have been given the opportunity to serve as Troop Commander the

past two years,” said Captain John Laird Jr. “It is a very busy troop and I witness first-hand each and every day the dedication and sacrifices that these fine men and women make for their fellow citizens in the first state.”

Feel free to browse the photo gallery to catch a glimpse of Troop 2 over the past years



1st “State Road”



2nd “State Road”



3rd “State Road”



4th "State Road"



5th "State Road"



Troop 2 in the present

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Troopers Arrest Woman for Felony DUI Following Pursuit

The Delaware State Police have arrested 52-year-old **Laura Wilson** of Lewes, Delaware for felony DUI and resisting arrest following a pursuit that occurred in Lewes early this morning.

On June 8, 2023, at approximately 12:56 a.m., a trooper on patrol observed a gray Jeep Grand Cherokee traveling westbound on John J. Williams Highway approaching the intersection at Camellia Drive. The Jeep did not have its headlights on despite it being dark outside, and the trooper attempted to stop the car. The driver failed to comply and began turning left onto Camellia Drive. The Jeep struck a guardrail, proceeded into the Love Creek neighborhood, and drove throughout Love Creek until it came to a stop at Camellia Drive and Cornflower Lane. The driver, identified as Laura Wilson, exited the car but tried to get back into the Jeep when the trooper began speaking to her. The trooper attempted to handcuff Wilson, but she pulled away and resisted arrest. Wilson was taken into custody a short time later.

The trooper smelled alcohol and detected signs of impairment with Wilson. A computer check showed that Wilson has two prior convictions for DUI.

Wilson was taken to Troop 7 and charged with the following offenses:

- 3rd Offense DUI (Felony)
- Disregarding a Police Officer Signal (Felony)
- Resisting Arrest
- Numerous traffic offenses

Wilson was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$6,307 secured bond.

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***Update* 37th Annual Statewide Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics**

Due to the air quality alert and health concerns, the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics scheduled for June 8, 2023, has been cancelled. The ceremony at Legislative Hall has been moved indoors into the lobby of the building. This will not be a formal ceremony, but instead will be an opportunity for Special Olympics Delaware, law enforcement, and legislators to reaffirm their existing partnerships, which allows them to support the inclusion of people with disabilities not only in sports, but throughout the community.

Members of the media will have the opportunity to take

photographs and videos and conduct interviews beginning in the lobby at 1:30 p.m. today.

The Opening Ceremonies are still scheduled to be held tomorrow at 4:15 p.m. at the Bob Carpenter Center at the University of Delaware.

Although the formal ceremony will not take place today, we are still excited to still be able to take advantage of the opportunity of having all three significant entities together to celebrate the sport, spirit, and splendor of the Torch Run and the 2023 Summer Games.

[37th Annual Statewide Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics](#)

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Delaware State Police Investigating Armed Robbery

The Delaware State Police are investigating an armed robbery of a delivery truck that occurred last night in the New Castle area.

On June 7, 2023, at approximately 11:16 p.m., troopers responded to the Wawa located at 7 East Commons Boulevard, New Castle for a report of an armed robbery. Troopers arrived on the scene and learned that two suspects approached a tractor-

trailer that was parked next to the store while a 27-year-old male victim was in the trailer unloading and delivering products for Wawa. The first suspect walked into the trailer while displaying a firearm toward the victim and began removing cartons of cigarettes. During the robbery, the driver's assistant, a 23-year-old male, exited the Wawa and was returning to the truck when the second suspect confronted him while displaying a firearm. Both suspects then removed an undisclosed number of cigarette cartons from the delivery truck before fleeing the scene in a dark-colored sedan. The victims were not injured.

The first suspect was described as a black male approximately 5'5" tall, 150-175 lbs., wearing all dark clothing and a mask.

The second suspect was described as a black male approximately 5'7"-5'9" tall, 165-180 lbs., wearing all dark clothing and a mask.

Surveillance video and images are not yet available.

The Troop 2 Robbery Unit is investigating this incident. Detectives are asking for anyone with information regarding this case to contact Detective B. Harris by calling 302-365-8410. 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.

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Detectives Seek Public's Help With Unsolved Homicide

Detectives from the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit continue to investigate the death of **Lisa McCrossan**, 36, of New Castle, Delaware. McCrossan was murdered in April 2015, and her case has yet to be solved.

McCrossan's body was found on Sunday, April 26, 2015, at 5:31 a.m. near the east shoulder of River Road (State Route 9) between New Castle and Delaware City. McCrossan suffered trauma to her body and her death was ruled a homicide by the Division of Forensic Science. During the course of the investigation, detectives learned that McCrossan had been discharged from Christiana Hospital on Friday, April 24, 2015, at approximately 3:30 a.m. The following afternoon, a female pedestrian matching McCrossan's description was observed by a motorist near the intersection of Pulaski Highway (US Route

40) and Appleby Road in Bear.

Anyone with information regarding this homicide or McCrossan's activities in the days before her death is asked to contact Detective D. Grassi of the Homicide Unit by calling 302-365-8441 or by e-mailing daniel.grassi@delaware.gov. 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.

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Troopers On Scene of a Barricaded Subject

The Delaware State Police are currently on scene at Compass at the Grove Apartments located in the 1100 block of Compass Way, Newark, in reference to an armed subject that barricaded himself on the property this afternoon, Monday, June 5, 2023.

Affected residences in the area have been evacuated as a precautionary measure. As a result of the ongoing operation all entrances into the apartment complex have been closed.

Further details regarding the incident will be released as they become available.

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Operation Braking Point 2.0 Set to Launch This Month

“Operation Braking Point,” a zero-tolerance, high-visibility traffic safety and enforcement campaign, began January 9, 2023, and continued through to January 23, 2023. The Delaware State Police will again be partnering with the Office of Highway Safety and the Delaware Department of Transportation as we launch “Operation Braking Point 2.0” to further reduce

serious and fatal collisions on our major roadways, including Interstate 95 and 495, US Routes 13 and 113, and State Route 1.

Operation Braking Point 2.0 will continue to focus on speeding, which is a significant contributing factor in fatal car crashes. Patrols will be conducted with a zero-tolerance approach throughout all hours of the day from June 9, 2023, through June 17, 2023. DelDOT electronic signs and boards will be reminding drivers to slow down or be ticketed.

We encourage all drivers to slow down, stay focused on the road, and buckle their seatbelts, so everyone can arrive alive this summer season.

[Delaware State Police and Delaware Office of Highway Safety Announce “Operation Braking Point”](#)

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Troopers Arrest Man for DUI and Vehicular Assault

Yesterday evening the Delaware State Police arrested 48-year-old **James West** of Delmar, Delaware for vehicular assault and DUI following a five-car collision in Bridgeville.

On June 4, 2023, at approximately 6:50 p.m., troopers responded to the intersection of Sussex Highway and Redden

Road for a report of a five-car crash. Troopers contacted one of the drivers, identified as James West, and learned that he failed to stop for traffic on southbound Sussex Highway because he was distracted by his phone. Troopers discovered that West was in possession of a baggie of suspected heroin and drug paraphernalia. Troopers also detected signs of impairment with West, and he was taken into custody without incident.

West's red Ford Escort struck a black Dodge Charger and a silver Honda Odyssey that were stopped in traffic. The Charger was propelled forward and struck a stopped gray Chevrolet Silverado, and the Odyssey likewise was propelled forward and struck a stopped black Kia Telluride. Both the driver of the Odyssey, a 45-year-old woman from Salisbury, Maryland, and the passenger, a 9-year-old girl from Salisbury, Maryland, were taken to an area hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the Telluride, a 58-year-old woman from Milford, Delaware, was also taken to an area hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. None of the other drivers reported any injuries.

West was taken to Troop 5 and charged with the following offenses:

- Vehicular Assault First Degree (Felony) – 3 counts
- Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Driving Under the Influence of Drugs
- Inattentive Driving

West was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court 3 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on \$3,501 secured bond.

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State Police Investigating Armed Robbery

The Delaware State Police are investigating an armed robbery that occurred yesterday afternoon in Georgetown.

On June 3, 2023, at approximately 5:05 p.m., troopers responded to a residence on the 26000 block of Governor Stockley Road regarding a robbery that had just occurred. Troopers learned that the 62-year-old victim had just arrived home and was sitting in her parked car in the driveway. She was unexpectedly approached by two unknown black males, both armed with handguns. One of the men sat in the passenger seat, and the other opened her door and demanded her phone and bank cards. He then pulled the victim out of her car, got inside, and tried to drive away. However, both suspects abandoned the car shortly afterwards, ran to their own vehicle parked on an adjacent dirt driveway, and fled the scene. The victim was not

injured.

Both suspects were described as black males wearing dark clothing. There is no vehicle description available, and surveillance video and images have not been acquired.

The Troop 4 Criminal Investigations Unit is still investigating this incident. Detectives are asking for anyone with information regarding this case to contact Detective J. Hill by calling 302-752-3792. 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.

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State Police Investigating Road Rage Shooting

The Delaware State Police are investigating a shooting that occurred last night in Newark that left one man injured.

On June 2, 2023, at approximately 11:30 p.m., troopers began investigating a shooting after a 52-year-old man responded to the hospital with a gunshot wound. Troopers discovered that earlier that night at approximately 10:00 p.m., the victim saw an unknown male driving erratically on northbound Sunset Lake Road. The victim began arguing with the male when they reached the red light at Sunset Lake Road and Old Baltimore Pike. During the argument, the unknown male shot at the victim several times with a handgun and then fled the scene. The victim was shot once in his hand, and he later went to the hospital on his own for medical treatment.

The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 20-30 years old, who was driving a 2005-2010 gold Buick LeSabre with an out-of-state registration plate. Surveillance video and images are not yet available.

The Troop 2 Criminal Investigations Unit is still investigating this incident. Detectives are asking for anyone with information regarding this case to contact Detective M. Conway by calling 302-365-8411. 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.

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