Delaware State Police Troop 3 Community Café- Dover

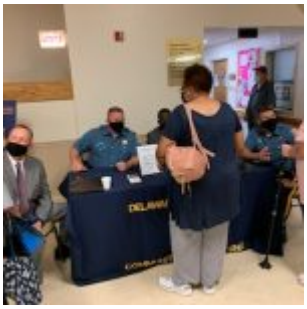




















Dover, DE- On Thursday, September 9, 2021, Delaware State Police Troop 3 hosted a Community Café at the Modern Maturity Center located at 1121 Forrest Avenue, Dover. Troop 3 Administration and members of the Delaware State Police Community Outreach Unit were available to speak with and answer questions to approximately 150 people in attendance. Captain Rodney Layfield, Delaware State Police Troop 3

Commander, spoke to the community members on crime in Delaware State Police jurisdictions. Master Corporal Rickey Hargis, Delaware State Police Community Outreach Officer, also spoke at the event about the Community Outreach Unit and important safety tips. Following the presentations, Troop 3 Administration and members of the Community Outreach Unit had an opportunity to discuss important issues with those in attendance.

The Delaware State Police enjoyed having the opportunity to engage with community members and would like to thank everyone who came out. Also, thank you to the Modern Maturity Center for allowing us to hold this event at your senior center.

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49th Annual Camp Barnes Benefit Stock Car Race

Delmar, DE– The 49th Annual Camp Barnes Benefit Stock Car Race will be held at the Delaware International Speedway on Saturday, October 2, 2021. Gates will open at 2:00 p.m. with racing action beginning at 4:00 p.m. Rain date is scheduled for Sunday, October 3, 2021. The Delaware International Speedway is located at 37854 Sussex Highway (US 13 southbound), just north of the Delaware/Maryland line.

This year's event will feature competitors throughout the Northeast Dirt Motorsports areas. Drivers will compete for prize money over $40,000. Big Block-Small Block Modifieds, Super Late Models, RUSH Crate Late Models, Crate 602 Sportsman, Little Lincoln, Vintage, Mod-Lites, and Super Trucks will compete in over 100 laps of featured racing in their respective classes.

Gates open early at 2:00 p.m. with several activities and displays on hand, to include the Delaware State Police Aviation Unit and the Delaware State Police Mounted Patrol Unit.

In addition, Camp Barnes will recognize Melvin L. Joseph Construction Company of Georgetown, Delaware at intermission for their many years of dedication to Delaware racing.

Tickets to the event are available at the speedway's ticket booth the night of the event. Spectator's tickets are $20 and pit tickets are $35. Children under 10 accompanied by parent or guardian are admitted free to spectator seating.

Camp Barnes originally opened in 1948 and was named in recognition of Colonel Herbert Barnes. The camp is located next to the Assawoman Wildlife Area on Miller Creek near

Bethany Beach. For six weeks in the summer, each week, 100 children ages 10-13 attend Camp Barnes with no financial burden on their parents. They participate in outdoor activities and are taught leadership and teamwork skills.

For additional information, please call Detective Jeff Hudson at 302-752-3834 or jeff.hudson@delaware.gov.

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TRAFFIC ADVISORY Burton Road- Milton

Milton, DE- Delaware State Police are issuing a traffic advisory for Burton Road, Milton. The roadway will be closed in both directions for an extended period of time due to a school bus accident. Troopers are currently on scene conducting the investigation. Motorists should seek alternate routes of travel. An updated release will be issued once additional information is available.

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Delaware State Police Seek Public's Assistance with Solving 19-Year-Old Cold Case- Farmington

Farmington, DE- The Delaware State Police Homicide Unit requests the public's assistance in solving a cold case suspicious death investigation from September 2002 in Kent County, DE. Shortly before midnight on September 9, 2002, the Farmington Fire Department responded to a wooded area off Gingerwood Drive, west of Farmington, for a vehicle fire. A deceased male victim was located in the burning vehicle, later identified as **Matthew Henson, 18, from Denton, MD**.

Through the investigation, detectives learned Henson worked at an automotive accessories business in Delmar, DE, and did auto work with friends in the Caroline County, MD area. He also bought, sold, traded automotive stereo and television

equipment and installed these accessories in vehicles. Outside of his automotive work, Henson was also a member of a Denton/Greensboro, MD, area car club.

This year marks the 19th anniversary of Matthew Henson's suspicious death investigation. Troopers are asking anyone with information to help solve this case to please come forward by contacting the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit by calling 302-741-2703. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

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 are in need of 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 1800 VICTIM-1. (1-800-842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at Debra.Reed@delaware.gov.

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Delaware State Police Troop 4 to Host Community Café- Sussex County

Sussex County, DE- Delaware State Police Troop 4 will be holding a Community Café on **Monday, September 20, 2021**. The event will be held at **9:00 a.m.** at **Evans Park at Millville located at 32517 Dukes Drive, Millville, DE**. The Community Café will have Troop 4 Administration and the Community Outreach Officer in attendance to meet and interact with members of the public. This Community Café is often referred to as "Coffee with a Cop" in other police agencies and is being held in an effort to build a stronger relationship between the Delaware State Police and the communities that we so proudly serve.

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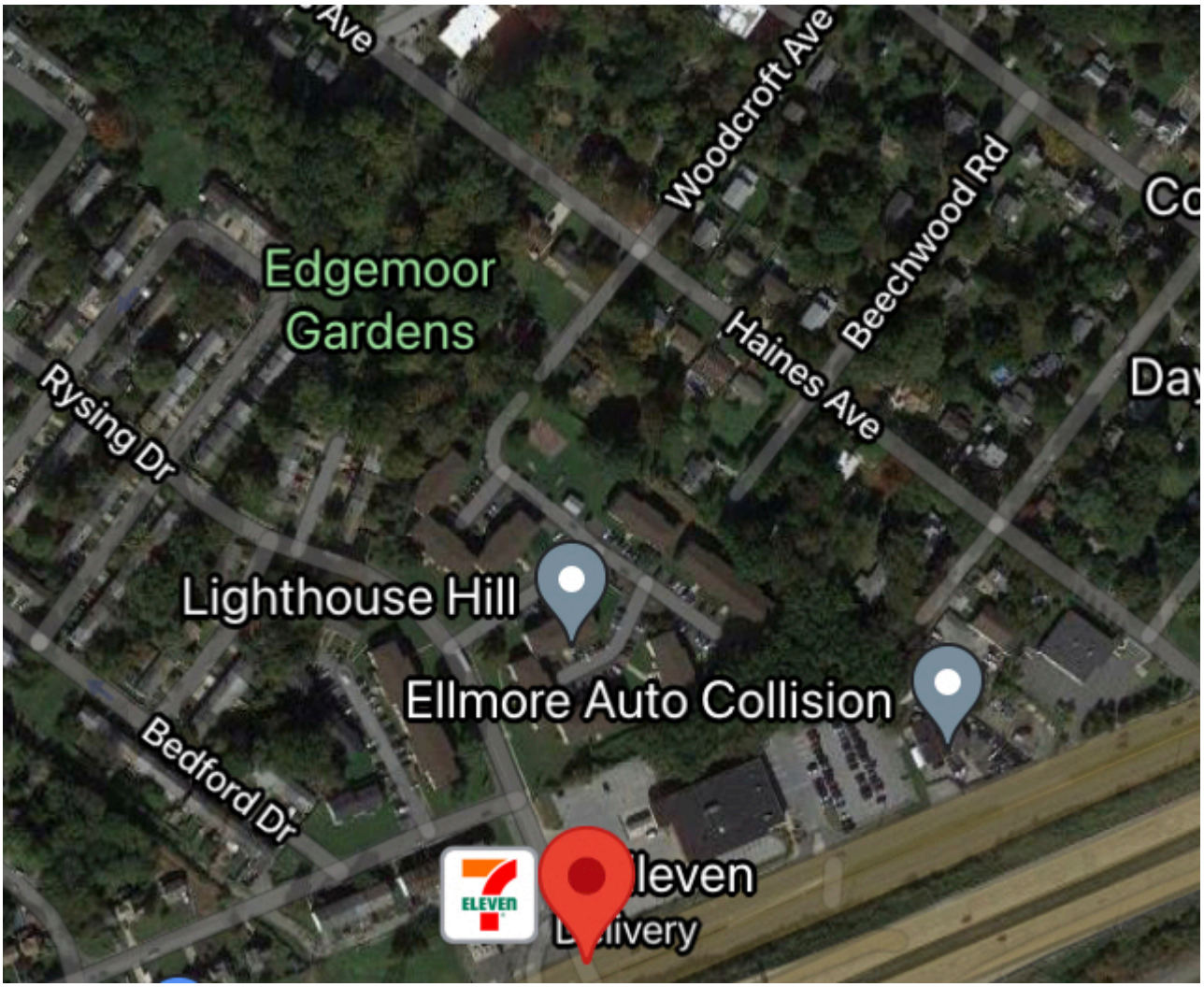
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Traffic Advisory Governor Printz Boulevard- Edgemoor



Edgemoor, DE- Delaware State Police is issuing a traffic advisory for Governor Printz Boulevard between Rysing Drive and Haines Avenue. The roadway is currently closed for an extended period of time for a serious injury accident.

Motorists are urged to seek alternate routes of travel.

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Troopers Seek Public's Assistance Identifying Vehicle Theft Suspect-Ellendale

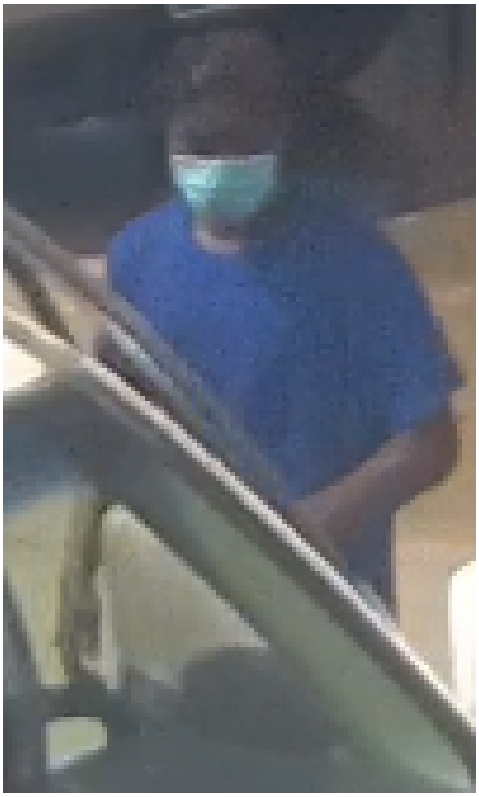












Ellendale, DE- Delaware State Police are seeking the public's assistance identifying an individual wanted for vehicle theft.

On August 21, 2021, at approximately 11:20 a.m., troopers were dispatched to the Ellendale Exxon located at 18005 Ellendale Greenwood Highway, for theft of a motor vehicle. The investigation determined the unknown male suspect stole a white 2002 Toyota Highlander (DE 596664) from the parking lot of the business.

The suspect is described as a black male, thin build, and short black braided hair. He was wearing a blue t-shirt, black pants, black with white Nike sneakers, and a blue COVID mask.

Anyone with information regarding the identity of the suspect should contact Det. Heidi Lingo by calling 302-752-3798. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

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TRAFFIC ADVISORY Interstate 95 Northbound On-ramp (Exit 165C) from SR 1- Newark

Newark, DE- Delaware State Police are issuing a traffic advisory for the I-95 northbound on-ramp (Exit 165C) from SR 1, Newark. The roadway will be closed for an undetermined amount of time due to a traffic accident involving a fuel

leak. Motorists are asked to avoid the area and seek alternate routes of travel.

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Troopers Investigate Fatal Hit & Run Pedestrian Collision- Wilmington

Wilmington, DE- Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal hit and run pedestrian collision that occurred in

Wilmington Wednesday morning.

On September 8, 2021, at approximately 4:14 a.m., troopers received a report of a pedestrian located in the right thru northbound lane of DE SR 100 (South DuPont Road), within the area of the intersection with Taft Avenue. The investigation determined an unknown vehicle was traveling northbound on DE SR 100 in the right thru travel lane when it struck the pedestrian. The vehicle continued traveling northbound towards the intersection of DE SR 100 and Faulkland Road to an unknown destination.

The pedestrian was not wearing any reflective clothing, not carrying a lighted device, or crossing in a crosswalk.

The 34-year-old male pedestrian from Wilmington was transported to a nearby hospital, where he was pronounced deceased. Identification is pending notification to next of kin.

Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate this collision. Troopers request anyone who witnessed this collision, resides in the area who may have doorbell or surveillance footage, or any suspect vehicle information to contact Master Corporal John Breen by calling 302-365-8486 or emailing John.Breen@delaware.gov. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

DE SR 100 between DE SR 2 and Faulkland Road was closed to vehicular traffic for approximately 3 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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UPDATE- FATAL CRASH INVESTIGATION Delaware State Police Issue Traffic Advisory-Wilmington

Wilmington, DE- Delaware State Police investigate a fatal collision after vehicle was discovered in wooded area.

On September 8, 2021, at approximately 7:58 a.m., an excavating crew working near the intersection of DE SR 48 and Hercules Road, discovered an occupied wrecked 2016 Mercedes

CLA in the wooded area. The workers notified 911 and troopers responded to the scene. The investigation determined at an unknown date and time, the vehicle was traveling westbound on DE SR 48. After it cleared the intersection with Hercules Road, it entered into a gradual curve to the right in the roadway. The operator failed to negotiate the curve and traveled across the eastbound lane of travel, south edge of the roadway, and entered into a heavily wooded area. The Mercedes eventually struck a creek embankment and overturned onto the driver side.

The operator of the vehicle was located deceased with the vehicle and has not been identified at this time. The body has been turned over to the Delaware Division of Forensic Science for a forensic analysis to be completed.

The roadway was closed for approximately 3 hours while the investigation was being conducted.

Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact Master Corporal J. Breen with the Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8486 or emailing John.Breen@delaware.gov. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

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The victim was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the collision. It is unknown when and what time the collision occurred. A computer check revealed that the vehicle was reported stolen by Wilmington (DE) Police Department on August 11, 2021 at 0926 hours.