

UPDATE Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash Old Furnace Road – Georgetown

Georgetown– The Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 12:56 p.m., Friday, July 3, 2020, on Old Furnace Road east of Racoon Ditch Road.

The initial investigation has determined a 2004 Jeep Cherokee, operated by a 64-year-old Seaford, DE man, was traveling northbound on Old Furnace Road just south of Racoon Ditch Rd. For unknown reasons, the vehicle failed to maintain its lane, crossed the southbound lanes, and partially exited the west edge of the road. The operator attempted to travel back onto the roadway and overcorrected. In an attempt to regain control of the vehicle, the operator again overcorrected, and the vehicle completely exited the west edge of the roadway. After exiting the road, the Cherokee struck a ditch causing it to overturn an undetermined number of times before coming to rest in a field. The vehicle then became fully engulfed and consumed in a fire.

The right-front passenger, a 71-year-old female from Seaford, was removed from the vehicle by a subject who stopped to assist before it became engulfed in flames. She was transported to a nearby hospital by ambulance with serious injuries.

The operator of the vehicle was trapped in the vehicle and was pronounced deceased at the scene. Identification is pending notification of next of kin.

Old Furnace Road was closed between US 9 and Racoon Ditch Road for approximately 4 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Sgt. A. Mendez of the Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-703.3269.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of 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. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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Notification

Dover— The following subjects are not wanted. This is a Homeless Sex Offender Public Notification. If you have information that the listed subjects are occupying a residence, please call 302-672-5306. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>.

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DARRIN L LEWIS

 **Birth Date:** May 17 1966
Verified On: June 28 2007
Registration Date: January 1 2005
Sex: Male
Sexual Orientation: No
Height: 5' 11"
Weight: 165 LBS
Eye Color: BRN
Hair Color: BRN

Aliases:
DARRIN LEWIS
DARRIN L LEWIS
DARRIN L LEWIS

Scars, Marks, & Tattoos:
SC L CHM Scar Chest/Forearm Left
SC R WRD Scar Hand Right
SC R WRD Scar Forearm Right
SC R WRD Scar Forearm Right
TAT R WRD Tattoo Arm Right
TAT R WRD Tattoo Forearm Right
TAT L WRD Tattoo Arm Right/Forearm

Addresses:

Type	Address	County	Registration/Outage
Home	2407 SOUTHWALK DRIVE REHOBOTH BEACH DE 19971	Rehoboth	Homeless
Work	200 WILMINGTON RD	Other	Unemployed
Other	200 WILMINGTON RD	Other	Not Reporting Address

Offenses:
See website for full

Offense Details for DARRIN L LEWIS Page 1 of 2 Report generated 11/22/2007 11:28:00 AM

Conviction Date	State	Offense	Description	Months ago
November 15 2007 DE	DE	11-117(F) SEXUAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST DEGREE	10 days
November 15 2007 DE	DE	11-117(F) SEXUAL ABUSE	SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST DEGREE	10 days

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DSP S.O.A.R. Searching for Wanted Sex Offenders

Dover – The Delaware State Police Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration Unit (S.O.A.R) is currently looking for the following wanted sex offender after they either failed to register or re-register their current address. If anyone knows the location of this subject, they are asked to call 302-672-5306. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com/>

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DEMOND SHOOKLEY



Officer Details:
Desk Level: Tier 2 (Mandatory Rest)
Verified On: 10/27/2018
Registered Since: October 28, 2008
In Prison: No
Convicted Out of State: No
Repeat Offender: No

Personal Info:
First Name: DEMOND
Last Name: SHOOKLEY
Date of Birth: November 28, 1977 (Age 42)
Gender: Male
Race: Black/African American
Hair Color: Black
Eye Color: Brown

Police Agency: 302 HEADQUARTERS
Phone: 302 628-5241
Address: PO BOX 420
Dover, DE 19903

Aliases:
DEMOND SHOOKLEY
DEMOND G NARBY
DEMOND SHOOKLEY
DEMOND VINCO
JEFF SHOOKLEY
DEMOND SHOOKLEY
NARBY SHOOKLEY
DEMOND SHOOKLEY
DEMOND C NARBY

Scars, Marks, & Tattoos:
(no scars, marks, or tattoos on file)

Addresses:

Type	Address	County	Development/Employer
Home	675 E HARRISON ST N A FRAMINGHAM WILMINGTON DE 19802	NewCastle	Business
Work	PO ADDRESS ON FILE	DEW	Self-employed
School	PO ADDRESS ON FILE	Other	No Attending School

Vehicles:
(no vehicles on file)

Convictions:

Adjudication Date	State	Statute	Description	Victim Age
May 04, 2008	DE	DE-11-1158-0004-F-0	SEXUAL ABUSE (1ST OFFENSE) DEMOND DEMOND SHOOKLEY * HAVE SEXUAL CONTACT *	

Officer Details for DEMOND SHOOKLEY Page 1 of 2 Report generated 11/13/2018 2:40:48 PM

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DEVON SUTTON



Officer Details:
Desk Level: Tier 3 (High Risk)
Verified On: March 2, 2009
Registered Since: February 11, 2011
In Prison: No
Convicted Out of State: No
Repeat Offender: No

Personal Info:
Date of Birth: December 15, 1990 (Age 28)
Gender: Male
Race: WHITE
Hair Type: LIGHT BROWN
Height: 5' 9"
Weight: 150 LBS
Hair Color: BROWN
Eye Color: Brown

Police Agency: 302DP 2 STATE POLICE
Phone: 302-654-2623
Address: 100 LANSING AVE
NEWARK, DE 19710

Aliases:
DEVON T SUTTON
Scars, Marks, & Tattoos:
(no scars, marks, or tattoos on file)

Addresses:

Type	Address	County	Development/Employer
Home	1001 Silver Lake BULET RD 175 NMS 100117 NEWARK DE 19710	NewCastle	
Work	PO ADDRESS ON FILE	Other	Unemployed
School	PO ADDRESS ON FILE	Other	No Attending School

Vehicles:
(no vehicles on file)

Convictions:

Adjudication Date	State	Statute	Description	Victim Age
December 21, 2009	DE	DE-11-1159-0004-F-0	Using a Computer to Obtain Adult Content Employing or Facilitating Sexual Act	Sexual
December 21, 2009	DE	DE-11-1158-0004-F-0	Sexual Exploitation of Child, Statutory Bookkeeping/Photograph Under Sex Laws	Sexual

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Name: SEBASTIAN F. FOLZIER
Birth Date: 09/21/1984
Sex: Male
Race: White
Eye Color: Brown
Hair Color: Brown
Sex Offense Grade: 1st Degree Sexual Assault
Sex Offense Code: 1602010101

Grade: 1st
Police Agency: Delaware State Police /Hagerstown
Age: 37
Height: 5 10
Weight: 155 lbs.
Hair Color: Brown
Complexion: Fair

Address:

Type	Address	County	Residential/Employee/Other
Home	1000 N. 10th St Hagerstown, MD 21750	Frederick	Residential
Work	1000 N. 10th St Hagerstown, MD 21750	Frederick	Not attending school

Vehicle:

Type	Year/Make/Color	Year	Registration
Car/Truck	2015 Ford Focus Blue	2015	MD

Conviction:

Conviction	Year	State	Description	Vehicle Age
1602010101	2015	MD	1st Degree Sexual Assault/Force Under 17 Years Old	2015
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***TRAFFIC ADVISORY* Troopers on Scene of Serious Crash at Mount Joy Rd and Lawson Rd- Millsboro**

The Delaware State Police are currently on scene of a motor vehicle crash east of the intersection of Mount Joy Road and Lawson Road on Mount Joy Road. The crash occurred at approximately 6:36 p.m., on July 3, 2020.

As a result of the crash and ongoing investigation, the area of Mount Joy Road and Lawson Road are closed at this time. Motorists are advised to use caution and seek alternate routes of travel.

http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel_advisory/index.shtml#advisories

The investigation is in the early stages with further details being released as they become available.

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***Traffic Advisory* Troopers Investigating Serious Crash Old Furnace Rd. – Georgetown**

Georgetown- The Delaware State Police are currently on scene of a serious crash that occurred at approximately 1:06 p.m., this afternoon.

As a result of this crash and ongoing investigation, Old Furnace Road in the area of Asbury Road, Georgetown, is closed at this time.

Motorists will experience delays in the area and are advised to seek alternate routes of travel.

For updated traffic conditions and road closure information log on to:
[http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel_advisory/index.shtml#advisories.](http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel_advisory/index.shtml#advisories)

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***UPDATE* Notification of Police Activity- Frankford**

Frankford- The Delaware State Police have declared the situation at the home located in the 20000 block of Shell Station Rd., Frankford, under control. Although a police presence will remain in the area, commuters may again use the affected roadways.

The investigation into this incident is still ongoing. Further details will be released at a later time.

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Notification of Police Activity- Frankford

Frankford – The Delaware State Police are currently conducting an investigation in the 20000 block of Shell Station Rd., Frankford. At this time the incident is contained to a specific residence, however as a precautionary measure Shell Station Rd. is currently closed. Citizens will notice a police presence in the vicinity and are asked to avoid the area. The investigation is active and ongoing with further details being released as they become available.

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Georgetown Man Arrested for Burglary and Theft- Georgetown

Georgetown– The Delaware State Police have arrested 36-year-old Luis Perez-Gonzalez of Georgetown on burglary and theft charges.

On 06/30/2020, at approximately 4:57 p.m., troopers were dispatched to a suspicious person complaint in the Fish Hook Mobile Home Park, Georgetown. Upon arrival, troopers made contact with residents on Leah Street. It was discovered a 10-year-old female rode her bicycle to the community mailboxes

when she was followed by Perez-Gonzalez. When she left the mailboxes, Perez-Gonzalez followed her on foot back to her residence and remained standing outside. The juvenile was extremely frightened by Perez-Gonzalez's behavior and informed her parents of the incident. A few minutes after returning inside, Perez-Gonzalez entered the residence through the front door while the family was home and witnessed by a 4-year-old juvenile inside, removing keys hanging up inside. When the keys were discovered missing, Perez-Gonzalez was still standing outside of the residence. When troopers arrived on the scene, Perez-Gonzalez was contacted in the area of the home and taken into custody without incident.

He was transported to Troop 4 and charged with the following crimes:

- Burglary 2nd Degree (Felony)
- Theft under \$1500

Perez-Gonzalez was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court and released on a \$3,000.00 unsecured bond.

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***UPDATE #2* Missing Swimmers Located during Search Operation- South Bowers Beach**

South Bowers Beach— On June 30, 2020, at 2:59 p.m., the Delaware State Police responded to the Murderkill River/South Bowers area for a report of two swimmers that had been carried away by the strong water currents.

The investigation revealed 21-year-old Kevin George Jr. of Philadelphia, his brother, 20-year-old Zion George of Tennessee, a 20-year-old female from Philadelphia, and a 20-year-old male from Philadelphia all traveled to the South Bowers Beach area together for a day trip at approximately 2:00 p.m.

The three males entered the water in the Delaware Bay to go swimming during low tide conditions. As they were in the water, the tide changed, and the strong current pulled all three into the Murderkill River. During this time, the Assistant Chief of South Bowers Beach Fire Department Michael Hignutt and his cousin, Timothy Smith, were fishing in the area and heard cries for help. Both Hignutt and Smith entered

the water in an attempt to rescue the swimmers. Hignutt successfully rescued the 20-year-old male to shore and discovered the female had now entered the water to try and save the other two individuals. The female was then pulled out by the current, and Hignutt successfully rescued her.

Kevin and Zion were unable to be located, and multiple police, fire departments, maritime, and Emergency Medical Service agencies responded to the scene and conducted a search and rescue operation. As of 9:00 p.m., the brothers were unable to be located, and the search efforts were suspended until 9:00 a.m. on July 1, 2020.

At approximately 9:00 a.m., the operation turned into a search and recovery mission for Kevin and Zion. At approximately 10:30 a.m., Kevin was located deceased in the Murderkill River in close proximity to where he was last seen. At 10:45 a.m., Zion was located deceased in the same general area.

The Delaware State Police would like to thank the following agencies for their assistance and support in this multi-agency operation:

South Bowers Beach Volunteer Fire Department, Bowers Beach Volunteer Fire Department, Frederica Volunteer Fire Department, Magnolia Volunteer Fire Department, Little Creek Volunteer Fire Department, Leipsic Volunteer Fire Department, Milford Volunteer Fire Department, Volunteer Fire Departments from New Castle County, Volunteer Scuba Diving Teams from Sussex County Volunteer Fire Departments, United States Coast Guard, and the Kent County Paramedics.

[*UPDATE #1* Multi-Agency Operation Searching for Missing Swimmers- South Bowers Beach](#)

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**DSP Colonel Nathaniel
McQueen, Jr.'s retirement to
become Secretary of the
Department of Safety and**

Homeland Security

Dover, Delaware – On July 1, 2020, Delaware State Police Superintendent Colonel Nathaniel McQueen, Jr. announced his retirement. He begins serving as the Secretary of the Department of Safety and Homeland Security July 13.

“Colonel McQueen dedicated nearly 32 years with the Delaware State Police and served with integrity to protect our communities and to keep Delawareans safe,” said Governor John C. Carney, Jr. “He has an ability to connect with folks on a personal level and was a strong leader as the head of DSP. Though Colonel McQueen is retiring as Superintendent, I’m pleased that he will serve our state as the Secretary of Safety and Homeland Security– especially as we continue building trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve.”

Colonel McQueen is the second-longest-serving Superintendent in the agency’s history, having served as DSP Superintendent since December 20, 2012.

“It has been the honor and privilege of my life to serve as the 25th Colonel of the Delaware State Police. I have borne witness to the dedication, sacrifice, and courage exemplified by all members of the Delaware State Police family,” Colonel McQueen said. “Many of our accomplishments have been the direct result of the relationship with the community we serve. During these challenging times, the Delaware State Police is well-positioned to seize the opportunity to build upon its legacy of leadership and the progress of our state.”

Prior to joining the Delaware State Police in 1988, Colonel McQueen served as a Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps. Holding true to the motto, “Semper Fidelis,” Colonel McQueen has remained loyal to what has been best for the citizens of and visitors to Delaware, as well as what has been best for the

agency's men and women, about whom he cares deeply.

Also extremely important to Colonel McQueen is his family with whom he resides in Bear, DE: his wife Freda S. McQueen, his son Nathaniel McQueen III, and his daughter Nayla J. McQueen.

U.S. Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-Del.) celebrated Colonel McQueen's place in history and his truly remarkable career. "I was honored to work with him years ago and proud to see him rise to become the first African American Superintendent of the State Police," she said. "His character and leadership are a model for Delawareans, young and old alike."

Prior to becoming Superintendent, Colonel McQueen served in many leadership roles, including patrol Sergeant, detective Sergeant, Traffic Lieutenant, Criminal Lieutenant, Captain (Troop Commander) of Troops 9, 1, and 2. He promoted to the rank of Major for statewide operations, then New Castle County Operations, before being promoted to the rank of Colonel.

Delaware Department of Justice Chief of Staff Robert M. Coupe said he was honored to have served with Colonel McQueen in the Delaware State Police and as Secretary of Safety and Homeland Security. Coupe said, "Colonel McQueen's devoted service to our State, his vision for the future, commitment to progress and his steadfast leadership through challenging times stand as a solid example for all leaders to follow."

Lieutenant Colonel Melissa A. Zbley also described the honor of having served as a member of the DSP Executive Staff with Colonel McQueen. "His vision for enhancing our operational effectiveness, his tireless work ethic, and his unyielding commitment to serve our communities have been the hallmarks of his leadership," she elaborated. "The culmination of Colonel McQueen's success is not simply measured in operational achievements; rather it is best measured by his impact on our division's healthy culture and his commitment to the wellbeing

and safety of its people.”

Colonel McQueen’s achievements include many items of direct service to the Delaware community. His accomplishments focus on improving the efficiency of business processes to advance public safety, and building transparency and trust.

From December 2012 through March 2020, Colonel McQueen’s leadership has created tangible results to the citizens of Delaware. Those include:

- Reducing both robberies and burglaries 62%
- Reducing thefts (*excluding shoplifting*) 52%
- Reducing non-family aggravated assaults 26%
- Increasing proactive DUI arrests 19%. (*“Proactive” indicates the trooper halted the offense before the operator caused a crash.*)
- Increasing proactive drug investigations 70%.
- Increasing robbery clearance rates between 15 and 20%.
- Increasing burglary and theft clearance rates by about 10%.

*(*Clearance rates may change, as open investigations may be subsequently solved.*)*

In large part, this effectiveness came from the 2014 implementation of the International Association of Chiefs of Police award-winning stratified policing model State Police Enhanced Analytical Response (SPEAR), launching SmartForce technology. Providing immediate statistical results to troopers and the community has led to more effective enforcement strategies, expedited investigations, reduced crime, and improved traffic safety. Aside from local impact and awards, these results have been noticed nationally.

The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators named Colonel McQueen the 2019 Lifetime Achievement in Highway Safety award recipient in the law enforcement category. In 2019, the Center for Police Practice, Policy and Research

recognized Colonel McQueen for implementing innovative strategies that brought change and improved policing, naming him the recipient of the 2019 Excellence in Policing Award. These national accolades signify many small, meaningful changes – all focused upon quality service to the public.

With so much good news to share, DSP made 90 days' worth of crime information publicly accessible around-the-clock through Crimemapping.com. Similarly, using WordPress and major social media platforms accelerated public information-sharing regarding crimes, crashes, trends, and wanted individuals. DSP became the first state police agency in the nation to use the social media platform Nextdoor.com to deliver direct messages to communities needing specific crime prevention reminders.

At Colonel McQueen's direction, each patrol troop began hosting public Year in Review sessions annually to make information-sharing more conversational. Additionally, when the new Troops 3 and 7 were constructed, each was designed with a community room to allow for public meetings and gatherings.

Building on legacy programs like the Citizens Police Academy and Trooper Youth Week, Colonel McQueen established the statewide Community Outreach Unit in 2015 to improve interpersonal connections with the community. Since that time, DSP expanded to offer:

- State Troopers Actively Reaching Students (STARS) for lunchtime chats with elementary students
- Backpack and school supply drives
- Halloween Trunk or Treat events
- Thanksgiving food drives
- Trooper Youth Program
- Community Café or Coffee with a Commander
- Honorary Troop Commander partnerships
- Focus groups to assess community needs
- Troopers teaching at the Delaware Technical and

Community College Junior Police Academy.

Colonel McQueen has been dedicated to families and their needs. He spear-headed multiple donor-funded renovations at Camp Barnes, the police-managed 73-year-old free overnight youth camp. Camp Director Master Corporal J. Shawn Hatfield, praised the Superintendent's personal commitment, "Colonel McQueen attended every significant event or ceremony at the camp, and he was always supportive of everything we did at Camp Barnes."

In addition to relationship-based outreach operations, DSP implemented many tools and training for more efficient service in the Communications Section. Further, Colonel McQueen called for the analysis of troop 9-1-1 call volumes. This resulted in realigning the service boundaries of Troops 3 and 9 to provide more expedient emergency call responses.

DSP recognized the need for more widespread knowledge to prevent and respond to active-shooter situations, training its first Violent Intruder Preparedness and Response facilitator in 2015. Since then, 20,000 Delawareans have become better equipped to safeguard the places they visit, businesses they patronize, schools they attend, and places they worship.

Throughout Colonel McQueen's term, law enforcement roles and perspectives shifted to better meet the needs of vulnerable populations. In 2014, semi-annual statewide crisis intervention training was added to help individuals experiencing life challenges, including mental and emotional disturbances. Implicit bias trainers were certified in 2017, and the concepts were then integrated into multiple aspects of recruit training. Further, in 2018, DSP launched training for all DSP personnel on recognizing and intervening in human trafficking, naming a statewide coordinator for such investigations. Further in 2019, DSP established a pilot program in partnership with the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health to coordinate service for those impacted by

substance abuse and mental health.

Colonel McQueen's administration revised multiple policies and procedures. These reflected recommendations of The President's Task Force 21st Century Policing Report, including completely rewriting the agency's policy on response to resistance.

During Colonel McQueen's leadership, troopers' training and equipment exponentially improved service to the state's emergency medical needs. In 2013, medical responder training was implemented with annual recertification. In 2019, every patrol trooper began carrying Naloxone, and each was issued a trauma kit. Over time, three much-safer Bell 429 twin-engine helicopters were put into service for medical evacuations and law enforcement operations.

The agency's growth required tight compliance with established national standards. DSP has been nationally reaccredited nine times by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, twice during Colonel McQueen's tenure, including Accreditation with Excellence in 2016. From 2017 to 2019 DSP earned specialized accreditation and awards from the Airborne Public Safety Association for law enforcement and search and rescue, the National Governor's Security Association, and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

Colonel McQueen's focus was not solely external. Many of his decisions improved staffing, leadership, employee safety, and the workplace environment.

Colonel McQueen prioritized the agency's most important resource: its employees and their leadership training. During his watch, DSP hired 263 recruit troopers and 229 civilian employees, and promoted 120 troopers and 91 civilians to supervisory positions. Endorsing the internal Leadership Development Program, Colonel McQueen sponsored nine classes of 217 sworn graduates, as well as all five civilian classes (to date) of 107 graduates.

Adding to each employee's readiness to serve, scenario-based de-escalation training and active-shooter refresher training were mandated in 2018. Tourniquets were added to the trooper duty belt, along with several other changes to make the patrol uniform more functional. Other tools were also upgraded to help troopers better protect the public. Colonel McQueen established a full-time contingent of SORT (Special Operations Response Team) in 2018 to enhance timely responses to armed and high-risk emergencies and acquired the necessary vehicles for protection from gunfire.

Physical plant construction and renovations improved employee working conditions and safety. These included building two patrol troops and a Mounted Patrol Unit stable, adding electronic security access, cameras, a special unit annex, perimeter fencing at multiple sites, LED lighting, and HVAC upgrades – including replacing the 20-year-old system at the Firearms Training Unit facility.

Colonel McQueen's 32 year police career has included many facets of the agency's rich history. What is likely to be remembered most is his genuine concern for those he served and those with whom he worked.

Delaware State Troopers Association President Lieutenant Thomas Brackin described Colonel McQueen's diplomacy. "One of his true strengths as a leader is his ability to never take our differences personally and always try to see the other perspective," he said.

During the agency's most trying times, Lieutenant Brackin said he saw Colonel McQueen's heart for those under his command. He specifically mentioned the agency's mourning of the murder of Corporal Stephen J. Ballard and the deaths of Master Corporal Richard E. Long, Jr., Sergeant Rodney H. Bond, Jr., and Master Corporal William F. Matt.

"I saw the anguish and honest emotion he felt for these heroes

each and every time we attended a viewing, funeral, and memorial service," Brackin said. "While devastated personally by their loss, Colonel McQueen was able to help these troopers' family members and his State Police family, leading us all through those times with compassion and dignity."

Acting Director of the DSP Public Information Office Sergeant Darren Lester praised the Colonel for exemplifying the agency's core values. "Colonel McQueen is an extremely humble man who has always endeavored to do what is right and has remained virtuous in his career..."

As Superintendent, Colonel McQueen served on numerous boards and committees, including several executive councils. Their missions ranged from youth protection, criminal justice reform, combatting violence, domestic violence, and advisory boards for Delaware Tech Community College and Wilmington University.

Colonel McQueen holds his Bachelor of Science in Behavioral Science from Wilmington University and earned his Master of Science in Social Work from Delaware State University. Colonel McQueen is a graduate of the 209th session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, the FBI National Executive Institute, and the Anti-Defamation League Counterterrorism Training.

Colonel McQueen's love of country, state, and the people he serves will remain constant as he enters his next level of leadership. Lieutenant Colonel Zebley offered, "The men and women of the DSP wish Colonel McQueen continued success in his new role in public service."

*Presented by the Acting Director of Public Information
Sergeant Darren Lester*

Released: 070120 1725

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