Troopers Arrest Milford Man for 4th DUI – Rehoboth Beach

Rehoboth Beach, DE – Delaware State Police have arrested a Milford man after it was determined he was driving under the influence for the 4th time. The incident occurred at approximately 12:30 a.m., Friday, March 6, 2019, as a Trooper out of Troop 7, observed a white, Chevrolet Impala speeding while traveling southbound on Coastal Highway, in the area of Old Landing Rd, Rehoboth Beach.

Upon making contact with the operator, who was identified as **Marc White 52, of Milford**, a strong odor of alcohol was detected, which furthered a DUI investigation.

A computer check revealed White had 3 prior DUI convictions, making this his 4th offense. White was subsequently arrested and transported back to Troop 7 where he was charged with the following:

- 4th Offense Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol (Felony)
- Failure To Have Proof of Insurance
- Speed in Excess of Posted Limits

White was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #3 and then committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution in lieu of $6,150.00 cash bail.

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Delaware State Police Troop 3 Presents 2019 "Year in Review" to the Communities We Serve

Camden, Delaware – The Delaware State Police Troop 3 Administration, led by Captain Rodney Layfield conducted a "Year in Review" in the Corporal David B. Pulling Memorial Community Room, located at 3759 South State Street, Camden, Delaware.

The Administration at Troop 3 was privileged to host a meeting where the public was provided with an overview of the great work done by the men and women of Troop 3 in 2019. The central conversation focused on the State Police functions, duties and responsibilities Troopers handle on a daily basis. Also discussed were rates of crimes, crashes and investigative clearances in Troop 3's jurisdiction in addition to their community outreach initiatives.

Troop 3 achieved a 70% clearance rate in robberies, a 47.8% clearance rate in burglaries, and a 51.5% clearance rate in

thefts. These clearance rates simply exemplify the exceptional work the Troopers are doing and demonstrate their desire to solve crimes when they occur. When examining collisions, the overall total of crashes decreased by 3.3%, and a decline in fatal crashes by 18.2%.

We truly appreciate and thank all those in attendance, including; ***Senator David Wilson, Senator Trey Charles Paradee, Representative Lyndon Yearick, Kent County Levy Court Commissioner at Large Terry Pepper, and Fifth District Kent County Levy Court Commissioner George "Jody" Sweeney.***

"The Delaware State Police Troop 3 Year in Review was an excellent opportunity to share public safety initiatives and community outreach objectives with those we serve. In addition, it allowed me to highlight the accomplishments of the hard-working men and women of Troop 3. It is truly an honor to work alongside everyone here and I want to express my heartfelt thanks for their exceptional efforts and hard work they do every day for a safer Delaware," said ***Captain Rodney Layfield, Delaware State Police Troop 3 Commander***

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LAW ENFORCEMENT GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENT for the 93rd Delaware State Police and 89th Municipal Recruit Class



Dover, Delaware – The Delaware State Police Superintendent **Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr.** announces the graduation ceremonies for the 93rd Delaware State Police and 89th Municipal Recruit Class. The ceremonies celebrated and recognized the successful completion of Law Enforcement

training of 25 Delaware State Troopers and 24 Law Enforcement Officers representing the **Delaware River & Bay Authority**, **Dover Police Department, Georgetown Police Department, Newark Police Department, University of Delaware Police Department, Seaford Police Department**, **Smyrna Police Department**, and **South Bethany Police Department.**

Who:

- 93rd Delaware State Police and 89th Municipal Recruit Class

When:

- Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

Location:

- Dover High School (Auditorium)
- 1 Dover High Drive Dover, Delaware

Dignitaries Addressing the Graduates:

- Governor John Carney
- Lieutenant Governor Bethany Hall-Long
- Attorney-General Kathy Jennings
- Secretary Kimberly Chandler, Department of Safety and Homeland Security
- Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr., Superintendent of the Delaware State Police
- Robert Coupe, C.O.P.T Chairman

Class Speaker:

- Trooper Geannakakes, Delaware State Police

******The following are the award recipients for each category:******

Governor's Outstanding Recruit Trooper Award:

- Trooper Nicholas Geannakakes, Delaware State Police

The Attorney General's Award for Legal Excellence:

- Officer Ashley Melis, Seaford Police Department

The Secretary of Safety and Homeland Security Award:

- Trooper Luke Justice, Delaware State Police

The Delaware Police Chiefs' Council Award:

- Patrolman Daniel Burgos, Seaford Police Department

The Delaware State Police Academy Law Enforcement Core Values Award:

- Officer Jamel Howard, University of Delaware Police Department

The Outstanding Proficiency in Police Firearms Award:

- Trooper Nicholas Greannakakes, Delaware State Police
- Patrolman Troy Wolford, Georgetown Police Department

The Delaware State Police Academy Physical Fitness Award:

- Trooper Cameron Drake, Delaware State Police
- Patrolman Dylan Keller, Smyrna Police Department

"On Wednesday, March 4th, 2020 the strength of the Delaware Law Enforcement Community grew beyond measure with the addition of 25 State Troopers and 24 Municipal Officers representing eight agencies from across the State. These graduates represent the top 2.5% of the over 2,000 women and men who pursued positions in this Academy Class and their performance over the past few months reinforced that they were the best of the best! After receiving two and a half times the minimum training hours required by the Council on Police Training these women and men

stand ready to serve the citizens of Delaware with the requisite confidence, passion, and humility to make all Delawareans safe and proud of their Law Enforcement protectors," said, ***Captain Jason Sapp, Director of Training for the Delaware State Police***

Presented by the Director of Public Information, Sergeant Richard Bratz

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UPDATE Subject Located Green Alert Cancelled for Missing Magnolia Man

Magnolia, Delaware – The Delaware State Police have canceled the Green Alert issued for Ryan Yeager, 34 of Magnolia who was reported missing on March 5, 2020.

Green Alert Issued for Missing Veteran – Magnolia

Presented by the Director of Public Information, Sergeant Richard Bratz

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Traffic Advisory Overturned Tractor Trailer Causes Lane Closures – SR-1 Dover

Dover, Delaware – The Delaware State Police are currently investigating a crash that occurred at approximately 11:50 a.m. on March 5, 2020, involving an overturned 2017 tractor-trailer and a 2009 Nissan Frontier pick-up truck. As of 2:15 a.m. this morning, SR-1 southbound south of Exit 104 is still closed due to the overturned tractor-trailer. DelDOT will remain on the scene until it is uprighted and the southbound lanes are open.

The cause of the crash is still being investigated, but preliminary investigation suggests a pick-up truck was stopped in the right travel lane of SR-1 southbound when the tractor-trailer struck it from behind. The tractor-trailer driver refused treatment. The pick-up truck driver was transported to Bayhealth Kent General with non-life-threatening injuries.

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.

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Green Alert Issued for Missing Veteran – Magnolia

Magnolia – The Delaware State Police are issuing a Green Alert for missing veteran Ryan Yeager, 34 of Magnolia. Ryan was last seen at approximately 3:30 p.m., Monday, March 2, 2020 at his residence located in the 100 block of Trappers Ln., Magnolia. Attempts to locate or to communicate with Ryan have been unsuccessful and there is a true concern for his safety and welfare.

Ryan is described as a white male, 5'11" tall, 185 lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes. Ryan's last known clothing description is unknown.

Anyone with information regarding Ryan's whereabouts are asked to contact Troop 3 by calling 302-697-4454 or by calling 911.

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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State Police Investigating Fatal Industrial Accident- Rehoboth Beach

Rehoboth Beach- The Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal industrial accident that occurred earlier today.

The incident occurred on March 5, 2020 at approximately 9:56 a.m., when Troopers were dispatched to Colonial Lane, Rehoboth Beach in reference to an industrial accident. Upon arrival, Troopers located an individual pinned beneath a skid steer.

The victim, a 49-year-old male of Millsboro, DE was pronounced deceased at the scene. The victim was turned over to the

Delaware Division of Forensic Science where an autopsy will be performed to determine the cause and manner of death. His name is being withheld at this time pending the notification of next of kin.

The case continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Major Crimes Unit.

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@delaware.gov.

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Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash- Harrington

Harrington– The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash that occurred last evening.

The crash occurred on March 4, 2020 at approximately 7:35 p.m., when a gray 2014 Buick Regal was traveling eastbound on Vernon Road (SR 14), approaching the intersection of Prospect Church Road. The operator of the Regal was traveling at a high rate of speed and unable to properly negotiate the curve in the roadway. The operator lost control of the Regal and began to rotate counter-clockwise. A 2014 white Honda Odyssey was traveling westbound on Vernon Road approaching the intersection of Prospect Church Road. The operator of the Odyssey was unable to avoid the approaching, out of control Regal. The Regal struck the Odyssey within the westbound travel lane.

Following the initial impact, the Regal continued in a northeast direction, overturning onto its roof, and ejecting the operator from the vehicle. The Regal continued to slide on its roof before striking a telephone pole and coming to rest.

The operator of the Regal, 37-year-old **Charles E. Garland Jr.,** of Felton, DE was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The operator of the Odyssey, a 36-year-old female from Denton, MD, was properly restrained. She was transported to the Christiana Hospital with serious, non-life threatening injuries. A 7-year-old child was a rear seat passenger who was properly restrained and transported to the A.I. DuPont Children’s Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit.

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Troopers Investigating Knifepoint Robbery – Wilmington

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police are investigating the knifepoint robbery of a Wilmington area cellular phone store that occurred Tuesday morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 11:36 a.m., Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at the Metro PCS store, located at 107 N. Maryland Avenue. A male suspect approached an employee at the sales counter while brandishing a knife and demanded money. The employee complied with the demand and turned over an undisclosed amount of cash to suspect who then fled on foot. The employee was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a Hispanic male, average build, wearing a dark colored hooded sweatshirt and light colored pants.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Troop 2 Robbery Unit by calling 302-365-8566.

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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Delaware State Police Announce 2019 Trooper and Civilian Employee of the Year

Dover- At a ceremony held on Monday, March 2, 2020, **Superintendent of the Delaware State Police, Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr.**, announced the winners of the annual **Trooper of the Year** and **Civilian of the Year** awards.

To help recognize the significance of the ceremony several distinguished guests were also in attendance to offer congratulatory remarks. They included **Governor John C. Carney Jr., Chief Deputy Attorney General Alexander Mackler, and Acting Secretary of Safety and Homeland Security Kimberly**

Chandler.

<u>Trooper of the Year</u>

Each year the Delaware State Police Executive Staff selects one Trooper for the Trooper of the Year Award. To be nominated, a Trooper must exceed performance standards and be recognized by his or her peers, as one who epitomizes the ***Core Values of the Division***, which are ***Honor, Integrity, Courage, Loyalty, Attitude, Discipline and Service***.

This year, eleven Troopers were nominated, and out of those worthy nominees, the Executive Staff selected **Cpl/1 Jean*, as the 2019 Trooper of the Year***, for his outstanding efforts and contributions to the Division and the citizens of the State of Delaware. Cpl/1 Jean is assigned to the Troop 3 Criminal Investigations Unit.

Cpl/1 Jean's investigative knowledge and work ethic has contributed to the successful prosecution of multiple criminal cases. He works tirelessly in an effort to make Delaware a safer state to live and travel in. He works very well with other investigative units, and other departments both at the local and federal level. When commenting on his achievements, in true form he attributed his success to his fellow Troopers.

Cpl/1 Jean was also presented with the Randall Armistead Trooper of the Year Award on behalf of the Delaware State Troopers Association. Presenting the award was **President of the DSTA, Lt. Thomas Brackin.**

Trooper of the Year Nominees

- Senior Corporal Jalal Kelsey – Division of Gaming Enforcement
- Master Corporal John Messick – Intelligence Section
- Trooper First Class George Justice – Troop 1
- Corporal/1 Sean Rodrigues – Troop 2 Patrol
- Corporal Michael Macauley – Troop 2 CIU

- Corporal/1 Jean – Troop 3
- Senior Corporal Robert Cowden – Troop 4
- Trooper First Class William Schuele – Troop 5
- Corporal Michael Adkins – Troop 6
- Corporal/1 John Wilson – Troop 7
- Corporal Stephen Douglas – Troop 9

Civilian of the Year

Each year the Delaware State Police Executive Staff also selects one civilian employee, for the Civilian of the Year Award. Civilian employees who are nominated for this award display outstanding performance and meet the following criteria:

1. Exceptional service as identified by the employee's performance evaluations
2. A consistent record of such service through their years of employment
3. Recognition by their peers for outstanding character and integrity.

This year, eight Delaware State Police civilian employees were nominated for the award, and the Executive Staff of the Delaware State Police selected **Victim Services Specialist; Corrie Schmitt, *as the 2019 Civilian of the Year***.

Corrie has been with the Victim Service's Unit since 2007 and is known to consistently go above and beyond. In 2019 she was asked to take on a larger area of jurisdiction which included much more responsibility, 2 additional Troops and 6 additional municipal departments. The typical caseload for a Victim Specialist can range from 40-50 cases a month. Corrie began handling almost double that amount averaging, approximately 80 cases per month. In two different months, she handled 100 cases. She didn't just handle them, she treated each individual victim with care and compassion, making sure that she provided the appropriate resources and assisted them

through their experience in the Criminal Justice system.

Civilian of the Year Nominees

- Joe Mulford – Headquarters Communications
- Katie Pena – Headquarters Communications
- Lawrence Parker – Communications RECOM
- Nicole Rovira – Communications RECOM
- Ryan welch – Communications KENTCOM
- Brandi Ober – Communications SUSCOM
- Corrie Schmitt – Victim Services
- Richard Daniels – Troop 9

In addition to the Trooper and Civilian of the Year, the following Troopers were also presented with the following awards:

Exceptional Performance:

Cpl. Randel Abrenica, Cpl. Corey Bastianelli, Cpl. Michael Brent, S./Cpl. Todd Buchert, Trooper Jermaine cannon, S./Cpl. James Dempsey, Cpl. Jenny Gleim, Trooper Hasan Halis, S./Cpl. Bridget Harris, Cpl. Michael Harrison, TFC George Justice, TFC Kathleen Koff, M./Cpl. Craig Lewis, Cpl. Rosendo Luna-Lopez, Cpl. Logan Pavlik, Cpl. sean Rodrigues, Mrs. Corrie Schmitt, Trooper William Schuele, M./Cpl. Ed Sebastianelli, Trooper Zachery Sherwood, Patrolman Brandon Smith (Laurel PD).

Lifesaving Award:

Cpl. Jason Aviola, TFC Casey Breidigan, Officer Chelsea Chillas (DNREC), Officer Joshua Churchill (P&P), Cpl. Everett Eschbach, M./Cpl. Justin Galloway, Cpl. Christopher Garcia, Trooper Patrick Gaskin, Trooper Trevor Greenwalt, TFC Eric Gumbs, TFC Jennifer Hastings, Cpl. Donald Hickman, Trooper Dean Johnson, PFC Ashley Little (Laurel PD), S./Cpl. Matthew Long, Cpl. Rosendo Luna-Lopez, Cpl. Robert Mitchell, Trooper Cody Moyer, Cpl. Sean Murray, Cpl/1 Christopher Nicholson, Officer Thomas Passwaters (DNREC), Trooper Kyle Perry, Officer

Jamier Powell (Camden PD), Agent Frank Robinson (DOJ), Cpl. John Scaramazza, Trooper William Schuele, TFC Matthew Skidmore, TFC Jordan Smith, Cpl. Robert Spanier, Cpl. Zachary Spudis, Trooper Anthony Stimac, Cpl. William Wallace.

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