Applications Being Accepted for the 49th Annual Trooper Youth Week

Dover – Applications are currently being accepted for the 49th Trooper Youth Week Academy Class which is scheduled to run from June 22-26, 2020.

The Delaware State Police & American Legion annually host Trooper Youth Week (TYW) at the Delaware State Police Training Academy in Dover, Delaware. This is a week-long live-in academy designed to give high school students who are sincerely interested in law enforcement an opportunity to experience the rigors of training that police officers receive at the Delaware State Police Academy. This is a physically and mentally challenging week for applicants.

The students are selected from a competitive pool, are required to participate in daily physical training as well as a variety of classroom instruction ranging from crime scene and accident investigation. Daily physical training will include outdoor running, approximately 1.5 miles a day, pushups and sit-ups. The program is facilitated by Uniform Troopers assigned to the Delaware State Police Training Academy. There is **no cost** to the student to attend this training.

High School seniors, juniors, and sophomores are encouraged to complete an application. This can be done by downloading the application directly from our website or by contacting the School Resource Officer at their respective school. Students are **not permitted** to bring jewelry, candy, gum, any electronic devices, iPod's, radios, cellular phones, etc. Male Applicants **will be required** to be clean shaven every day with a military haircut. Females **will be required** to wear their hair in a bun;

if appropriate. No earrings, nose rings or belly rings will be permitted.
If you need additional information, please contact us at dsptyw@delaware.gov or 302-672-5457.

All applications are due by May 22nd, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

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Troopers Investigating Shots Fired Incident -Dover

Dover- The Delaware State Police are currently investigating a shots fired incident that occurred in a parking lot.

Preliminary information has the incident occurring on February

25, 2020 at approximately 2:00 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the parking lot between the McDonalds and the Best Western off of Pine Cabin Road and E. Lebanon Road, Dover, for a report of shots being fired.

There is heavy police activity in the area and motorist should expect delays and seek alternate routes of travel.

The investigation is in it's early stages with further information being released as it becomes available.

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Troopers Attempt to Identify Commercial Burglary Suspects

Kent and New Castle County- The Delaware State Police are investigating a rash of commercial burglaries and are seeking the public's assistance in identifying the pictured suspects.

The incidents began on February 22, 2020 when the Delaware State Police began investigating a rash of convenience store burglaries occurring in the Kent and New Castle County areas.

Troopers obtained a video surveillance image of the suspects, described as a black male with a white beard and a black female. The suspects vehicle appears to be a black Cadillac CTS.

Anyone with information in reference to the suspects' identity is asked to contact Troop 3, Criminal Investigations Unit, Detective Nash at 302-698-8444. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at http://delaware.crimestoppersweb.com

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REMINDER-Delaware State Police Accepting Applications for Camp Barnes

Delaware- *REMINDER* Applications for Camp Barnes will be available online or at any Delaware State Police Troop on March 1st, 2020. Applications can be downloaded at the camp's website www.campbarnes.net starting March 1st. Dates for the camp and camp orientation dates will be included with the application and listed on the website.

Camp Barnes is a recreational summer camp that is run and operated by the Delaware State Police. Camp Barnes is an overnight camp that is FREE to those attend. Children between the ages of 10-13, who are residents of the State of Delaware, are eligible to apply.

Some of the many activities campers participate in throughout the week include the following:

* Swimming in an Olympic size pool

* Kayaking in Millers Creek

* Archery

* Basketball

* Soccer

* Lacrosse

* Arts and Crafts

* Nature Walk

* Fishing/Crabbing

* Talent Show

* Camp Olympics

Camp Barnes has a staff of 16 counselors (eight male and eight female). All Counselors are required to submit to a criminal background and are interviewed prior to being hired. The staff also includes one on site nurse, one head cook, and one assistant cook. A Delaware State Trooper will be on duty at all times when the camp is in session.

Camp Barnes is NOT a boot camp or intended for youth with behavior or disciplinary problems.

It is encouraged that all parents get an updated physical for their children as soon as possible, because spots fill up quickly. Campers will not be assigned a week until an up-to-date physical is received.

If you have any questions please contact Cpl/3 Shawn Hatfield at 302-752-3834, or at James.Hatfield@delaware.gov

DELAWARE STATE POLICE ANNOUNCES THE 2020 CAMP BARNES APPLICATION PROCESS

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Update #2 Names Released in Death Investigation-Frederica

Frederica- Delaware State Police are releasing the names of the two individuals that were found deceased in the parking lot area of Bowers Beach.

The investigation began on February 22, 2020 at approximately 4:04 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the parking lot area off of Cooper Avenue, Bowers Beach, Frederica. Upon arrival two individuals were located deceased in the parking lot from apparent gunshot wounds.

The individuals have been identified as 55-year-old **Kenneth J. Bowers** and his wife, 40-year-old **Lysandra C. Bowers**, of Frederica, DE.

The bodies have been turned over to the Division of Forensic Science where an autopsy will be performed to determine the manner and cause of death.

The Delaware State Police Homicide Unit is continuing their investigation into this suspected murder/suicide incident and there is no concerns for public safety at this time.

If anyone has information regarding this incident, they are asked to please contact Detective M. Ryde at 302-741-2730. 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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Update- Troopers Conducting Death Investigation-Frederica

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Update Troopers Investigate

Serious Crash Involving Pedestrian-Wilmington

Wilmington- The Delaware State Police investigated a serious crash involving a pedestrian that occurred earlier today.

The incident occurred on February 23, 2020 at approximately 10:35 a.m., when a 2001 Buick Century was traveling northbound on Concord Pike north of Brandywine Parkway, Wilmington, in the left travel lane. A pedestrian started to walk across the northbound lane of Concord Pike from the area of the Market Square. The operator of the Buick was unable to avoid the pedestrian, striking the pedestrian within the left travel lane. The operator of the Buick remained at the scene.

The pedestrian, a 56-year-old female from Jenkintown, PA, was not utilizing a crosswalk and issued a citation for same. She was transported to the Christiana Hospital with serious injuries.

The operator of the Buick, a 56-year-old female from Pennsville, NJ sustained minor injuries and was transported to the Wilmington Hospital.

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Traffic Advisory Troopers Investigating Serious Crash-Wilmington

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Traffic Advisory Troopers Investigating Serious Crash-Wilmington

Wilmington-The Delaware State Police are currently on scene of

a serious crash involving a pedestrian that occurred at approximately 10:35 a.m., on February 23, 2020.

As a result of this crash, Concord Pike (Rt 202) in the area of Brandywine Parkway is closed at this time.

Motorist should expect traffic delays and avoid the area if possible.

For updated traffic conditions and road closure information log onto

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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Troopers Investigating Liquor Store Armed Robbery – Smyrna

Smyrna- The Delaware State Police are investigating an armed robbery that took place at a Smyrna area liquor store last evening.

The incident occurred on February 22, 2020 at approximately

9:56 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the Spruance City Liquor store located at 625 Smyrna Clayton Blvd, Smyrna, in reference to an armed robbery. Upon arrival Troopers learned that a male suspect entered the store armed with what appeared to be a handgun. The suspect pointed the handgun at an employee. The employee turned over an undisclosed amount of cash prior to the suspect fleeing the scene on foot.

The suspect was described as a dark skinned black male, wearing a dark colored jacket and mask.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Troop 3, Criminal Investigations Unit, Detective S. Ryan at 302-697-4454. 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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Update- Troopers Conducting Death Investigation-Frederica

Frederica – The Delaware State Police Homicide Unit are continuing to conduct a death investigation in which two individuals were found deceased in a parking lot.

The investigation began on February 22, 2020 at approximately 4:04 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the parking lot area off of Cooper Avenue, Bowers Beach, Frederica. Upon arrival two individuals were located deceased in the parking lot.

A 55-year-old male and a 40-year-old female were both pronounced deceased at the scene from apparent gunshot wounds. A handgun has been recovered from the scene and there is no concerns for public safety at this time.

The individuals have been turned over to the Delaware Division of Forensic Science where an autopsy will be performed to determine the manner and cause of death. The victims' identities are being withheld pending the notification of the next of kin.

The incident continues to remain under investigation by the

Delaware State Police Homicide Unit. If anyone has information regarding this incident, they are asked to please contact Detective M. Ryde at 302-741-2730. 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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