Applications Being Accepted for Position of Cadet- Application Deadline February 23, 2020

The Delaware State Police is currently seeking qualified applicants for the 2020 Cadet Process.

The Cadet Program was established in 1998 under House Bill #478 during the 139th Session of the General Assembly, and enables eligible persons to obtain training and limited enforcement powers while being exposed to the various sections of the Delaware State Police. Since the inception of the program, several Cadets have gone on to be hired as Delaware State Troopers.

An individual applying should have the following qualifications, knowledge and abilities:

- Must be 18 to 21 years of age to apply and enter the Cadet program
- Must be a citizen of the United States and a Delaware Resident
- Must be currently enrolled in a Delaware accredited university or college in an undergraduate program (full-time or part- time).
- Must possess a valid driver's license
- Must maintain a good personal appearance and physical condition
- Must have a sincere interest in the position and a continuing interest in the law enforcement profession
- May remain employed with the Division as a Cadet while

actively pursuing an undergraduate degree, either full or part time, up until their 24th birthday
- Cadets completing their undergraduate degree with an active application for Trooper on file with Human Resources prior to their graduation may remain a cadet until they complete that Cadet SOP one applicant process.

The primary function of the Cadet Program, under enabling legislation of House Bill 478, is:

- Enforcement of Handicapped Parking under Title 21, Chapter 41, Section 4183.
- Enforcement of Fire Lane Parking under Title 21, Chapter 70, Section 7004.
- Assisting with targeted enforcement efforts (i.e., red light enforcement).
- Assisting with traffic control at Division-sponsored events. (i.e., Delaware State Police graduations, promotional ceremonies, etc.)
- Assignment of various administrative tasks at troop/section level.

Cadets earn $13.04/hour.

Interested persons should apply online via: www.jobapscloud.com/DSP. The deadline to apply is ***Sunday, February 23, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.*** Any questions should be directed to the Recruitment Office at (302) 739-5980 or via email at dsprecruiting@delaware.gov.

Important Notice – Cadets are NOT Troopers, and are limited in the scope of enforcement as contained herein. Cadets are considered to be casual seasonal employees of the Division and thus are not entitled to benefits. Cadets will receive forty (40) hours of training at the Delaware State Police Training Academy prior to being assigned to a Troop.

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Southern New Castle County Crime Blitz Results in Mass Arrests

Southern New Castle County – A multi-agency operation conducted on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, at targeted locations throughout southern New Castle County and the north Smyrna area has resulted in the arrest of 52 individuals on criminal charges. The operation was conducted in specific targeted areas throughout this region to address criminal activity as well as ongoing quality of life issues.

During the eight-hour enforcement blitz, police arrested 52 individuals for either a criminal charge or outstanding capias resulting in the clearance of 71 active warrants. In total there were 57 criminal arrests (16 felony, 41 misdemeanor) which included charges for weapons, drugs, prostitution and probation violations, along with 135 traffic arrests. Items and contraband seized as a result of the operation included 8 firearms, 39 baggies (.273 grams) of Heroin, 606.7 grams of marijuana. 1.93 grams of crack cocaine, .1 grams of methamphetamine, along with an assortment of drug paraphernalia.

This initiative was a collaborative effort between the Delaware State Police, Middletown Police Department, Smyrna

Police Department, Newport Police Department, Newark Police Department, Delaware City Police Department, Probation and Parole, Department of Corrections, and Justice of the Peace Court 11.

This combined effort highlights how the cooperation of multiple law enforcement agencies combat crime which in turn increases quality of life for the communities we serve.

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Troopers Investigating Serious Crash- Bridgeville

Bridgeville– The Delaware State Police are investigating a serious crash involving a single vehicle that occurred last evening.

The incident occurred on January 23, 2020 at approximately 11:20 p.m., when a 2019 International Box Truck was traveling eastbound on Federalsburg Road approaching the intersection with Barnes Road. As the operator approached this intersection, he encountered a stop sign with post lying in the middle of the eastbound lane of travel within the intersection. To avoid this sign, the operator swerved causing the truck to strike a ditch and overturn.

The operator of the box truck, a 32-year-old male from Seaford, DE was transported to the Nanticoke Memorial Hospital with serious injuries.

The eastbound lane of Federalsburg Road was closed for approximately 4 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

Through further investigations it was determined that the stop sign did not sustain damage and appeared to have been pulled from its posted location and intentionally thrown in the roadway prior to this crash. The Delaware State Police, Troop 5 have been made aware of two other signs being removed from the ground and placed either in the roadway or on the shoulder. All three incidents have occurred in the area of Bridgeville west of US 13.

The Delaware State Police are asking anyone that has information in reference to this crash or the removal of the signs in the Bridgeville area to please contact Troop 5, TFC. K. Marvel at 302-337-8253. 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 Troop 7

to Host 2019 “Year In Review”- Lewes

Lewes- The Delaware State Police Troop 7 will be hosting its annual meeting to provide the public with its 2019 “Year in Review”.

The event is scheduled for **Monday, February 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** in Troop 7’s Community Room located at **19444 Mulberry Knoll Road, Lewes**. The conversation will focus on providing the community with a better understanding of how Troop 7 functions and the duties and responsibilities those Troopers handle on a daily basis. Topics will include a review of the rates of crime, crashes and investigative clearances in Eastern Sussex County in 2019, and how enforcement plans have adjusted for 2020.

The meeting is open to the public and all are welcome and encouraged to attend. It is a great opportunity for the community to obtain a better understanding of how the Delaware State Police are working to ensure public safety in the areas where we all live, work, and travel.

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UPDATE #2 Troopers Seek Public's Assistance In Fatal Hit and Run Crash Involving Pedestrian-Georgetown

Georgetown- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit it continuing to investigate a fatal hit and run crash involving a pedestrian in which the striking vehicle fled the scene and are seeking the public's assistance.

The incident occurred on Monday, December 23, 2019, at approximately 8:11 p.m., when an unknown vehicle was traveling westbound on Zoar Road west of Fieldwood Drive and struck 44-year-old Katrina M. Hudson, of Millsboro, who was on foot within the westbound travel lane of Zoar Road. The suspect vehicle continued traveling westbound on Zoar Road and fled the scene in an unknown direction. Hudson was pronounced deceased at the collision scene.

The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is asking anyone that has information in reference to this crash or information regarding the striking vehicle that left the scene to please contact Troop 7, Cpl./1 A. Mitchell at (302)-703-3267. 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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UPDATE Troopers Investigating Fatal Hit and Run Crash Involving Pedestrian – Georgetown

Traffic Advisory Troopers Investigating Serious Crash Involving Pedestrian – Georgetown

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UPDATE Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash Involving a Tractor Trailer – Claymont

Claymont – The Delaware State Police are continuing to investigate a fatal motor vehicle crash involving a tractor trailer that occurred Thursday morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 8:30 a.m., Thursday, January 23, 2020 on Governor Printz Blvd. in the area of Hillside Rd., Claymont. A 2019 Kenworth tractor trailer, operated by a 55 year old Whitehall, Maryland man, was travelling northbound on Governor Printz Blvd., when it crossed the center median and continued across the southbound lanes. The tractor trailer then proceeded to travel off the roadway striking a utility pole and a fence located on private property in the 7700 block of Governor Printz Blvd.

The driver was transported to the Wilmington Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The initial investigation indicates that a suspected medical event is the cause of the crash. Identification is pending notification of next of kin.

Southbound Governor Printz Blvd. was closed for approximately 3.5 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

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Delaware State Police Phone Number Used in Spoofed Phone Number Scam

Dover – The Delaware State Police are issuing the following advisory in response to a recent phone scam trend involving a "spoofed phone number".

The Delaware State Police have recently been made aware of multiple incidents in which individuals have received phone calls from a Delaware State Police issued number. Only the number appears on the caller ID, and if that number is looked up, it shows that it is a valid Delaware State Police phone number.

Caller ID spoofing is when a caller deliberately falsifies the information transmitted to your caller ID display to disguise their identity as well as appearing as an official organization or entity. Spoofing is often used as part of an attempt to trick someone into giving away valuable personal information so it can be used in fraudulent activity or sold illegally

During these most recent calls the recipient is told that a family member has been in an accident and needs money wired to them due to being injured, for payment of a traffic ticket or for bail. The scammers can be very convincing playing on the emotional vulnerability of the victim.

The Delaware State Police will never request payment for fines, traffic tickets or bail. All these transactions are conducted by the respective court systems and never over the phone. Electronic payments are also never requested via phone for court matters.

If someone is calling regarding a family member, do not offer any personal information about yourself or the family member. Immediately attempt to contact the family to verify their status on your own. Indicators of scam calls are threats, orders to not hang up and other statements about immediacy.

The Federal Communications Commissions has provided the following tips to avoid spoofing scams:

You may not be able to tell right away if an incoming call is spoofed. Be extremely careful about responding to any request for personal identifying information.

- Don’t answer calls from unknown numbers. If you answer such a call, hang up immediately.
- If you answer the phone and the caller – or a recording – asks you to hit a button to stop getting the calls, you should just hang up. Scammers often use this trick

to identify potential targets.

- Do not respond to any questions, especially those that can be answered with “Yes” or “No.”
- Never give out personal information such as account numbers, Social Security numbers, mother’s maiden names, passwords or other identifying information in response to unexpected calls or if you are at all suspicious.
- If you get an inquiry from someone who says they represent a company or a government agency, hang up and call the phone number on your account statement, in the phone book, or on the company’s or government agency’s website to verify the authenticity of the request. You will usually get a written statement in the mail before you get a phone call from a legitimate source, particularly if the caller is asking for a payment.
- Use caution if you are being pressured for information immediately.
- If you have a voice mail account with your phone service, be sure to set a password for it. Some voicemail services are preset to allow access if you call in from your own phone number. A hacker could spoof your home phone number and gain access to your voice mail if you do not set a password.
- Talk to your phone company about call blocking tools they may have and check into apps that you can download to your mobile device to block unwanted calls. Information on available robocall blocking tools is available at fcc.gov/robocalls.

https://www.comparitech.com/blog/vpn-privacy/robocalls-analysis/

This information was provided through the Federal Communications Commissions website located at:

https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/spoofing-and-caller-id

Many of these scams are difficult to investigate. They will target persons of all age groups. The Delaware State Police is asking citizens to remember the tips previously mentioned in order to not become a victim of one of these scam artists.

If you suspect you have been a victim of this scam, please contact your local law enforcement agency. 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 Crash

Involving Tractor Trailer has Gov. Printz Blvd. Closed – Claymont

Claymont – The Delaware State Police are currently on scene of a serious motor vehicle crash involving a tractor trailer that occurred at approximately 8:30 a.m. this morning.

As a result of the crash, southbound Governor Printz Blvd. is closed in the area of Fairfield Rd.

Motorists are advised to avoid the area and seek alternate routes of travel. For road closure and traffic condition updates log on to: 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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Update- Troopers Investigating Shots Fired

Incident-Felton

Felton- The Delaware State Police are continuing to investigate a shooting incident that occurred on Sunday.

The incident occurred on January 19, 2020 at approximately 5:58 p.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the 1300 block of Barney Jenkins Road, Felton, for a report of multiple shots being fired. It was learned that a 19-year-old female had been struck by gunfire and privately transported to a local area hospital.

Further investigation into this incident reveled that a fight was communicated via social media due to an ongoing feud. Approximately 15-25 individuals responded to Barney Jenkins Road to witness the fight. A verbal altercation ensued between the 19-year-old female victim and another 19-year-old female. Subsequently multiple fights occurred when a black male wearing a disguise brandished a firearm and discharged multiple rounds. The 19-year-old female was struck by gunfire and remains in critical condition. There were no other injuries reported as a result of this incident.

The case continues to remain under investigation and anyone with information is asked to please contact the Delaware State Police Troop 3, Major Crimes Unit, Detective R. Wright 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

Troopers Investigating Shots Fired Incident-Felton

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Troopers Investigating Armed Robbery – Wilmington

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police are investigating an armed robbery that took place on Marsh Rd. in north Wilmington, early Monday morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 2:00 a.m., Monday, January 20, 2020, on Marsh Rd., just north of Zebley Rd. A 40 year old male was walking along Marsh Rd. after his vehicle became disabled due to a

flat tire, when he was approached by a male suspect. The suspect produced a handgun and demanded that the victim turn over the contents of his pockets, while also threatening him with bodily harm. The victim turned over an undisclosed amount of cash to the suspect who then fled on foot. The victim was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a white male, 5’10” tall, with a heavy build, wearing a light colored coat and a cloth covering his face.

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

http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com

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