Fatal Crashes Spike in Delaware







Delaware— The Delaware State Police have seen a recent spike

in fatal crashes across the entire state. In conjunction with the Delaware Office of Highways Safety, we are working together to provide our citizens with a few traffic safety reminders.

The majority of fatal crashes are attributed to some form of distracted driving. This involves the driver failing to provide the proper time and attention to the roadway and to the task of driving. Other high-risk behaviors of motorists include impaired driving, speeding, unsafe driving behaviors including the use of electronic devices and the failure of motorists and passengers alike to wear seat belts.

Traffic Safety Tips:

Limit distractions: Using your cell phone, texting, and fiddling with the radio or GPS should all be done when you are at a complete stop or avoided altogether. Give 100% of your attention to the road.

Walk Smart: Distracted walking, wearing dark clothing, and walking under the influence are common factors in pedestrian crashes in Delaware. Wear bright clothing, carry a flashlight, keep your head up and keep your eyes on the road and surrounding areas. Catch a cab or rideshare lift, or have a designated driver take you home. Walking under impairment is never worth the risk.

Slow Down: Reducing speeds and/or maintaining safer speeds. Avoid the fast lane if possible. If you are in the center or far-right lanes, you are more able to maneuver away from a potentially dangerous situation than if you are in the fast lane.

Be Attentive: Never just assume that a driver is going to stop or turn. It’s better to assume they may not! For example, when going through a red light, still look both ways to check if anyone is going to run the light. Not only do drunk drivers often run red lights, but so do distracted drivers.

Driving Under the Influence: Whether it be driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, impaired driving is a crime. Before drinking, please designate a sober driver and give that person your keys. If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation so you are sure to get home safely.

Wear Your Seatbelt: One of the safest choices drivers and passengers can make is to buckle up. Understand the potentially fatal consequences of not wearing a seat belt and learn what you can do to make sure you and your family are properly buckled up every time.

"The Office of Highway Safety is currently running our pedestrian, occupant protection, and distracted driving campaigns and enforcements in every county. We want the public to be aware of actions they can take to protect themselves on Delaware roadways. October is Pedestrian Safety Month. Please walk bright and walk smartly by wearing bright clothes, carrying a flashlight, and being aware when crossing Delaware's busy roads," Cynthia Cavett, Marketing Specialist II and Public Information Officer, Delaware Office of Highway Safety.







The risk of being involved in a crash is greatly reduced for anyone operating a motor vehicle by eliminating distractions, paying attention, obeying the speed limit, and not driving under the influence. The Delaware State Police issue these traffic safety reminders and wish you safe travels as you reach your destination.

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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Homeless Sex Offender 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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Update Troopers Investigating Serious Crash-Lewes

Lewes- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash involving a scooter that occurred earlier this morning.

The incident occurred on October 18, 2019 at approximately 6:52 a.m., when a 2018 Freightliner 6 wheel box truck was traveling southbound on Clay Road approaching the intersection of Kings Highway with a posted stop sign. A 2012 Chongqing Manufacturing Scooter was traveling westbound on Kings Highway approaching the intersection of Clay Road. The operator of the box truck slowed, but failed to stop at the posted stop sign, entering the intersection directly in front of the scooter. The operator of the scooter swerved to the left in an effort to avoid the box truck but was unable. As a result, the right front of the box truck struck the right side of the scooter within the intersection.

The operator of the box truck, a 22-year-old male from Delmar, Maryland was properly restrained and did not sustain injury.

The operator of the scooter, a 56-year-old male from Lewes, Delaware was transported to the Beebe Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased. His name is being withheld at this time pending the notification of next of kin.

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

Kings Highway in the area of Clay Road was closed for approximately 3 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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TRAFFIC ADVISORY Troopers

Investigating Serious Crash-Lewes

Lewes- The Delaware State Police are currently on scene of a serious motor vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 6:53 a.m., on October 18, 2019 on Kings Highway at Clay Road, Lewes.

As a result of the crash and ongoing investigation, Kings Highway in the area of Clay Road, Lewes will be closed. Motorists are advised to use caution and seek alternate routes of travel.

For updated road closure and traffic 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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Update Troopers Investigating Serious Crash-Bridgeville