Update Name Released Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash – Delaware City

Delaware City, Delaware – The Delaware State Police have identified the name of the driver who died in a crash on September 28, 2019, on Hamburg Road between U.S. 13 and DE 9 as 25-year-old **Chelsea F. Kuczynski** of Middletown, Delaware.

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

Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash – Delaware City

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Homeless Sex Offender Notification

Dover– The following are not wanted. These are Homeless Sex Offender Public Notifications. If you have information that any of 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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Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash – Delaware City

Delaware City, Delaware – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash that occurred on Friday, September 27, 2019, at approximately 4:06 p.m. in which a driver has succumbed to her injuries.

The driver and sole occupant of a 2002 Chevrolet Cavalier was traveling eastbound on Hamburg Road from U.S. Route 13 towards River Road (DE Route 9). According to a witness, the 25-year-old female driver suddenly veered to the right and exited the roadway. The vehicle then disappeared momentarily into the wooded area before striking a large standing tree. The impact into the tree spun the vehicle around 180-degrees and ejected the unrestrained operator. The victim and the vehicle came to rest several feet away from the tree. It is unknown why the driver failed to maintain her vehicle within the single eastbound lane of Hamburg Road.

The operator of the Chevrolet Cavalier, a 25-year-old female from Middletown, Delaware was pronounced deceased at the scene. Her 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.

TRAFFIC ADVISORY Serious Crash – New Castle

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TRAFFIC ADVISORY Serious Crash – New Castle

New Castle, Delaware – The Delaware State Police are currently on scene of a serious motor vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 4:06 p.m., Friday, September 27, 2019, on Hamburg Road. This is a single-vehicle crash.

As a result of the crash and ongoing investigation, Hamburg Road will be periodically 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#advi

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

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Caution Deer Crashes Spike During This Time of Year

The Delaware State Police would like to remind motorists that the deer rut and hunting season is fast-approaching during the months of October and November; therefore, we would like to help prevent the spike in deer-related crashes that typically occur every fall in Delaware. The friendly reminders will hopefully keep our drivers safe, more alert and will also lead them to slow down during this specific time of the year.

The majority of deer activity resulting in crashes occur during the **dusk and dawn hour on main roads as well as back roads**.

Please be careful when traveling and keep a sharp eye out for deer crossing roadways, especially at dusk. Deer are even more active due to their annual mating season ‘rut’ in November with bucks chasing doe through fields, marshes and woods. The average white-tailed deer in Delaware weighs approximately 130 pounds, with larger bucks tipping the scales at 180 pounds or more. With the increased white-tailed deer activity, Delaware motorists are kindly reminded to stay alert and to be ready for a deer to dart out into the roadway from dusk to dawn.

A deer crash can result in serious injury or death to you or your passengers as well as serious damage to your vehicle.

Attentive driving and slow speeds are the best ways to avoid deer crashes.

To reduce your risk of injury in a collision, always wear your seatbelt.

Turn your headlights on at dawn and dusk and keep your eyes on the road, scanning the sides of the road as well as what’s ahead of you. When there is no oncoming traffic, switch to high beams to better reflect the eyes of deer on or near the roadway.

Watch for “Deer Crossing” signs that mark commonly-traveled areas, and be aware that deer typically cross between areas of cover, such as woods or where roads divide agricultural fields from woods.

If you see a deer crossing the road ahead, slow down immediately and proceed with caution until you are past the crossing point. Deer usually travel in groups, so if you see one deer, there are likely to be others.

Slow down and blow your horn with one long blast to frighten deer away. Do not rely on devices such as deer whistles, deer fences and reflectors to deter deer, as these devices have not been proven to reduce deer crashes.

Do NOT feel more secure on highways just because they are better lit than back roads- speeds are higher and deer eyes are more difficult to see on highways- so drive cautiously and remain alert at all times.

Do NOT take your eyes off of the roadway. It's that split second of changing the radio channel, or reaching for something that can make the difference to avoid a deer.

Do not swerve to miss a deer – brake and stay in your lane. Losing control of your vehicle, crossing into another lane, hitting an oncoming vehicle or leaving the roadway and hitting another obstacle such as a tree or a pole is likely to be much more serious than hitting a deer.

If you hit a deer, stop at the scene, get your car off the road if possible and call police. Do not touch the animal or get too close. "A frightened and wounded deer can cause serious injury to a well-meaning person trying to 'help.' You could be bitten, kicked or even gored by a buck's antlers. Keep a safe distance and wait for troopers to arrive.

The Delaware State Police issues this traffic advisory and wish you safe travels as you reach your destination.

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State Police Investigating Industrial Accident-Seaford

Seaford- The Delaware State Police are investigating an industrial accident that seriously injured a Seaford man.

The incident occurred on September 26, 2019 at approximately 9:55 a.m., when Troopers were dispatched to Bi-Rite Auto Sale located at 24770 Sussex Highway, Seaford in reference to an industrial accident. Upon arrival, it was learned that a 35-year-old male contractor was on-site working on the roof. The victim had fallen from the roof and sustained serious injuries. The victim was initially transported to the Nanticoke Memorial Hospital and later transferred to the Christiana Hospital.

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UPDATE-Troopers Seeking Potential Witnesses Multiple Victims Assaulted and Robbed in Shopping Center Parking Lot – Newark

Newark – The Delaware State Police are continuing to investigate the assault and robbery of three victims that took place in the parking lot of the Polly Drummond Shopping

Center, and are asking any potential witnesses to come forward.

The incident occurred at approximately 1:22 a.m., Sunday, September 23, 2019 in the parking lot of the Polly Drummond Shopping Center, located on Polly Drummond Hill Rd. in Newark. Three male subjects, 29, 37, and 46 years of age respectively, had just left an establishment in the shopping center when they encountered a large crowd while walking through the lower parking lot. Without provocation the three male victims were assaulted and robbed by suspects in the crowd, sustaining serious injuries.

Further investigation has determined that this group of subjects, who were reportedly intoxicated and extremely disorderly, may have been involved in other altercations within the shopping center, specifically in the area of McGlynn's Pub and CP's Pub throughout the evening, prior to the assault and robbery of the three victims.

Anyone who may have information, specifically cell-phone footage, regarding any incidents or altercations that took place in the shopping center or surrounding area on this date, are asked to contact Detective C. Hevelow of the Troop 2 Robbery Unit by calling 302-365-8471.

http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com

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Update Name Released Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash- Frankford

Frankford- The Delaware State Police have identified the name of the driver who died in a crash on September 26, 2019 on DuPont Boulevard (US 113) at Daisey Street, as 37-year-old **Bruce E. Eckerd Jr.,** of Frankford, DE.

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

https://dsp.delaware.gov/2019/09/26/troopers-investigating-fatal-crash-frankford/

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Delaware State Police Troop 3 to Host Community Café and Safe Citizen Initiative

Kent County- The Delaware State Police, Troop 3 will be hosting a "Community Café" and kicking off their "Safe Citizen Initiative".

On **October 3, 2019** at 12:00 p.m., the Delaware State Police Troop 3 will be hosting their **"Community Café"** at the Modern Maturity Center located at 1121 Forrest Avenue, Dover. Delaware State Troopers including the Troop 3 Commander, Administration and Community Outreach Officer will be in attendance to speak with community members. This event is also referred to as "Coffee with a Cop" and will provide the opportunity for conversation with the Troopers in attendance.

The "Community Café" will kick off the Delaware State Police "Safe Citizen Initiative" which will be held on various dates

during the month of October at the Modern Maturity Center. In addition to the Delaware State Police, the Better Business Bureau, Delaware State Fire School and Kent County Department of Public Safety will provide free education, training and resources to the public on Keeping Yourself Safe, Active Shooters, Top Fraud and Scams Targeting Delaware Consumers, and Fire Safety/Smart 911.

If interested in attending any of these **FREE** classes listed below, please call 302-734-1200 Ext. 129 or email lori.christiansen@modern-maturity.org to register.

- **October 8, 2019** at 12:00 p.m.: **Keeping Yourself Safe-** The Delaware State Police will be providing an interactive training on how to "Keep Yourself Safe" in the community, at home and while traveling. Important resources and information will also be presented on crime prevention and crime reporting.
- **October 16, 2019** at 10:00 a.m.: **Active Shooter Training-** The Delaware State Police, will be providing training on Violent Intruder Preparedness & Response. This interactive class will discuss what is an Active Shooter, what to do if you encounter an Active Shooter and how to protect yourself.
- **October 25, 2019** at 12:00 p.m.: **Top Fraud and Scams Targeting Delaware Consumers-** The Better Business Bureau, will be presenting on the Top Fraud and Scams Targeting Delaware Consumers. Information will be provided on the top fraud and scams targeting Delaware by providing local stories and reports from businesses and the public. Topics covered include how scammers make contact, the tactics they use, and how citizens can protect themselves and their families from losing money.
- **October 31, 2019** at 12:00 p.m.: **Fire Safety/Smart 911**– The Delaware State Fire School will present the National Fire Prevention Association's "Remember When" program. This presentation provides the tools you need to conduct

a comprehensive fire and fall prevention program. Also presenting will be Kent County Department of Public Safety on the new Smart 9-1-1, Pulse Point, and Text 2 9-1-1 systems. Education and assistance will be provided to those interested in registering with Smart 911.

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Delaware State Police and Office of Highway Safety Partner to Target Distracted Driving

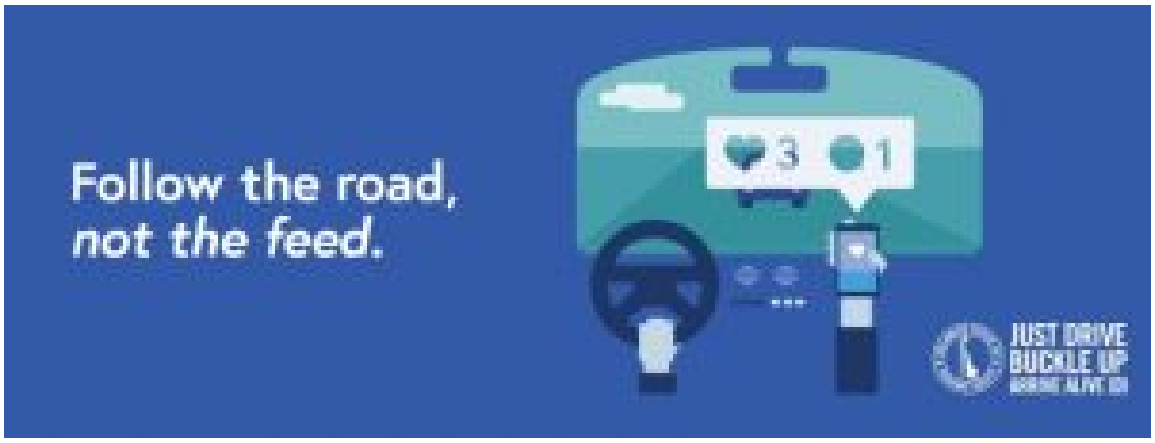
New Castle County– The Delaware State Police and the Delaware Office of Highway Safety (OHS) have joined forces to address

the issue of distracted driving by conducting a series of statewide enforcement initiatives, two of which took place this week on roadways within the Troop 2 and Troop 6 patrol areas, in New Castle County.

This enforcement initiative took place during the morning and mid-afternoon time frames, on State Route 1 and along the Rt. 13 corridor in the Troop 2 area, and along the Kirkwood Hwy corridor., between Prices Corner and Rt. 7, in the Troop 6 area.

The operation involved uniformed Troopers in fully marked patrol vehicles, who worked in conjunction with plain clothes Troopers, who were operating non-conventional vehicles. A team of plain clothes Troopers manned vehicles such as work vans, SUV’s and sedans, which were utilized as mobile observation platforms in order to identify motorists who were texting/talking or otherwise using handheld electronic devices while driving. Once a violation was observed, the uniformed Troopers were provided with a description of the vehicle and operator, along with a detailed description of the illegal activity. They then conducted a vehicle stop.

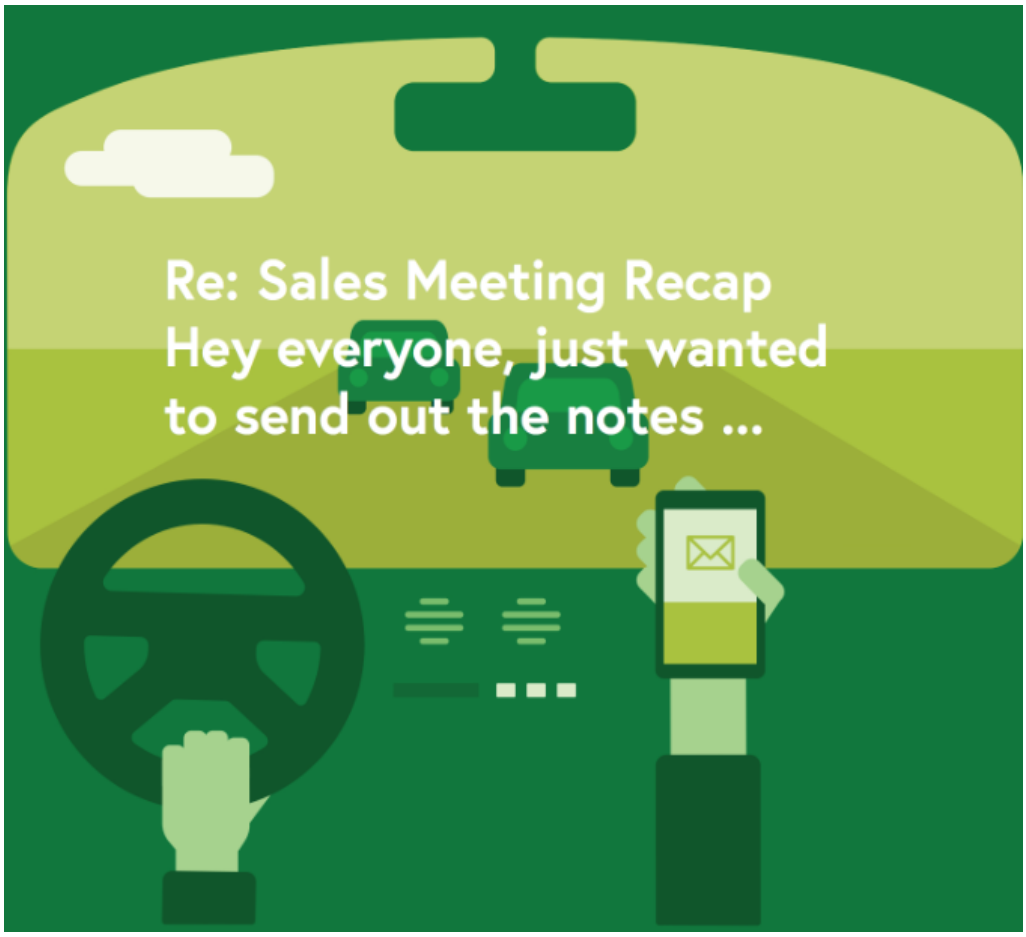
During this initiative a total of 52 motorist contacts were made for distracted driving. In addition to issuing citations the Troopers also used these interactions as an educational opportunity and disseminated informational literature, further emphazing the dangers associated distracted driving related to electronics usage.



The Delaware State Police and Delaware OHS recognize that distracted driving caused by the use of personal electronic devices is a very dangerous behavior that continues to make our roadways less safe. Distracted driving is an ever growing problem and the hope is that through enforcement initiatives along with educational opportunities, we can send the message that texting/talking while driving is not only illegal but can be deadly.

“These initiatives reinforce the message that Delaware is sending to the public. We have a zero-tolerance policy for distracted driving. The Delaware State Police and Office of Highway Safety are stepping up enforcement and education for distracted driving through traditional and non-traditional projects, such as this one, across the state throughout the year. This last of the series of four non-traditional initiatives come on the cusp of National Distracted Driving Awareness month in April,” Cynthia Cavett, OHS Marketing Specialist and Public Information Officer.

According to NHTSA, 3,450 people were killed across the country in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers in 2016. Nationally and in Delaware, distracted driving fatalities have been trending upward since 2012. Texting while driving has become an especially problematic trend among millennials. Young drivers 16 to 24 years old have been observed using handheld electronic devices while driving at higher rates than older drivers since 2007.



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