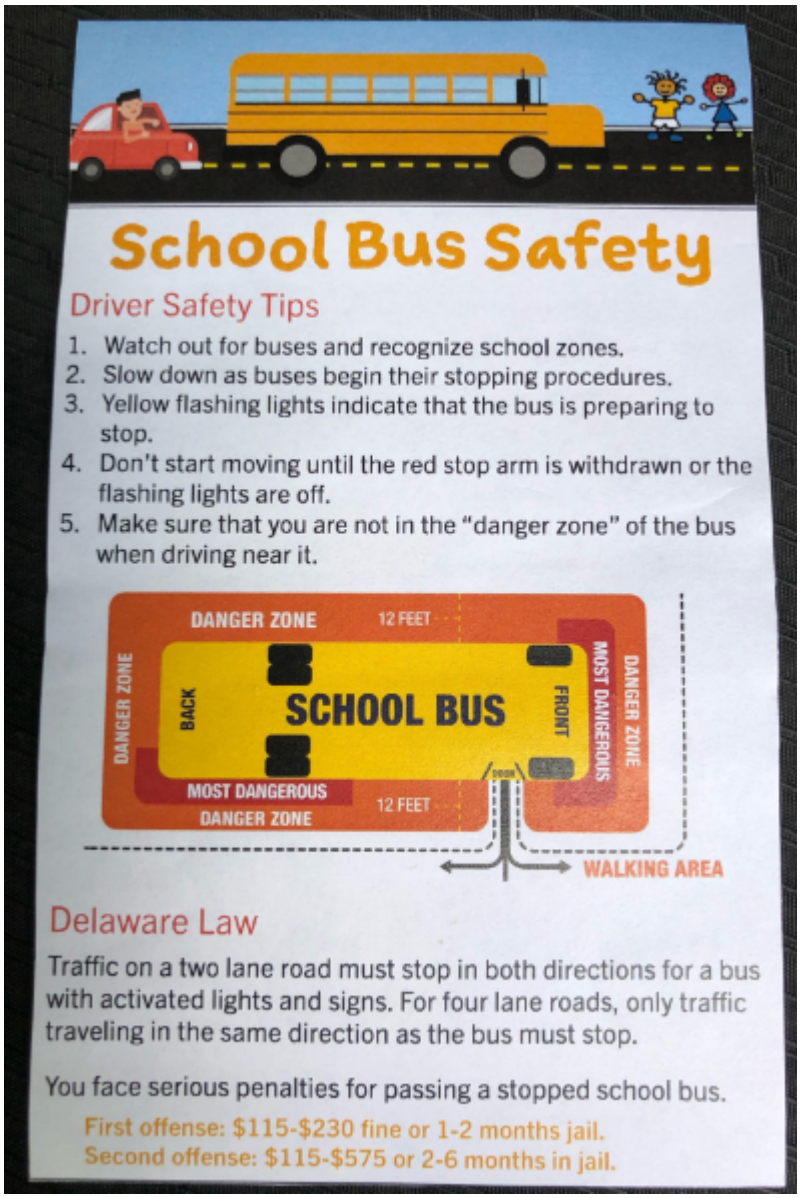
School Bus Law Initiative-Bridgeville

Bridgeville– The Delaware State Police were out in the Bridgeville area making sure kids got on their school buses safely this morning!

Troopers from Troop 5 hosted a school bus initiative for the Woodbridge School District. Ten Troopers in marked and unmarked patrol vehicles followed 10 school buses the entire route to their destination school. The goal was to enforce the school bus law in an effort to keep children safe in our community. Two motorist were issued a traffic violation for passing a school bus during this initiative.

The Troopers in marked vehicles were also proactive by being visible behind buses to deter violations, and school bus pamphlets were handed out educating the public on the school bus law and penalties.



The Delaware State Police want to remind drivers of the state's "Rules of the Road" to keep our children safe when they are getting on or off a school bus. Additionally, it is very important to be aware of the presence of children waiting for the bus during the morning and afternoon hours since it may be dark outside as children attempt to get on and off the bus.







Title 21 Rules of the Road § 4166 Overtaking and passing school bus; stop signal devices.

Overtaking and passing school bus. — When a school bus is

stopped and displays flashing lamps the driver of any vehicle approaching the school bus from the front or from the rear shall stop before passing the bus and remain stopped until such bus begins to move or no longer has the red stop lamps activated. On roadway or roadways with 4 or more lanes, the driver approaching from the front shall not stop.
Penalties – Whoever violates this section shall, for the first offense, be fined not less than $115 nor more than $230 or imprisoned not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days or both. For each subsequent like offense occurring within 3 years from the former offense, such person shall be fined not less than $115 nor more than $575, and imprisoned not less than 60 days nor more than 6 months. The minimum fine levied for a violation of subsection (d) of this section shall not be subject to suspension.
Suspension of license. – Upon receiving a conviction for a violation, the Department shall suspend the driver's license and/or driving privileges for a period of not less than 1 month, nor more than 1 year.

Please see the full subsection of the law: Overtaking and Passing School Bus

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Troopers Investigating Bus Stop Robbery – Wilmington

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police are investigating a robbery that took place at a bus stop on Maryland Avenue in Wilmington, Monday night.

The incident occurred at approximately 9:39 p.m., Monday, September 23, 2019 at a bus stop located in the area of 1905 Maryland Avenue. Two females, 50 and 82 years of age respectively, were seated at the bus stop when they were approached a male suspect. The suspect first approached the 50 year old, displayed a knife and demanded money. The victim then became engaged in a brief struggle with the suspect who knocked her to the ground. The suspect then approached the 82 year old victim, still with the knife displayed and snatched her purse. The suspect then fled on foot towards Alban Dr.

The 50 year old victim who sustained a minor injury due to falling to the ground was able to retain her property. The 82 year old victim was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect could only be described as a black male, approximately 30 years of age, 6’00”-6’5″ tall.

No surveillance images are available at this time.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding th 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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Investigating Serious Crash US 40 at School Bell Rd. – New Castle

New Castle – The Delaware State Police are continuing to investigation a serious motor vehicle crash involving a school bus that occurred Monday afternoon.

The incident occurred at approximately 4:05 p.m., Monday, September 23, 2019 on westbound Rt. 40 (Pulaski Hwy.) just east of School Bell Rd. A 2012 Blue Ridge school bus which was solely occupied by the driver, a 74 year old Middletown man, was stopped at a red light in the Rt. 40 westbound left lane, just prior to the intersection with School Bell Rd. A 2016 Ram pick-up truck, operated by a 42 year old Bear man, was traveling Rt. 40 westbound in the left lane, directly behind the school bus. For an undetermined reason the Ram failed to stop behind the bus with it's front end colliding with the rear of the bus.

The driver of the school bus was transported to the Christiana Hospital with minor injuries.

The driver of the Ram, who was cited for inattentive driving, was transported to the Christiana Hospital with serious injuries.

Rt. 40 was closed between Appleby Rd. and School Bell Rd. for approximately 1 hr. and 45 minutes, while the scene was investigated and cleared.

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Update Serious Crash on Coastal Highway Turned Fatal-Lewes

Lewes- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a crash involving a pedal cyclist that has turned fatal.

The incident occurred on September 11, 2019 at approximately 12:31 p.m., when a 2017 Cadillac CTS was traveling in the right lane of northbound Coastal Highway (SR1) approaching the

intersection of a single directional access road leading to Kings Highway (SR9). A pedal cyclist, was operating a light blue bicycle in the bus/bike lane of northbound Coastal Highway directly to the right of the Cadillac. For unknown reasons, the operator of the Cadillac failed to see the bicycle and changed lanes to the right in order to turn onto Kings Highway. While changing lanes, the right side of the Cadillac struck the bicycle within the bus/bike lane, causing the pedal cyclist to be ejected.

The operator of the Cadillac, an 89-year-old male from Millsboro, DE was not injured and remained on scene.

The pedal cyclist, 79-year-old **Lloyd Kirby Jr**., of Lewes, DE was wearing a helmet. He was transported to the Christina Hospital and on September 23, 2019 he succumbed to his injuries.

Northbound Coastal Highway was rendered to a single travel lane for approximately 1.5 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit and no charges have been filed at this time.

https://dsp.delaware.gov/2019/09/11/traffic-advisory-troopers-investigating-serious-motor-vehicle-crash-on-coastal-hwy-lewes/

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Troopers Investigating Serious Crash US 40 at School Bell Rd. – New Castle

New Castle – The Delaware State Police are currently on scene of a serious motor vehicle crash involving two vehicles, one of which was a school bus. **The school bus was occupied by the driver only, no students were on board**.

The incident occurred at approximately 4:05 p.m., Monday, September 23, 2019 on U.S. 40 westbound at School Bell Rd., New Castle.

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

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Multiple Victims Assaulted and Robbed in Shopping Center Parking Lot – Newark

Newark – The Delaware State Police are investigating an incident that took place at the Polly Drummond Shopping Center early Sunday morning in which three victims were assaulted and

robbed.

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 of property by suspects in the crowd.

The 29 year old victim, who was hospitalized with serious non-life threatening injuries had had his cell phone and cash taken. The 37 year old, who also sustained serious non-life threatening injuries, had his wallet taken. And the 46 year old, who sustained minor injuries had his wallet and shoes stolen during the incident.

None of the suspects, who had fled prior to the Troopers arrival, were known to the victims, and witnesses were unable to provide any suspect information.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Trooper Aviola at Troop 6 by calling 302-633-5000.

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Troopers Investigating Shooting Incident-Seaford

Seaford- The Delaware State Police are investigating a shooting incident that occurred just after midnight this morning.

The incident occurred on September 23, 2019 at approximately 12:46 a.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the 23000 block of German Road, Seaford for a shooting. Upon arrival, Troopers located a 40-year-old male victim walking in the vicinity. The victim indicated he had been shot and sustained a single gunshot wound. The victim was transported to a local area hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Further investigation into this incident revealed that the victim was walking on German Road in the area of his residence

when three unknown black males got out of a vehicle, approached him and requested money. When the victim advised that he did not have money, one of the suspects proceeded to pull out a gun and pointed it towards the victim. The suspects forced the victim back to his residence where they proceeded to physically assault him and restrain him from leaving. The suspects proceeded to ransack the residence looking for money. One of the suspects fired a round into the ceiling of the residence. The victim was able to flee through the back yard, when he heard shots being fired and was subsequently struck by one round.

The three suspects were described as black males, between 25-29 years of age.

The investigation is active and ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Troop 4, Major Crimes Unit, Detective Mills at 302-856-5850. 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 Participates in "Operation Clear Track" During National Rail Safety Week "BE PREPARED TO STOP – FLAGGER AHEAD"

This Tuesday, September 24, 2019, the Delaware State Police with the assistance of the Delaware Department of Transportation and in coordination with other local, state, federal and railroad law enforcement departments will be participating in Amtrak's "Operation Clear Track".

"Operation Clear Track" is a critical safety initiative that takes place during National Rail Safety Week which runs from September 22nd to the 28th , 2019. Tuesday's operation is a one-day safety initiative that brings police and other law enforcement departments together nationwide to enforce state grade crossing and trespassing laws on America's railroad tracks. Since the start of this initiative all participating agencies have been asked to respond to at least two different

railroad grade crossings in their communities to educate and bring awareness to the importance of railroad safety and bring attention to this year's theme to *"Stop Track Tragedies."*

For more information click on: Rail Safety Week

Troopers will be working at the railroad crossings at various locations throughout the state to include Bear-Corbit Rd. (DE Rt. 7) south of the old U.S. Rt. 13, and Wrangle Hill Road (DE Rt. 72) north of Red Lion Road (DE Rt. 71), Bear, Delaware. As part of the assignment we will hand out flyers as well as issue verbal, written warnings and citations to individuals trespassing on railroad property or failing to comply with state grade crossing safety laws.

Please follow these safety tips:

- Never walk, run, play or take pictures on the railroad right-of-way. If you are on or near the tracks, you are trespassing on private property and breaking the law.
- Never attempt to outrun an approaching train. It can take a train a mile or more to stop.
- If you're standing on the train tracks, you may not hear or feel an oncoming train in time to get away safely.
- Only cross the tracks at designated public crossings.
- Never drive or walk around lowered grade crossing gates.
- Never begin to drive across the tracks unless you can get all the way across.
- Always call the Emergency Notification System (ENS) number 24 hours a day to report problems or obstructions at the crossing. Look for the number on the blue sign near the crossing or on the cross-buck.
- Always know that the average train is three feet wider than the track on each side.
- Always slow down and stop your vehicle prior to train tracks when lights begin to flash.

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Update Name Released Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash-Wilmington

Wilmington- The Delaware State Police have identified the name of the driver who died in a crash on September 21, 2019 on Philadelphia Pike at Silverside Road, as 62-year-old **Kenneth S. Garver** of Hockessin, DE.

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

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Update Name Released Troopers Investigating Fatal Bicycle Crash-Frankford

Frankford- The Delaware State Police have identified the name of the pedal cyclist who died in a crash on September 20, 2019 on DuPont Boulevard (U.S. 113) just south of Hickory Street, as 62-year-old **Tony L. Townsend,** of Seaford, DE.

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

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