

Delaware State Police Host Camp Barnes Wrestling Tournament

Sussex County, Delaware – This once-a-year wrestling tournament was held at the Indian River High School located in Dagsboro, Delaware. Families from Delaware and several surrounding states came for this awesome opportunity to compete. The Delaware State Police Honor Guard commanded by Captain Jason Sapp presented the colors to begin the event. The National Anthem was performed by Adria Windish, daughter of Lieutenant Gerald & Lynn Windish.

On Saturday, December 29, 2018, the Delaware State Police hosted this prestigious event; the **7th Annual Camp Barnes Wrestling Classic**. Some experienced wrestlers were on hand and some for the first time. Just like the kids, many parents embraced the opportunity to have some fun and welcomed the chance for their children to work on and share wrestling skills.

There were 302 determined wrestling participants from the Mid-Atlantic Region which included the following five states; Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The wrestlers who participated in this event and fiercely competed ranged from the age of four to 14 years old.





Master Corporal John Messick, event coordinator, said, “I feel really passionate about this event and how it helps the kids of Delaware build life skills to be good citizens. This initiative also helps children throughout Delaware, who may not have a chance to attend a camp, to be selected for Camp Barnes. I see this as a win-win for youth and parents in many states but especially for the First State. This is absolutely a great community outreach program for the Delaware State Police. This essentially provides a platform for kids to participate in the sport of wrestling and helps establish lifelong friendships during the winter break.”

Benjamin Chorlton, 8 year old wrestler said, “I like the tournament because my dad is a Trooper and it’s an amazing fundraiser for Camp Barnes. It feels good to help others and raise money for other kids that can go to camp. I like the tough competition from other surrounding states.”

Master Corporal Dave Chorlton and parent of wrestler said, “I would like to thank all of the committee members, volunteers and parents especially Captain Rodney Layfield and Master Corporal John Messick for putting together a top notch wrestling tournament. This well organized event allows wrestlers to compete with children from other states versus wrestling those just in the same state. All of the wrestlers

develop both wrestling and life skills which goes well beyond the tournament. Congratulations to all of the wrestlers for a job well done!"

***Jack Callaway, 7 year old wrestler** said, "I like wrestling at the Camp Barnes Tournament because there is great competition, I'm wrestling for a good cause and representing my DSP family."*

The Committee Members who have worked diligently since launching the wrestling tournament are:

Captain Rodney Layfield

Lieutenant Gerald Windish

Master Corporal John Messick

Master Corporal Shawn Hatfield

Master Corporal Jeff Hudson

Master Corporal Rex Mears

Master Corporal Fred Chambers

Senior Corporal Anthony Andrews

Laurel Police Chief Dan Wright (DSP Retired)

There are also a host of generous volunteers, sponsors and parents that help with this event and without their assistance, the success of this event wouldn't be possible. The sponsors who helped make this event happen are the Delaware State Troopers Association, Harvard Business Services, Inc. and JD Shuckers Restaurant. The Delaware State Police thanks everyone who helped make this outreach event and wrestling tournament a tremendous success!

Excited to announce plans are currently underway for the **8th Annual Camp Barnes Wrestling Tournament** which will most likely

be held during the Holiday Break in December 2019. Information and registration for that event will be released in October 2019. Please follow us for up to date information on the [Delaware State Police Newsroom](#) or the [Delaware State Police Official Facebook Page](#)

The proceeds from this event go toward helping Camp Barnes, a nonprofit organization operated by the Delaware State Police, which is located near Bethany Beach, Delaware. During the summer months, Camp Barnes hosts approximately 360 children from up and down the First State. This topnotch camp is offered to those between the ages of 10-13 and is a free week-long adventurous retreat. Southern Delaware's overnight summer camp features traditional camp activities and opportunities for attendees to enjoy recreational and camp-type activities including swimming, kayaking, archery, crafts, fishing, crabbing, canoeing and playing team sports. They demonstrate their skills at a weekly talent show and hang out with representatives from the Delaware State Police, the State Division of Fish and Wildlife, the Delaware Attorney General's Office and the Girl Scouts of America.

Find out more and click on: [Delaware State Police Camp Barnes](#)



Adria Windish



Competitors



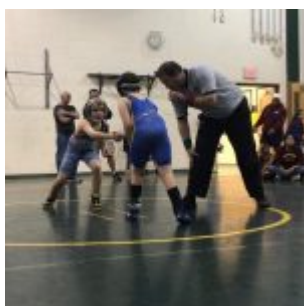
DSP Honor Guard



Ben Chorlton



DSP Honor Guard



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Jack Callaway



Jack Callaway

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Troopers Seek Public's Assistance in Locating Wanted Subject-Laurel

Laurel- The Delaware State Police is seeking the public's assistance in attempting to locate a suspect who is wanted in connection with an attempted burglary.

The incident occurred on December 17, 2018 at approximately 7:56 p.m., when Troopers responded to a residence in the 34000 block of Columbia Road for a report of a burglary in progress. Upon arrival, Troopers learned that 31-year-old **Jamere D. Knox** of Salisbury, MD (no photo available) had arrived at the residence with several subjects. Knox proceeded to attempt to kick in the front door to the residence and threaten his ex-girlfriend. During this incident there was a 23-year-old female, 49-year-old female, and 3-year-old child inside of the residence. Prior to the Troopers arrival, Knox fled the area. There were no reports of injuries.

Troopers have been unable to locate Knox who is currently wanted out of Troop 5 for the following:

- Attempted to Commit Burglary Second Degree
- Terroristic Threatening
- Conspiracy Second Degree
- Endangering the Welfare of a Child
- Criminal Mischief
- Disorderly Conduct

Anyone with information in reference to the whereabouts of Knox is asked to please contact Troop 5 at 302-337-8253. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.

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@delaware.gov.

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Troopers Seek Public's Assistance in Locating Wanted Suspect-Frankford

Frankford/Millsboro- The Delaware State Police are seeking the public's assistance in attempting to locate the pictured suspect who is wanted in connection with numerous thefts from vehicles in the Millsboro and Frankford areas.

Cody J. Burroughs, 23 of Frankford is currently wanted out of Troop 4 for the following charges:

- Identity Theft (Felony)
- Attempted to Commit Theft Under \$1500 Where a Victim is 62 years of Age or Older (Felony)
- Conspiracy Third Degree (2 counts)

- Theft Under \$1500 (3 counts)
- Attempted to Commit Theft Under \$1500 (2 counts)
- Unlawful Use of a Credit Card
- Criminal Mischief
- Criminal Trespass (5 counts)

Troopers have been unable to locate Burroughs. Anyone with information regarding the location of Burroughs is asked to please contact Troop 4 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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Investigating

Pharmacy Robbery – Wilmington

Wilmington (19804) – The Delaware State Police are investigating the robbery of a Wilmington area pharmacy that took place Tuesday evening.

The incident occurred at approximately 8:03 p.m., Tuesday, January 1, 2019 at the Rite Aid Pharmacy, located at 636 S. Maryland Avenue, Wilmington. A male suspect, with a concealed face, and who had had a knife tucked into his waistband, confronted an employee in the manager's office and demanded money. The suspect then removed an undisclosed amount of cash and fled the business through a rear door. The victim was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a male, 6'00"-6"1", wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans and a cloth concealing his face.

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

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Troopers Investigating Attempted Purse Snatching – Wilmington

Wilmington (19805) – The Delaware State Police are investigating an attempted purse snatching that took place Tuesday afternoon in Wilmington.

The incident occurred at approximately 4:15 p.m., Tuesday, January, 1, 2019 in the 1600 block of Kirkwood Hwy, as an 18 year old Elsmere woman was walking westbound on the sidewalk, in front of the VA Hospital. A male suspect walking eastbound approached the victim and attempted to engage her in a conversation. The victim refused to do so and continued

walking. The suspect then approached the suspect from behind and attempted to grab her purse. A struggle over the purse ensued, with the victim retaining possession. The suspect then fled on foot across Kirkwood Hwy., towards Maple Ave. The victim was treated at an area hospital for a laceration to her hand, sustained during the altercation.

The suspect was described as white male, 20-30 years of age 5'7"-5'9", clean shaven with short hair.

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

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Troopers Investigating Home Invasion-Felton

Felton- The Delaware State Police are investigating a home invasion in which shots were fired early this morning.

The incident occurred on January 2, 2019 at approximately 12:46 a.m., when Troopers were dispatched to the 100 block of Gelden Road in reference to a home invasion with shots fired. Upon arrival, Troopers made contact with three male victims ages 20, 29, 67 and one 44-year-old female. Through interviews it was determined that between four to six males gained entry into the residence by kicking open a door. It was indicated that at least three of the suspects were armed with handguns. While one of the male victims was in a bedroom attempting to hold the door shut, one of the suspects discharged a firearm at the door. When the suspects were advised that the police had been contacted, they fled from the residence. As the suspects were fleeing, one of them discharged their firearm outside of the residence.

There were no reports of any injuries and the suspects did not obtain any property from the residence.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact, Troop 3, Criminal

Investigative Unit, Detective M. Weinstein at 302-698-8443. 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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Troopers Seek Public's Assistance in Locating Wanted Suspect-Laurel

Laurel- The Delaware State Police are seeking the public's assistance in attempting to locate the pictured suspect who is wanted in connection with an attempted burglary.

The incident occurred on January 1, 2019 at approximately 4:00 a.m., when Troopers responded to a residence on Broad Drive, Laurel in reference to an attempted burglary. Through further investigations it was learned that 43-year-old **Ronald T. Hastings** of Laurel attempted to break into the residence and when confronted by the home owner, he fled on foot into a wooded area.

Troopers have been unable to locate Hastings who is currently wanted out of Troop 4 for Attempt to Commit Burglary Second Degree. Anyone with information regarding the location of Hastings is asked to please contact Troop 4 at 302-856-5058. 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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Troopers Investigating Shots Fired Incident – Seaford

Seaford – The Delaware State Police are investigating a shots fired incident that took place in Seaford Saturday evening.

At approximately 6:59 p.m., Saturday, December 29, 2018, Troopers responded to the 26000 block of Bethel Concord Rd. in Seaford, for the report of gunshots being heard in the area. The investigation determined that the exterior of an

unoccupied residence had sustained damage as a result of multiple gunshots. An unknown make and model vehicle was seen fleeing the area at the time the shots were heard.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact TFC J. Hastings at Troop 5 by calling 302-337-1090.

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UPDATE-Victim Identified

Troopers Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash – Delmar

Delmar – The Delaware State Police have identified Brandon W. Kennedy, 33, of Delmar as the pedestrian who was struck and killed in a vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 12:16 a.m., Saturday, December 29, 2018, on northbound Sussex Hwy. (U.S. 13), north of Line Rd. in Delmar.

Click on the following link to view the original release:

<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2018/12/29/troopers-investigating-fatal-pedestrian-crash-delmar/>

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Cpl. A. Mitchell of the Sussex County Collision Reconstruction Unit at (302)703-3267.

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Troopers Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash – Delmar

Delmar – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash involving a pedestrian that occurred overnight in Delmar.

The initial investigation has determined that at approximately 12:16 a.m., Saturday, December 29, 2018, a 2018 Honda Accord, driven by a 45 year old Seaford man was traveling northbound on Sussex Hwy. (U.S. 13) in the left lane, north of Line Rd. A 33 year old Delmar man, who was on foot attempting to cross Sussex Hwy. in a westerly direction, proceeded directly into the path of the Honda at which time he was struck by the front left bumper. After being thrown onto the hood of the vehicle the pedestrian came to rest in the grass median of Sussex Hwy. The Honda continued northbound for a short distance before

coming to a stop in the grass median. There are no crosswalks in the area where the collision took place.

The pedestrian, who was wearing dark clothing and not carrying a light was transported to Peninsula Regional Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased. Impairment on his behalf is undetermined at this time. Identification is pending notification of next of kin.

The driver of the Honda was properly restrained and was not injured. Impairment is not a factor on his behalf.

The northbound lanes of Sussex Hwy. were closed for approximately 3.5 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Cpl. A. Mitchell of the Sussex County Collision Reconstruction Unit at (302)703-3267.

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