

Happy Halloween – Public Safety Trunk or Treat Events in Dover and Georgetown

Halloween is right around the corner and the Delaware State Police would like to remind parents, children, motorists and those handing out treats to remain alert and to stay safe during this Halloween season. Please take a minute to read over these safety tips and share with your friends and families, so everyone can have a safe and fun night!

Motorist Safety

- Motorists are being asked to not only drive with extreme caution, but also to drive extra slow in neighborhoods and residential areas because children may inadvertently dart across the street into the path of moving vehicles.
- Practice extra caution at intersections and corners.
- Pull in and out of driveways carefully.
- Children will be walking house to house and depending on the availability of sidewalks, may be near or actually on the roadway.

Trick or Treating Safety

- Children should never go “trick or treating” alone, they should always have a parent or a group of friends with them at all times and always carry a flashlight.
- Children should never go into a stranger’s home, car, or take short cuts through backyards or alleys.
- Stay off the main roadways.
- For added visibility consider using “glow sticks” and/or reflective tape attached to the costumes or bags.
- Before crossing the street, always look in both

directions twice to make sure there is no moving traffic.

- Costumes should always fit properly and avoid using props that may cause alarm to the community, such as guns.
- Consider face paint instead of masks as they can obstruct a child's vision.
- Children should never eat fruit or candy until examined by their parents or guardian. Never trust candy that has loose wrapping, unwrapped or holes in the package. **WHEN IN DOUBT-THROW IT OUT!**

For those homes participating in handing out treats

- Pre-plan and eliminate any hazards surrounding your porch or walkway. Check around your property for low tree limbs, support wire or garden hoses that may be hazardous to young children rushing from house to house.
- Keep on your outside lights.
- Keep your pets locked in the house away from "Trick or Treaters"

The Delaware State Police wishes everyone a Safe and Happy Halloween!



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DSP S.O.A.R. Searching For Wanted Sex Offender

Dover, DE- The Delaware State Police Sex Offender Apprehension and Registration Unit (S.O.A.R) is currently looking for the following wanted sex offenders after they either failed to register or re-register their current address. If anyone knows the location of these subjects, they are asked to call 302-672-5306. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com/>

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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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***UPDATE* Chestnut Hill Rd. Closed at Marrows Rd. Due to Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash —**

Newark



Newark – The Delaware State Police are continuing to investigate a fatal crash involving a single vehicle that occurred at approximately 1:01 p.m., Friday, October 26, 2018 on E. Chestnut Hill Rd. (DE Rt. 4) in the area of Marrows Rd.

The investigation has determined that a 2006 Mazda M3 operated by a 64 year old Wilmington man was traveling eastbound on E. Chestnut Hill Rd., east of Marrows Rd., when the vehicle drifted off the right side of the road and struck a traffic signal pole. After impacting the pole the vehicle continued in a south-easterly direction striking a concrete curb before veering left, eventually coming to rest partially in the left lane of E. Chestnut Hill Rd. and the center grass median.

The victim was transported to the Christiana Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. It was determined that there were no significant traumatic injuries suffered and that an undetermined medical event was the contributing factor in the crash. Identification of the victim is pending notification of next of kin.

The eastbound lanes of E. Chestnut Hill Rd. were closed for approximately 1 hour 45 minutes while the scene was investigated and cleared.

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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***Traffic Advisory* Chestnut Hill Rd. Closed at Marrows Rd. Due to Serious Motor**

Vehicle Crash – Newark



Newark – The Delaware State Police are on scene of a serious crash involving a single vehicle that occurred at approximately 1:01 p.m., Friday, October 26, 2018 on E. Chestnut Hill Rd. (DE Rt. 4) in the area of Marrows Rd.

As a result of the crash all eastbound lanes of E. Chestnut Hill Rd. are closed and only one lane is open westbound. Motorists will experience significant delays in the area and are advised to seek alternate routes of travel.

The investigation is ongoing with further details being released as they become available. For updated road closure and traffic conditions click on the following link.

[http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel_advisory/index.shtml#advisories.](http://www.deldot.gov/Traffic/travel_advisory/index.shtml#advisories)

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Troopers Investigating Robbery – Dover

Dover (19904)- The Delaware State Police are investigating a robbery that took place late Tuesday evening.

The incident occurred on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at approximately 11:19 p.m. when Troopers were dispatched to the unit block of Webbs Lane in reference to a report of a robbery. Upon arrival, Troopers made contact with a 51-year-old male who advised that while he was outside his apartment, he was approached by two subjects from the parking lot, a male and a female. Both suspects were armed with guns and began pointing them at the victim. The victim proceeded to throw his wallet on the ground at which time the suspects obtained the victim's property and fled the scene.

The male suspect was described as a black male approximately 6'00" tall, 185-190 lbs., in his 30's and wearing all dark

clothing.

The female suspect was described as a black female approximately 5'06" tall, 135 lbs., in her 30's and wearing all dark clothing.

The victim was not injured as a result of this incident.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Troop 3, Criminal Investigations Unit, Detective S. Carbine at 302-698-8444. 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 Identifying Suspect

Kent County– The Delaware State Police are asking for the public's assistance in identifying the pictured suspect who is wanted in connection with three thefts and a robbery from gas stations.

Delaware State Police Troop 3 and the Camden Police Department have handled a total of four incidents between October 20, 2018 and October 24, 2018, occurring between the hours 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. The suspect enters the business and approaches the cash register. Once the cash register is opened by the employee, the suspect removes cash and flees the scene.

The suspect has been described as a black male, approximately 5'06"-6'00" tall, 150 lbs., and in his 30's with a full beard.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information regarding the identity of the suspect 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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***Update #2 Driver Succumbs to Injuries* Troopers Investigating Crash Involving a Moped-Lewes**

Lewes- The Delaware State Police are continuing to investigate a fatal crash involving a moped that occurred on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at approximately 6:38 p.m., on John J. Williams Highway (SR 24) approaching the entrance of the Peddler's Village Shopping Center.

The operator of the moped, a 28-year-old male from Georgetown

was not wearing a helmet. He was initially transported to the Beebe Medical Center and later transferred to the Christiana Hospital in serious condition where he succumbed to his injuries on Thursday, October 25, 2018. His name is being withheld at this time pending the notification of next of kin and extended family members.

<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2018/10/24/update-troopers-investigating-serious-crash-involving-moped-lewes/>

<https://dsp.delaware.gov/2018/10/23/traffic-advisory-john-j-williams-hwy-harts-road-closed-due-serious-crash-lewes/>

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit. Anyone with information pertaining to this incident is asked to contact, Troop 7, Corporal 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://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

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Assistance Sought in Locating Motorcycle That Struck Trooper

Newark – The Delaware State Police are continuing to investigate an incident in which a Trooper was struck by a motorcycle, that was evading a DUI checkpoint, and are asking for the public's help in identifying the operator.

The incident occurred at approximately 11:50 p.m., Saturday, September 1, 2018 at a DUI Checkpoint which was set up in the eastbound lanes of U.S. 40 (Pulaski Hwy.), in the area of Lagrange Avenue, Newark. A uniformed Trooper who was on foot working the check-point observed a sport-style motorcycle, illuminated with green lighting, passing other vehicles which were stopped at the check-point. The operator failed to stop when given verbal commands by the Trooper, and instead accelerated and proceeded to maneuver through the other stopped vehicles, striking the Trooper as he fled. The motorcycle continued to travel eastbound on U.S. 40 at a high

rate of speed, running multiple red lights, and was last seen in the area of Porter Rd. As a result of the incident the Trooper was admitted to the Christiana Hospital with an upper extremity injury, but has since been released.

The motorcycle involved in the incident is described as a sport-style bike equipped with green ground effect lighting, similar to the above image.

The operator was described as a white male, wearing a dark helmet, t-shirt, with visible arm tattoos.

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts or identity of the motorcycle or operator are asked to contact Detective G. Biddle of the Troop 2 Major Crimes Unit at 302-365-8475.

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Delaware State Police Troop 5 to Host Community Café- Laurel

Laurel– Delaware State Police Troop 5 will be holding a Community Café on Wednesday, October 31, 2018. The event will be held from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. at the Royal Farms located at 30983 Sussex Highway, Laurel. The Community Café will have Troop 5 Administration and the Community Outreach Officer in attendance to meet and interact with members of the public.

This Community Café is often referred to as “Coffee with a Cop” in other police agencies and is being held in an effort to build a stronger relationship between the Delaware State Police and the communities that we so proudly serve.

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