Delaware Trooper Receives Tactical Flight Officer of the Year Award



Presented by the Director of Public Information Sergeant Richard D. Bratz

The Delaware State Police are proud to announce that Senior

Corporal Jen Potocki is the recipient of the 2017 Tactical Flight Officer (TFO) of the Year Award presented by the Airborne Law Enforcement Association (ALEA).

Selected from a pool of over 3,000 eligible TFO members worldwide, Senior Corporal Potocki's performance of duties both in the air and on the ground demonstrate her commitment to the core values of the Delaware State Police and the Aviation Section making her a prime candidate for this award. Her medic skills, instructional abilities, operation of tactical flight equipment, utilization and coordination of air and ground tactics are exemplary. Her actions had a direct impact on officer safety for ground units, and enhanced public safety by saving lives and removing dangerous people from the streets.

Senior Corporal Potocki distinguished herself by leading the section in Forward Looking Infrared Radiometer (FLIR) apprehensions. Her ability to quickly orient to a scene, establish perimeters, coordinate with ground units and locate missing or wanted subjects directly impacted both officer safety and public safety by apprehending dangerous or missing subjects.

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Update – Name Released

Fatal Crash Investigated East of Seaford

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Seaford – The Delaware State Police are releasing the name of the 57-year-old male that was killed in Friday evenings crash east of Seaford as George E. Keim of Seaford.

This crash remains under investigation by the Collision Reconstruction Unit.

Fatal Crash Investigated East of Seaford

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Fatal Crash Investigated East of Seaford



Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Seaford – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a single vehicle fatal crash that occurred east of Seaford yesterday late afternoon.

The incident occurred around 5:57 p.m. Friday June 30, 2017 as a 57-year-old Seaford man was operating a 1997 Jeep Wrangler eastbound on Tharp Road approaching a sharp left curve at the intersection of Pineview Road. Due to an unsafe rate of speed, the operator was unable to maintain control of the vehicle while rounding the curve. As a result, the entire vehicle exited the south side of roadway into a grass yard while sliding in a counter-clockwise direction. The Jeep then re-entered the roadway and began to slide in a clockwise direction before traveling back off the south side of roadway where it overturned in the grass ejecting the operator. The Jeep then came to a stop on top of the driver, trapping him underneath.

The 57-year-old operator, who was not properly restrained,

was extricated from under the overturned vehicle before being transported to Nanticoke Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. It is unknown at this time if alcohol was a contributing factor.

Tharp Road was closed for approximately three hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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Brothers Arrested in Bridgeville Car Break-ins

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Bridgeville – The Delaware State Police have arrested brothers in connection with the recent car break-ins south of Bridgeville.

Tommy J. Nunemann, 34, and **William C. Nunemann**, 31, both of Seaford were both taken into custody on Thursday, June 29, 2017 after the investigation revealed they were attempting to sell stolen items to a private citizen. Upon taking Tommy into custody at his residence, he was found to have a fully loaded .25 caliber pistol in his waistband which was reported stolen from one of the victims in the thefts. Detectives also located a black backpack containing two other firearms that were stolen in the car break-ins, along with various other

articles of victim's belongings.

The Nunemann brothers were transported to Troop 4 in Georgetown where they were both charged with over 70 crimes including Burglary 3rd, Theft of a Firearm, Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited, Theft, Conspiracy, and various others charges. They were both committed to Sussex Correctional Institution in lieu of $64,000.00 secured (Tommy) bond and $61,000.00 secured (William) bond.

Click to View: State Police Probe Thefts From Vehicles

Click to View: State Police Continue to Probe Thefts from Vehicles – Bridgeville

The Delaware State Police continue to urge people to utilize the following tips to avoid being a victim of thefts from your vehicles:

- Lock your car doors and roll up you windows
- Do not leave valuables inside your vehicle
- Leave outdoor lights on in the driveway or have security lighting installed
- Report any suspicious activity to 9-1-1 immediately

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Homeless Sex Offender Notification

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary E. Fournier

***Dover*— The following are not wanted.** This is a Homeless Sex Offender Public Notification. 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 or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword "DSP."

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13 Graduate from 46th Trooper Youth Week Program

Location:

- Delaware State Police Training Academy Headquarters Complex, 1453 North DuPont Highway, Dover, DE

DATE and TIME:

- Friday June 30, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

Graduating Cadet Class 2017:

- Jacob Abbott — Conrad High School
- Jenna D. Beers — Sussex Academy
- Benjamin W. Conrad — Cab Calloway School of the Arts
- Brian J. Dennis — Brandywine High School
- Jacob A. Engelskirch — Delmar High School
- Noah A. Faircloth — Collierville High School

- Erica M. Graves — First State Military Academy
- Charles N. Lane — William Penn High School
- Dylan J. Lane — Polytech High School
- Mehrab A. Noor — Newark High School
- Nadira J. Pratt — William Penn High School
- Simran Sethi — Mark's High School
- Noah G. Tuohey — MOT Charter High School

Awards for Trooper Youth Week 2017

- *Most Outstanding-* **Cadet Noah G. Tuohey** (this cadet demonstrated a combination of initiative, leadership and teamwork throughout the week)
- *Core Values*– **Cadet Simran Sethi** (this cadet best demonstrated the 7 Core Values of the Delaware State Police Academy: Honor, Integrity, Courage, Loyalty, Attitude, Discipline, and Service)
- Selected as class speaker- **Erica M. Graves**

Featured Remarks:

- Robert M. Coupe – Secretary, Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security
- Colonel Nathaniel McQueen – Superintendent, Delaware State Police
- Vice Commander Maryanna Moderhak -Department of Delaware American Legion, Inc.

Resume:

Dover – The Delaware State Police and The American Legion held Trooper Youth Week Graduation exercises Friday afternoon, June 30, 2017, at the Delaware State Police Training Academy in Dover Delaware.

13 young men and women from across the State, that endured a weeklong training regimen which parallels much of what a Delaware State Trooper would undergo while attending the State Police Training Academy, were awarded their graduation

certificates.

In addition to the rigors of the daily physical fitness schedule, the cadets attended classes that ranged from crash investigation to evidence detection and fraud investigation. During the entire week the cadets took up residence at the academy to give them a better understanding about the profession of law enforcement and what it takes to become a police officer.

This is the 46th year for Trooper Youth Week and without the sponsorship of the American Legion the program could not be possible.

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Update Troopers Investigating Serious Crash Involving a Pedestrian – New Castle

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

New Castle (19720) – Delaware State Police continue to investigate a serious motor vehicle crash in which a pedestrian was struck.

The crash occurred at approximately 1:11 p.m. this afternoon, Friday, June 30, 2017, as a 30-old-male from Wilmington was on

the southbound shoulder of South DuPont Highway (US13) just north of Old State Road. The pedestrian was in an apparent physical altercation with another unidentified male when the 30-year-old male reportedly stepped in the roadway in an attempt to gain position against the subject. A 2013 Buick LaCrosse being operated by a 39-year-old Wilmington woman was southbound on US13 and attempted to swerve to miss the pedestrian, but was unable, and stuck him with the front bumper. The LaCrosse came to a controlled stop on the right shoulder immediately after the impact.

After the collision, the subject that was fighting with the pedestrian fled the area on foot and was not located. The subject has only been described as a black male.

The 30-year-old pedestrian was airlifted from the scene by Delaware State Police Aviation to Christiana Medical Center (CMC) where he is listed in critical condition.

The 39-year-old female driver was transported by EMS to CMC with non-life-threatening injuries and released.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit. Traffic in the area was impacted for approximately two and a half hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact Master Corporal J. Forester at 302-365-8485. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com, or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword “DSP.”

Click to view original release: **Traffic Advisory** Troopers Investigating Serious Crash Involving a Pedestrian

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Traffic Advisory Troopers Investigating Serious Crash Involving a Pedestrian



Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

New Castle (19720) – Delaware State Police is currently at the scene of a serious motor vehicle crash in which a pedestrian was struck.

The crash occurred at approximately 1:11 p.m. this afternoon, Friday, June 30, 2017, on southbound US Rt. 13 (S. Dupont Highway) just south of US Rt. 40 (Pulaski Highway) and involves a motor vehicle and a pedestrian. As a result of the

crash the pedestrian that was struck has sustained very serious injuries.

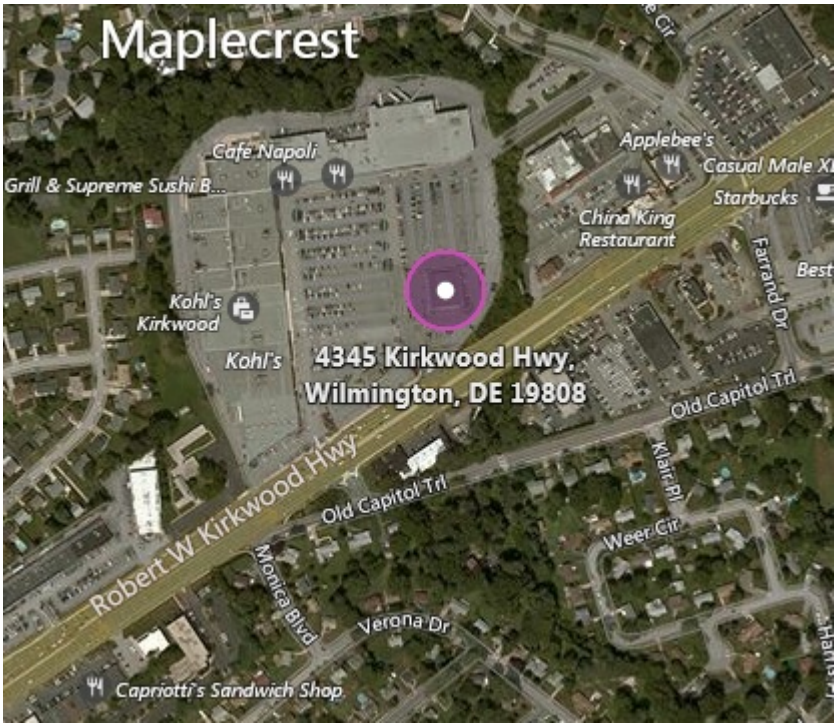
Both the northbound and southbound lanes of US Rt. 13 south of US Rt. 40 have been closed to traffic. Commuters are asked to find alternate routes of travel.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police. More information will be released at the conclusion of the investigation.

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Troopers Investigate Game Stop Robbery



Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal

Jeffrey R. Hale

Wilmington (19808)- Delaware State Police is currently investigating the armed robbery of a Wilmington area Game Stop store which occurred yesterday evening.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident happened at approximately 7:04 p.m. on Thursday, June 29, 2017, after a male suspect entered the Game Stop located at 4345 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington. The suspect approached the sales counter where he displayed an unknown make and model handgun and confronted a male employee. The suspect then demanded money from the cash register. The employee complied with the suspect's demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of money to him. The suspect then exited the store and was last seen running in a southbound direction across Kirkwood Highway. There were no injuries.

The suspect was described as a white male. He was 25-30 years of age, 5'10"-6'00" tall, weighed 120-150 lbs., and was last seen wearing a black long-sleeved shirt, blue jeans, black shoes, a black scarf on his head, a black mask, and glasses.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact the Robbery Unit at Troop 2 at 302-365-8566. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com, or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword "DSP."

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Troopers Investigating Shooting Incident

Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Newark- Delaware State Police is currently investigating a shooting incident which has left a Newark man injured.

The initial investigation began at approximately 5:15 a.m. this morning, Friday, June 30, 2017, when troopers were called and responded to the Christiana Hospital after a 21 year old Newark man arrived at the hospital suffering from a gunshot wound to his leg. The victim, who was transported to the hospital in a personally owned vehicle which was occupied by two other subjects, was treated at the hospital for his non-life threatening injury. Troopers have been unable to determine the exact location of the shooting or the circumstances surrounding it at this time.

This incident remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police. If anyone has information regarding this incident, they are asked to contact Detective Charles Strecker at Troop 2 at 302-365-8413. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com, or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword "DSP."

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