

****Update #7** State Police Investigating Shots Fired**

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Middletown –Allied police agencies continue to operate on St. Michaels Drive in the Brick Mill Farms Development. The subject continues to remain barricaded inside the residence and is armed with an unknown type firearm.

At 8:22 p.m. this evening, the Explosives Ordinance Disposal Unit (EOD) utilized an explosive breaching charge on the front door. At this time, no entry has been made into the residence. Multiple Special Operations Response Teams and Conflict Management Teams from allied police agencies are attempting to make contact with the male subject and are continuing to attempt to persuade him to surrender.

Residents in the area remain evacuated. The Odessa Fire Company, located at 304 Main Street in Odessa, has opened its facility to temporarily house the evacuated residents of Brick Mill Farms Development while allied police agencies continue to negotiate with the armed barricaded subject.

There are no reported injuries.

Brick Mill Road remains closed between Marl Pit Road and Middletown Odessa Road (SR299).

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Shelter Established for Evacuated Residents

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Trooper Shot Outside Newark Area Convenience Store – Update – Name Released

Presented by Director of Public Information, Sgt. Richard Bratz

Bear- The Delaware State Trooper who was shot and killed at the Wawa convenience store located on Pulaski Highway, Bear, has been identified as Cpl./1 Stephen J. Ballard.

Ballard, 32, was an 8.5 year veteran of the Delaware State Police and was assigned to patrol at Troop 2, Glasgow.

The investigation into this incident is on-going. More information will be released as the investigation progresses.

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Residents in the area remain evacuated. There are no reported injuries at this time.

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Brick Mill Road is currently closed between Marl Pit Road and Middletown Odessa Road (SR299). Commuters are advised to seek alternate routes of travel.

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*****Media Alert – Press Conference, Wednesday, April 26, 2017 4:30 p.m. *****

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Presented by the Director of Public Information Sergeant Richard Bratz

Delaware State Police will be holding a press conference at Room 1100 at Christiana Hospital in Newark.

Media should plan to:

- Enter the Christiana Hospital Campus from Route 4
- Follow signs for valet parking (toward the main entrance of Christiana Hospital)
- Park outside the John H. Ammon Medical Education Center
- Use the Center for Heart and Vascular Health Entrance to enter Christiana Hospital

Media will be escorted to Room 1100 for the press conference.

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