Update-Child Dies From Injuries Troopers Investigate Serious Crash – Camden

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Camden, DE- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a fatal motor vehicle crash which killed a 5-year-old child.

The initial investigation has determined the incident occurred at approximately 8:02 p.m., Saturday, September 17, 2016 as Mark T. Long was operating a 2002 Lexus RX300 northbound on Oak Point School Road approaching Jebb Road west of Camden. Long failed to negotiate a moderate left curve and his vehicle started to rotate in counter clockwise direction. As the Lexus rotated, its right side tires dug into the roadway causing it to rollover ejecting both the operator, Mark T. Long, and his five year old son. The Lexus left the west side of the roadway and landed on its roof facing in a south direction in a private yard.

Mark T. Long, 53 of Camden, was transported by ambulance to the Kent General Hospital where he is admitted in critical condition.

His 5-year-old son, Matthew J. Long, was air lifted by the Delaware State Police Aviation Unit to Alfred I. DuPont Children's Hospital where he was admitted in critical condition until he died on Friday September 23, 2016 as a result of his injuries.

The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit

continues to investigate this incident. It is believed both the operator and his passenger were not properly restrained and speed may have been a contributing factor in this collision. Oak Point School Road in the area of the crash was shut down for approximately three hours while it was investigated and cleared. No charges have been filed at this time.

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Original Release

Troopers Investigate Serious Crash – Camden

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

Camden, DE- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit are currently investigating a serious motor vehicle crash which occurred last night west of Camden.

The initial investigation has determined the incident occurred at approximately 8:02 p.m., Saturday, September 17, 2016 as Mark T. Long was operating a 2002 Lexus RX300 northbound on Oak Point School Road approaching Jebb Road west of Camden. Long failed to negotiate a moderate left curve and his vehicle started to rotate in counter clockwise direction. As the Lexus rotated, its right side tires dug into the roadway causing it to rollover ejecting both the operator, Mark T. Long and his five year old son. The Lexus left the west side of the roadway and landed on its roof facing in a south direction in a private yard.

Mark T. Long, 53 of Camden, was transported by ambulance to the Kent General Hospital where he is admitted in critical condition. His passenger was air lifted by the Delaware State

Police Aviation Unit to the Alfred I. DuPont Children's Hospital where he is admitted in critical condition. It is believed both the operator and his passenger were not properly restrained. Speed is a factor in this collision.

Oak Point School Road in the area of the crash was shut down for approximately three hours while the collision was investigated. The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate this crash.

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Update State Police Investigating Fatal Crash-Hartly

Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Hartly– The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash involving a single vehicle that occurred earlier this afternoon.

The incident occurred around 2:51 p.m., Thursday September 29, 2016 as Michael H. Wallace, 52 of Marydel, Delaware, was operating a 2005 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck westbound on Halltown Road (SR8) just east of Crystal Road. Wallace was attempting to negotiate a left curve when he lost control of the pick up truck and traveled off the south side of the roadway. The pickup first struck a mailbox while rotating in a counter-clockwise manner and then striking a tree on the

driver’s side door before coming to an abrupt stop.

Michael Wallace, who was not properly restrained, was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. Alcohol may have been a contributing factor in this case. SR8 was closed between Crystal Road and Brittney Lane for approximately three and a half hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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Original Release

****Traffic Advisory** State Police Investigating Fatal Crash-Hartly**

Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Hartly– The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is currently investigating a fatal crash involving a single vehicle on Halltown Road (SR8) east of Crystal Road that occurred around 2:51 p.m. this afternoon. One person has died as a result of this crash.

SR8 is closed between Crystal Road and Brittney Lane. Commuters are advised to seek alternate routes of travel.

Further details will be released upon the conclusion of the investigation.

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Troopers Investigate Gas Station Robbery

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Newark, DE- Delaware State Police are currently investigating the armed robbery of a Newark area gas station that occurred late last night.

The investigation has determined that the incident occurred on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at approximately 10:58 p.m., as a male suspect entered the Exxon station located at 4600 Ogletown-Stanton Road, Newark. The suspect, who was armed with an unknown make and model gun, confronted a male clerk and demanded money from the cash register. The clerk complied with the suspect's demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of cash to him. The suspect then exited the store and fled in an unknown direction. There were no injuries.

The suspect was described as a white male. He was 5'09" tall, weighed 180-200 lbs., and was last seen wearing a dark blue hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans, and sneakers. There is no further physical or clothing description available and there are no video surveillance photos available to be released at this time.

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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Traffic Advisory State Police Investigating Fatal Crash-Hartly

Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Gary Fournier

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Further details will be released upon the conclusion of the investigation.

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Four Arrested in Felton Drug Investigation

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

Felton– The Delaware State Police Kent County Drug Unit has arrested four people after the culmination of a two month investigation into the manufacturing of Methamphetamine (Meth) at a residence on Reeves Crossing Road.

On Wednesday September 28, 2016 at approximately 6:05 a.m., the Kent County Drug Unit (KDU) with the assistance of the Kent County Governors Task Force (GTF) and the State Police Special Operations Response Team (SORT), responded to the 200 block of Reeves Crossing Road in order to conduct a search warrant in response to an on-going investigation into the manufacturing of meth at the house. Upon arrival, **Diane R. Hawkins,** 35 of that address, and **Clinton May**, 49 of Chstertown, Maryland, were taken into custody without incident. Upon conducting a search of the property, detectives located equipment and component mixtures of the manufacturing stages of Meth along with key ingredients in making the drug. A third subject, **Daniel J. Dilmore**, 48 of that address, was taken into custody at his place of work in Georgetown.

A second search warrant was conducted at a residence adjacent to the first house. **Robert Harding**, 22 of that address, was taken into custody without incident. A search of the domicile revealed 1.108 lbs. of marijuana along with a .357 caliber handgun, 7.62 AK47 rifle, 9mm handgun, .40 caliber handgun, .38 caliber handgun, a 12 gauge shotgun, and ammunition for the weapons. Over $4,000.00 in suspected drug proceeds was

also seized.

All four subjects were transported to Troop 3 in Camden where they were each charged accordingly.

Robert Harding was arrested for six counts of Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Marijuana), and five counts of Possession of a Deadly Weapon by a Person Who Also Possesses a Controlled Substance. He was arraigned at JP2 and committed to James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on $50,000.00 secured bond.

Daniel Dilmore was charged with two counts of Operating a Clandestine Laboratory and Conspiracy 2nd. He was arraigned at JP2 and committed to James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on $38,000.00 secured bond.

Diane Hawkins and Clinton May were both charged with Operating a Clandestine Laboratory and Conspiracy 2nd. They were arraigned at JP2 and committed to Delores J. Baylor Women's Correctional Institution and James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on $20,000.00 and $12,000.00 secured bond respectively.

No evacuations were ordered as it was determined that there was no immediate hazard to nearby residents. DNREC also responded to the residence to assisted with the search and containment of the combustible substances.

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Camden Man Arrested for Identity Theft, Another Man Sought

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Dover – The Delaware State Police have arrested a wanted Camden man after he attempted to flee from troopers in a short foot pursuit.

The original incidents occurred during the nighttime hours between Thursday September 22, 2016 and Saturday September 24, 2016 when two separate vehicles were broken into located in the 1300 block of South State Street and the 1700 block of Windswept Court. The suspects, who were later identified as **Pablo Jackson**, 32 (Homeless), and **Joshua L. Bryant**, 25 of Cheswold, removed items such as cash and purses from the vehicles. The two then began making credit card purchases from the Cheswold Walmart as well as the Camden Walmart totaling more than $3,400.00. Detectives were able to identify the two suspects through store surveillance and Theft and Identity Theft warrants were obtained for their arrest.

On Wednesday September 28, 2016, a trooper and probation officer assigned to the State Police Kent County Governor's Task Force (GTF) were actively patrolling the area of South DuPont Highway (US13) and Lochmeath Way, when they observed Pablo Jackson walking northbound on the southbound shoulder of US13. As the task force members made a U-turn in an attempt to make contact with Jackson, he was observed looking into vehicles near the South Side Baptist Church (4904 South DuPont Highway). When the trooper and probation officer began to exit the patrol vehicle in the driveway, in which Jackson was walking out, he turned and began running away from the two and

discarded the backpack he was carrying. The trooper gave numerous commands for Jackson to stop, but he continued to flee until the trooper caught him and took him into custody without further incident. A search of Jackson's backpack revealed 24 bags of heroin (0.36 grams) along with drug paraphernalia.

Pablo Jackson was transported back to Troop 3 where he was charged with Resisting Arrest, Possession of a Controlled Substance (Heroin), and two counts of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was also charged with 18 counts of Identity Theft, five counts of Attempted Identity Theft, 18 counts of Unauthorized Use of a Credit Card, five counts of Attempted Unauthorized Use of a Credit Card, two counts of Theft Under $1500, 10 counts of Theft by False Pretense Under $1500, Conspiracy 2nd, and two counts of Criminal Trespass 3rd. He was arraigned at JP2 and committed to Sussex Correctional Institution on a total of $93,600 cash bond.

Joshua Bryant has yet to be located and is wanted for numerous counts of ID Theft and other associated charges, as well as multiple court capiases. If anyone has any information on his whereabouts, they are asked to contact Detective A. Goode at 302-698-8517. 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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Caution! Deer Crashes in Delaware

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

The Delaware State Police would like to remind motorists that the deer rut and hunting season is fast-approaching during the months of October and November; therefore, we would like to help prevent the spike in deer-related crashes that typically occur every fall in Delaware. Our news releases will go out to inform travelers three different times in the next few months starting in September until December. The friendly reminders will hopefully keep our drivers safe, more alert and will also lead them to slow down during this specific time of the year.

In 2015, there were 876 deer crashes investigated in Sussex County; 391 in Kent County and 524 in New Castle County. Majority of deer activity resulting in crashes occurred during the dusk and dawn hour.

Overall, many of these animal or deer-related crashes occurred along the main corridors of SR 1, U.S. Route 13 and U.S. Route 113 during the 6:00 a.m. hour. During the 5:00 p.m. hour a significant number of crashes occurred on secondary roads.

Please be careful when traveling and keep a sharp eye out for deer crossing roadways, especially at dusk. Deer are even more active due to their annual mating season ‘rut’ in November

with bucks chasing doe through fields, marshes and woods. The average white-tailed deer in Delaware weighs approximately 130 pounds, with larger bucks tipping the scales at 180 pounds or more. With the increased white-tailed deer activity, Delaware motorists are kindly reminded to stay alert and to be ready for a deer to dart out into the roadway from dusk to dawn.

A deer crash can result in serious injury or death to you or your passengers as well as serious damage to your vehicle.

Safety Tips That May Help Prevent Deer Crashes

- Attentive driving and slow speeds are the best ways to avoid deer crashes.
- Turn your headlights on at dawn and dusk and keep your eyes on the road, scanning the sides of the road as well as what’s ahead of you. When there is no oncoming traffic, switch to high beams to better reflect the eyes of deer on or near the roadway.
- To reduce your risk of injury in a collision, always wear your seatbelt.
- Be especially aware of any distractions.
- Watch for “Deer Crossing” signs that mark commonly-traveled areas, and be aware that deer typically cross between areas of cover, such as woods or where roads divide agricultural fields from woods.
- If you see a deer crossing the road ahead, slow down immediately and proceed with caution until you are past the crossing point. Deer usually travel in groups, so if you see one deer, there are likely to be others.
- Slow down and blow your horn with one long blast to frighten deer away. Do not rely on devices such as deer whistles, deer fences and reflectors to deter deer, as these devices have not been proven to reduce deer crashes.
- Do not swerve to miss a deer – brake and stay in your lane. Losing control of your vehicle, crossing into another lane, hitting an oncoming vehicle or leaving the

roadway and hitting another obstacle such as a tree or a pole is likely to be much more serious than hitting a deer.

- If you hit a deer, stop at the scene, get your car off the road if possible and call police. Do not touch the animal or get too close. “A frightened and wounded deer can cause serious injury to a well-meaning person trying to ‘help.’ You could be bitten, kicked or even gored by a buck’s antlers. Keep a safe distance and wait for troopers to arrive.
- Highways and SR (state routes) are often lined with lights, which leads operators to believe they will be able to better see deer approaching roadways; however, due to the increase of speed on such roadways and the lights making deer eyes less visible, it’s likely that deer are actually MORE DIFFICULT to spot, when travelling on highways and SR’s.
- When travelling during the high deer crossing time frames, each driver should always be considering whether his/her speed would be acceptable IF a deer were to cross in front of him/her at any particular moment.
- Refrain from looking down, or at something else when you are travelling, especially during these critical time frames, for it’s only a split second that can make the difference between striking a deer and being able to slow down in time to avoid a deer.

New Castle County Deer Collision Hot Spots 2016

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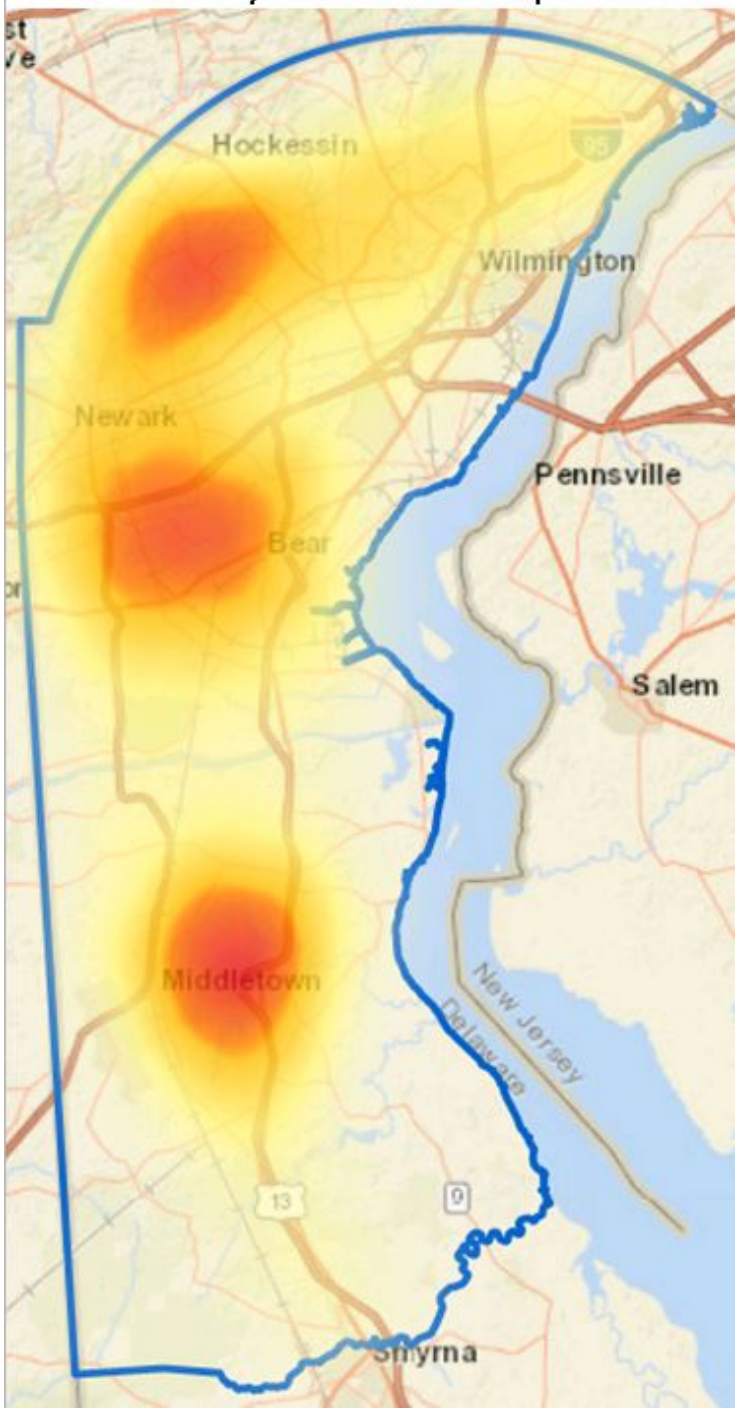

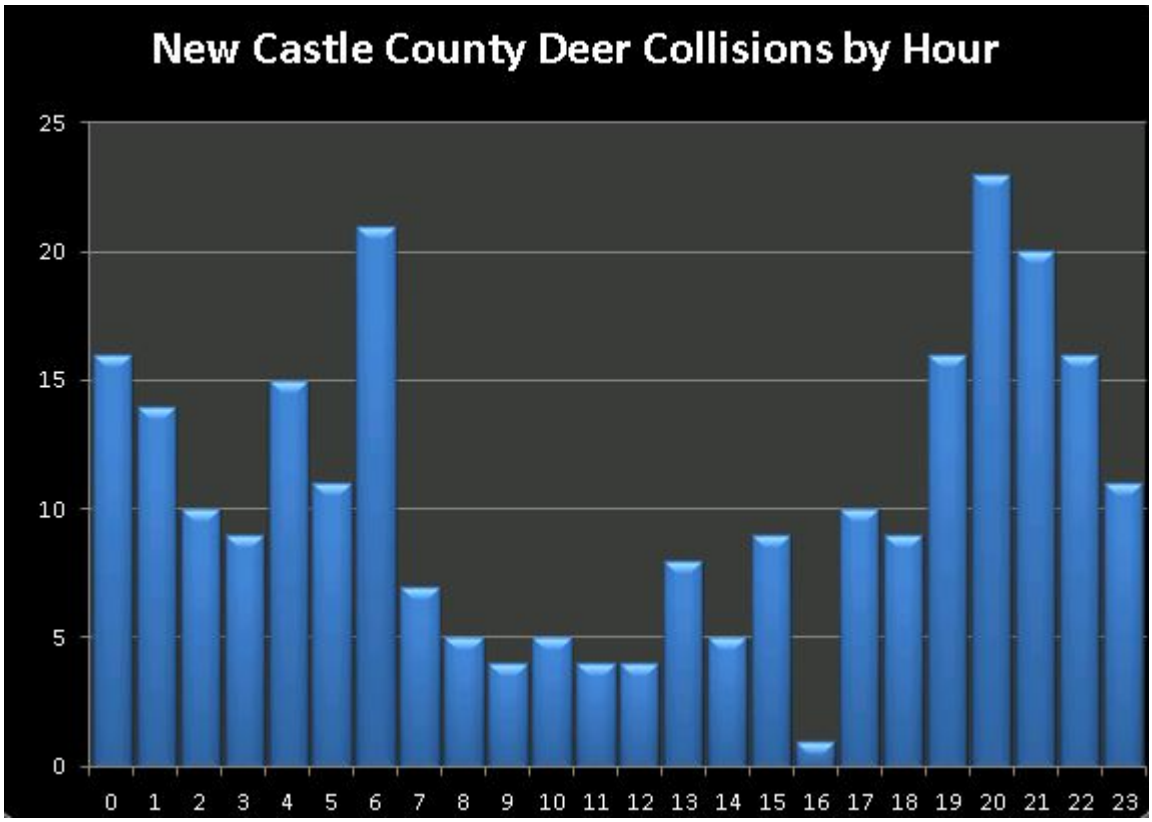

	New Castle County Deer Collisions by Month and Year					
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016*
Jan	32	43	33	46	25	45
Feb	31	30	27	34	32	27
Mar	25	23	34	40	37	38
Apr	23	28	30	22	25	38
May	27	24	18	20	31	29
Jun	17	34	22	27	27	25
Jul	19	24	20	14	24	14
Aug	11	12	12	16	16	18
Sep	22	23	26	22	17	14
Oct	86	64	98	75	104	
Nov	104	123	123	126	152	
Dec	46	46	53	46	34	

Total	443	474	496	488	524	248

Top Roads for Deer Crashes in New Castle County

Limestone Road near area of New Linden Hill Rd and Kirkwood Highway

State Route 1 near Odessa

River Road near Delaware City to New Castle area

Centre Road near Gilpin Drive

Kent County Deer Collision Hot Spots for 2016

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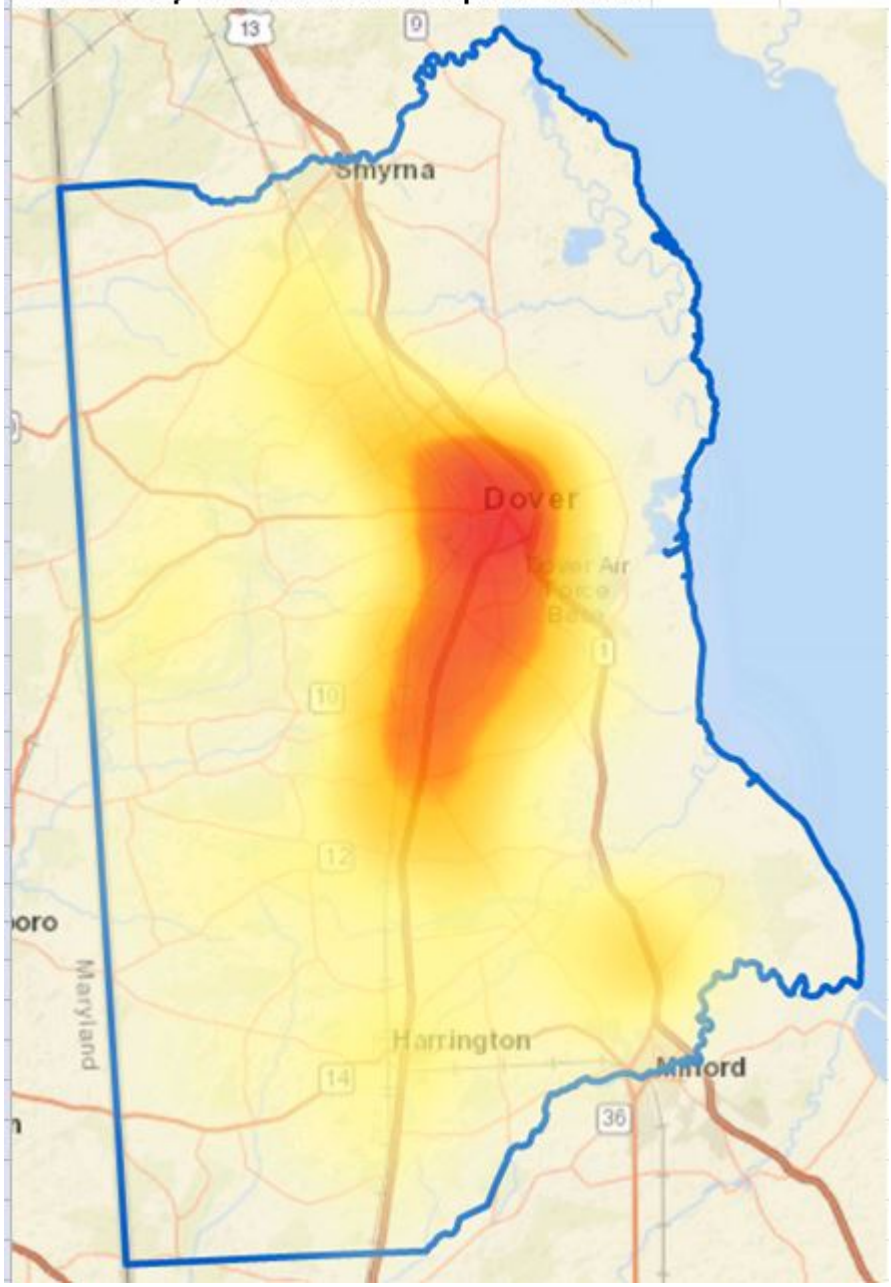
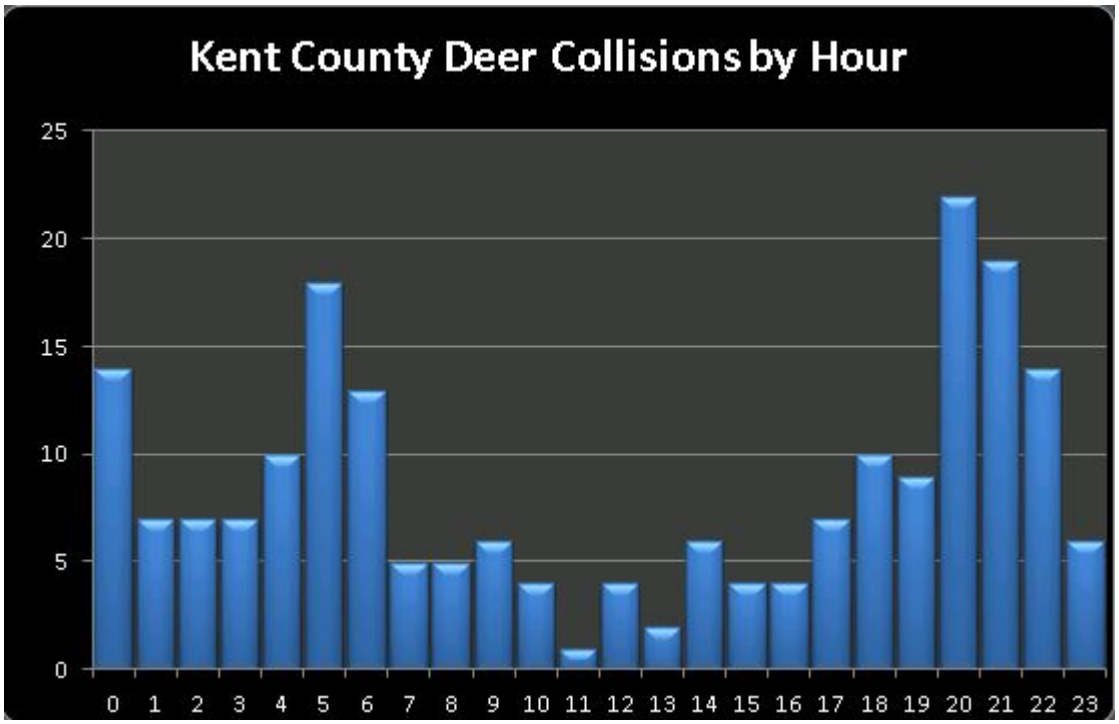




	Kent County Deer Collisions by Month and Year					
	2011	**2012**	**2013**	**2014**	**2015**	**2016***
Jan	22	28	22	29	28	30
Feb	31	11	16	29	20	19
Mar	15	22	35	23	23	28
Apr	26	16	25	19	28	22
May	23	18	24	17	28	24
Jun	26	14	26	22	22	33
Jul	13	14	20	11	22	16
Aug	11	10	13	13	11	12
Sep	17	10	23	11	17	15
Oct	52	45	43	60	64	
Nov	75	66	96	93	90	
Dec	35	23	33	27	38	
Total	**346**	**277**	**376**	**354**	**391**	**199**

Top Roads for Deer Crashes in Kent County

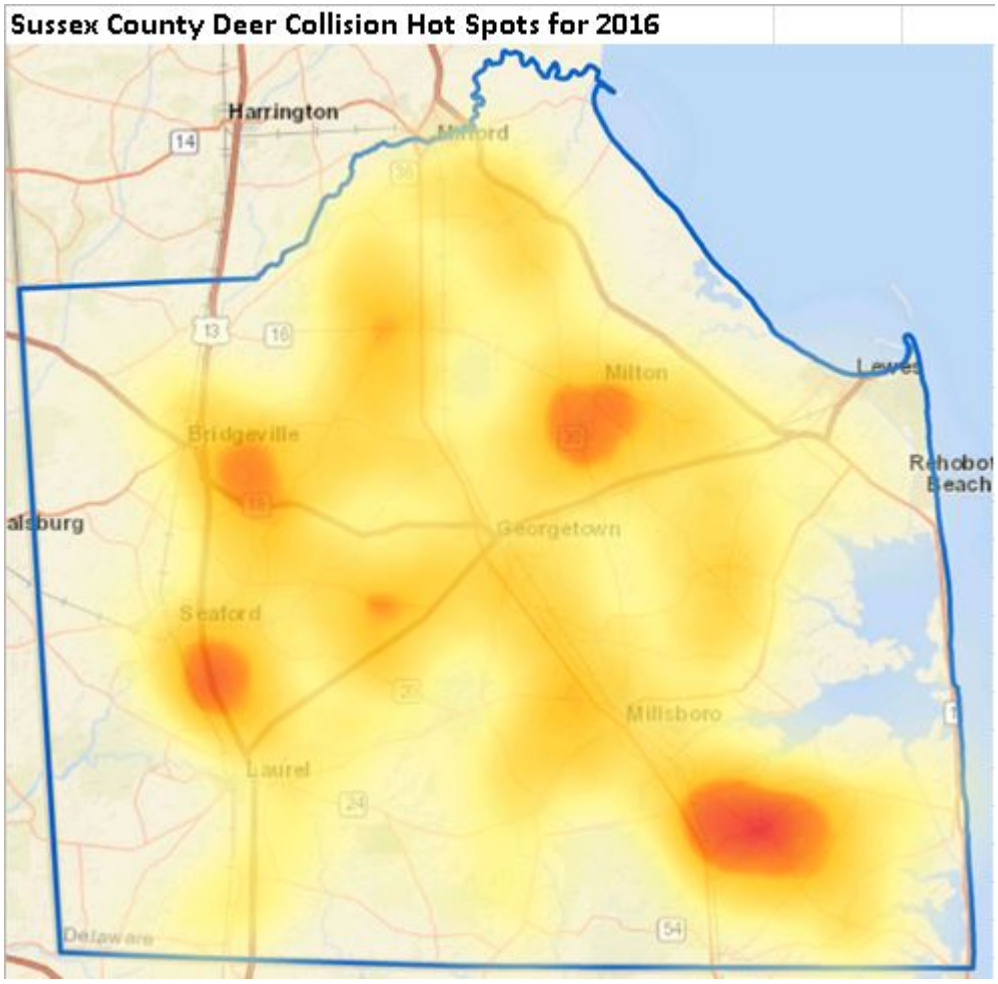
State Route 1, North side of Dover

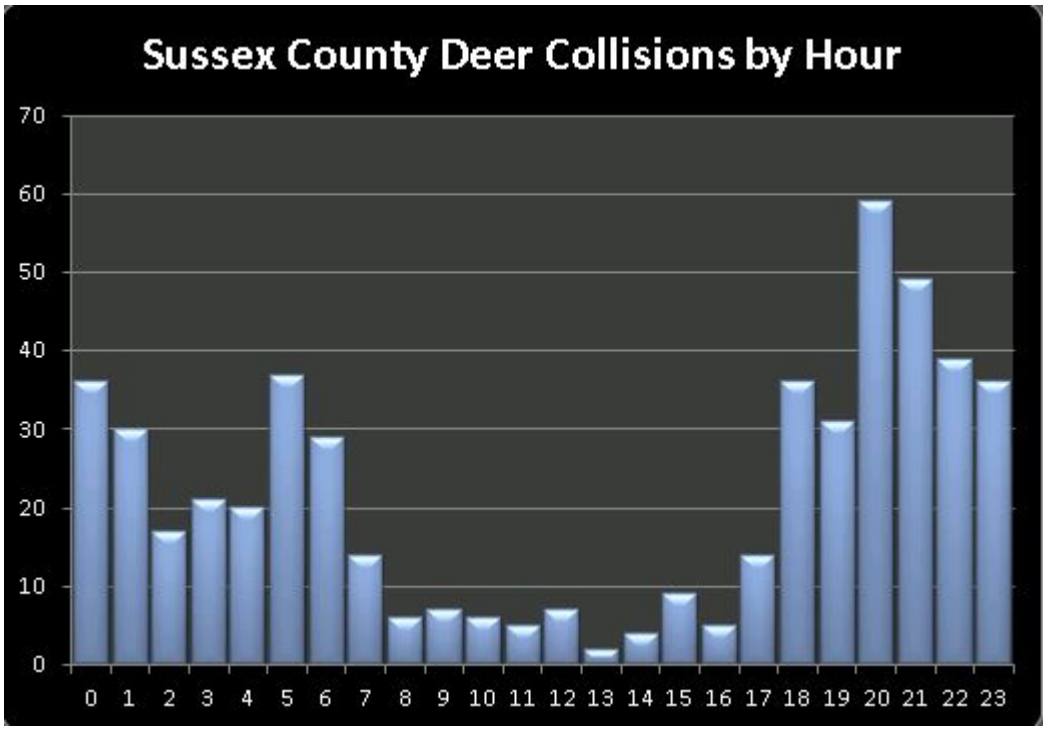
Bay Road near the Frederica area

South DuPont Highway, Camden to the Harrington Area

South State Street, Camden to the Magnolia area

Sussex County Deer Collision Hot Spots for 2016





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	Sussex County Deer Collisions by Month and Year					
	2011	**2012**	**2013**	**2014**	**2015**	**2016***
Jan	62	58	46	63	60	53
Feb	63	58	45	68	38	62
Mar	65	60	57	56	59	76
Apr	47	60	72	53	57	66
May	63	63	55	46	57	57
Jun	45	59	64	74	59	71
Jul	39	37	53	40	47	47
Aug	29	34	39	28	53	44
Sep	53	54	46	35	49	37
Oct	117	83	84	122	103	
Nov	188	157	180	206	192	
Dec	90	68	66	66	102	
Total	**861**	**791**	**807**	**857**	**876**	**513**

Top Roads for Deer Crashes in Sussex County:

DuPont Boulevard, USRT 113 between Georgetown and Millsboro

Coastal Highway, SR 1 near Milton and the Lewes area

John J. Williams Hwy, SR 24 between Millsboro and Rehoboth area

State Route 26 in the Millsboro and Dagsboro area

Redden Road SR 40 between Georgetown and Bridgeville

US 13 just south of the county line in the area of Greenwood Road

US 13 north of Bethel Concord Road and south of Brickyard Road

*****The Delaware State Police issues this traffic advisory and wishes you safe travel as you reach your destination.*****

For more information please contact:

Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control – *Joanna Wilson at 739-9902*

Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police – *Sergeant John McDerby at 354-1386*

Natural Resources Police (Fish and Wildlife) would like to kindly remind the public that it is illegal to possess a deer killed as the result of a vehicle accident unless the deer has been examined and tagged by an officer (DE Title 7 Sec. 794). Anyone who would like to take possession of a deer killed on the road can obtain a vehicle-killed deer tag from Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police, 1-302-739-4580. For information about white-tailed deer in Delaware, the Division of Fish & Wildlife can be contacted at 1-302-739-9912.

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Troopers Seek Public's Help in Locating Shooting Suspects – Update

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Newark, DE- Delaware State Police have arrested one of two men wanted in connection with a shooting incident which occurred this past weekend.

On Tuesday, September 27, 2016, Troopers arrested Anthony Stanley, 19, of New Castle, without incident as he worked at a business located in the 100 block of N. DuPont Highway, New Castle. He was then transported to Troop 2 where he was charged with Reckless Endangering 1st Degree and Conspiracy 2nd Degree. He was arraigned at JP Court 2 and released on $10,000.00 unsecured bail.

Stanley was wanted in connection with a shooting incident which occurred on Saturday, September 24, 2016 on US Rt. 40 (Pulaski Highway) in the area of Salem Church Road, Newark. Troopers are still actively looking for Walike Parham, the second suspect involved in this incident.

If anyone knows the location of Parham, they are asked to contact Det. Nicholas Terranova at 302-365-8436. 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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****Original Release****

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Newark, DE- Delaware State police are currently investigating an incident in which several shots were fired at a moving vehicle which occurred last night in Newark.

The incident began at approximately 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 24, 2016, as a 21 year old male and a 23 year old male were in a vehicle and were stopped at the intersection of Auckland Drive and Rivers Drive, Wellington Woods, Newark. It was at this point that a second vehicle, described as a 2001 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, pulled directly in front of them, blocking their path. The operator of the Monte Carlo, identified as Anthony Stanley, 19, of New Castle, exited the vehicle and confronted the 21 year old victim over a prior incident that had occurred. The 21 year old victim, who was the operator of the car he was traveling in, immediately fled the area, traveling on westbound Pulaski Highway (US40). The suspect vehicle followed the victims and upon pulling next to them, the male passenger, later identified as Walike Parham, 17, of Newark, produced a handgun and began shooting at the victim’s vehicle, striking it multiple times. The victims continued traveling on westbound US40, and as they approached the intersection of Salem Church Road, they struck the rear of a third vehicle which had been stopped for a red light directly in front of them. The Monte Carlo fled the area, turning onto northbound Salem Church Road. There were no injuries.

Delaware State Police detectives have obtained warrants charging Walike Parham with Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony, Possession of a Deadly Weapon by a Person Prohibited, Criminal Mischief, Reckless Endangering 1st Degree, and Conspiracy 2nd Degree. Parham is 5’04” tall, and weighs approximately 187 lbs., with black hair and brown eyes.

Detectives have also obtained warrants charging Anthony Stanley with Reckless Endangering 1st Degree and Conspiracy 2nd Degree. He is described as being 5’07” tall and weighing 150 lbs., with black hair and brown eyes.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact Det. Nicholas Terranova at 302-365-8436. 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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State Police Probe

Residential Burglaries

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Western Kent County, DE – Over the past few weeks, the Delaware State Police has seen an increase in residential burglaries in western Kent County, to include West Dover, Clayton, and Smyrna.

State Police learned that an undetermined number of suspects forcefully entered at least five different residences removing various handguns from the owners. The suspects also stole items ranging from jewelry, electronic devices, and cash. These break-ins occurred primarily during the daylight hours when the occupants were away from home.

<u>The Delaware State Police urge people to utilize the following tips:</u>

- Make your home look occupied, and make it difficult to break in.
- Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house or go to bed. Even if it is for a short time, lock your doors.
- Leave lights on when you go out. If you are going to be away for a length of time, connect some lamps to automatic timers to turn them on in the evening and off during the day.
- Keep your garage door closed and locked.
- Don’t allow daily deliveries of mail, newspapers or flyers build up while you are away. Arrange with the Post Office to hold your mail, or arrange for a friend or neighbor to take them regularly.
- Arrange for your lawn to be mowed if you are going away for an extended time.
- Check your locks on doors and windows and replace them

with secure devices as necessary.
- Pushbutton locks on doorknobs are easy for burglars to open. Install deadbolt locks on all your outside doors.
- Sliding glass doors are vulnerable. Special locks are available for better security.
- Other windows may need better locks. Check with a locksmith or hardware store for alternatives.
- Trim trees and shrubs so that they cannot be used as hiding places for intruders.
- Make sure your door hinges are on the inside.
- Report any suspicious activity to 9-1-1 immediately

If anyone has any information on these incidents, they are asked to contact Detective J. Dear at 302-698-8540. 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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Traffic Advisory- Troopers Investigating Serious Crash- Update

Presented by Public Information Officer- Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Newark, DE- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit continues to investigate a crash involving a motorcycle

which has seriously injured two people.

The investigation has determined that the crash occurred this afternoon, Tuesday, September 27, 2016, at approximately 2:13 p.m., as David Reed, 19, of Newark, was operating a 2014 Harley Davidson X8N motorcycle and was traveling in a westbound direction on DE SR 273 (Ogletown Road) approaching the intersection of DE SR 4. Reed failed to negotiate a gradual curve in the roadway at which point the motorcycle traveled across the grass median and continued in a westerly direction before striking the raised edge of a concrete median. The Harley Davidson, as well as David Reed, and an 18 year old female passenger, all became airborne across the intersection before landing in the grassy median area west of the intersection and on the eastbound side of the DE SR 273.

David Reed and his passenger were both treated at the scene by New Castle County Paramedics. They were then transported by EMS to the Christiana Hospital Trauma Center, where Reed was admitted with serious life-threatening injuries. His female passenger was also admitted with serious non-life threatening injuries. Neither was wearing a helmet at the time of the crash.

This crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit. It is unknown if alcohol or drugs were a factor in the crash, however, speed does appear to be a factor.

The eastbound lanes of DE SR 273 were closed for approximately 2 hours as the crash was investigated and cleared.

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****Original Release****

Presented by Public Information Officer- Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Newark, DE- Delaware State Police are currently investigating a serious crash involving a motorcycle that occurred this afternoon in Newark.

The initial investigation has determined that the crash occurred at approximately 2:13 p.m. this afternoon, Tuesday, September 27, 2016 on eastbound Ogletown Road (DE Rt. 273) in the area of Bala Road, Newark, and involves a motorcycle with two persons onboard. As a result of the crash, both occupants of the motorcycle have been removed from the scene and transported to the Christiana Hospital where they are currently being treated for their injuries.

The eastbound lanes of Ogletown Road have been closed to traffic and commuters are asked to find alternate routes of travel.

The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit has responded to the scene and will assume the investigation. More details will be released at the conclusion of the investigation.

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