

Troopers Investigating Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash – Dover

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

Dover- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash that occurred north of Dover Thursday evening.

The incident occurred around 6:36 p.m., Thursday August 25, 2016, as a 2002 Chevrolet Malibu operated by a 59 year old female of Dover was traveling east bound on Scarborough Road east of McKee Road, Dover. A 1999 Buick LeSabre operated by Alexander B. Wright, 22 of Virginia was traveling west bound on Scarborough Road approaching McKee Road. An unknown Vehicle, possibly a white Kia passenger car was travelling east bound on Scarborough Road in front of the Chevrolet Malibu. The Kia pulled over to the right shoulder and the Malibu was behind the Kia. The Kia then made a U-turn in front of the LeSabre and continued west bound. The Malibu swerved to the right onto the shoulder and lost control and started to rotate in a counter clockwise direction as it crossed over into the west bound lane into the path of the LeSabre. As a result the front of the LeSabre struck the driver's side door of the Malibu for impact in the west bound lane. After impact, the Malibu rotated counter clockwise 180 degrees and came to rest in the center of the roadway, west of the collision. The LeSabre travelled north of the area of impact and came to rest on the west bound shoulder facing in a westerly direction.

The operator of the Malibu was properly restrained. She was transported by ambulance to the Kent General Hospital where she was pronounced dead. Her name is being withheld pending the notification of her next of kin.

Alexander B. Wright, 22 of Virginia, was properly restrained and sustained non-life threatening injuries. He was transported by ambulance to Kent General Hospital where he was treated and released.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. Scarborough Road in the area of the collision was closed for approximately four hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

If anyone has witnessed this incident or has any information they are asked to call Master Corporal J. Lane at 302-697-4454 ext. 8457. 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 Death after Fall in State Park – Update #2

Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Bear, DE – An autopsy conducted today by the Division of Forensic Sciences has ruled that the death of Tina Werner was caused by multiple blunt force trauma by way of an accident.

This will be the final release in reference to this incident.

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For any questions regarding the Go Ape Aerial Rope Adventure Course please call 800-971-8271.

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State Police Detectives are Investigating the Death of a 2 Month Old Child

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

Bridgeville- Detectives with Delaware State Police Major Crimes Unit are currently investigating a death of a two month old male that occurred this morning at a residence east of Bridgeville.

On the morning of August 25, 2016 at approximately 7:39 a.m. troopers were dispatched to the 20,000 block of Camp Road, Bridgeville after a 9-1-1 call was received from the residence stating a two month old infant was unresponsive. Preliminary investigation suggests the mother attempted to wake the infant from sleeping, and upon doing so, observed the infant unresponsive and not breathing. The infant was treated by EMS at the scene and transported to the Nanticoke Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The child was turned over to the Delaware Division of Forensic Science to determine the exact cause and manner of death.

Detectives are continuing their investigation into this incident.

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Investigation Leads to the Arrest of a Dover Man Following a String of Burglaries



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

Woodside, DE- The Delaware State Police arrested a suspect in connection with a series of burglaries to churches and several

commercial businesses in the Woodside area.

The investigation into the incidents began around August 3, 2016 and continued through August 23, 2016 as troopers received 13 reports of churches and commercial businesses located throughout Felton, Magnolia, Dover and Woodside began experiencing break-ins. During the crimes, the suspect would remove money and food items. As the detectives continued to look into the rash of burglaries, information obtained through investigative measures connected Jason L. Faulkner, 30 of Dover, as the suspect in these incidents. Additionally, Faulkner had an active warrant from Sussex Halfway House reference absconding from Level 4 Probation.

On August 25, 2016 at approximately 0330 hours, troopers in the area of Woodside observed a suspicious subject prowling in the area of Arby's. The subject was later identified as Jason L. Faulkner who was pushing a wheelbarrow and in possession of a backpack which contained items of stolen property from the multiple burglaries as well as burglar tools.

Jason L. Faulkner was transported to Troop 3 where he was charged with 11 counts of Burglary 3rd degree, Two counts of Attempted Burglary 3rd, One count of Theft Over \$1500, eight counts of Theft Under \$1500, 12 counts of Criminal Mischief Under \$1000, 11 counts of Possession of Burglar Tools. He was arraigned at Justice of the Peace Court 7 and committed to the Department of Corrections in default of \$88,000.00 cash bond. (Mug shot attached)

The follow is a list of the locations that were burglarized:

St Johns AUMP Church, 323 Barney Jenkins Road, Felton

Reported: 08/03/2016 Occurred: 07/31/2016 – 08/03/2016

London Village Baptist Chapel, 568 Millchop Lane, Magnolia

Reported: 08/10/2016 Occurred: 08/07/2016 – 08/10/2016

The Lighthouse Church of God, 1362 Barney Jenkins Rd, Felton

Reported: 08/10/2016 Occurred: 08/09/2016 – 08/10/2016

Green Singer, 492 Walnut Shade Rd, Felton

Reported: 08/16/2016 Occurred: 08/16/2016 0030-1027 hrs.

Green Singer, 492 Walnut Shade Rd, Felton

Reported: 08/20/2016 Occurred: 08/20/2016 0230-1000 hrs.

Luigis Pizza, 5502 S DuPont Hwy, Dover

Reported: 08/21/2016 Occurred: 08/20/2016 – 08/21/2016

Everlasting Nails, 500 Walnut Shade Rd, Suite 2, Felton

Reported: 08/18/2016 Occurred: 08/16/2016 – 08/18/2016

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Luigis Pizza, 5502 S DuPont Hwy, Dover

Reported: 08/23/2016 Occurred: 08/22/2016 – 08/23/2016

The Dance Collection, 5502 S DuPont Hwy, Dover

Reported: 08/23/2016 Occurred: 08/22/2016 – 08/23/2016

If anyone has any information on other victims or Jason L. Faulkner, they are asked to contact Detective T. Ford at 302-698-8569 or Troop 3 at 302-697-4454. Information may also be provided by calling [Delaware Crime Stoppers](http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com) 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 Seek Public's Assistance in Locating Wanted Subject



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Felton, DE- The Delaware State Police are asking the public's assistance in attempting to locate a Felton man wanted for various felonious crimes that were committed in Kent County.

On Wednesday, August 24, 2016, members of the Delaware State Police Kent County Drug Unit with the assistance of the Harrington Police Department conducted an investigation after receiving information that Robert D. Jones, 38 of Felton, had received a large quantity of heroin at his residence. During the investigation troopers observed Jones leaving the residence driving a vehicle northbound on US 13. A computer

check revealed he was driving on a suspended license. At that time, troopers attempted to conduct a traffic stop and a pursuit ensued. Jones fled east onto Barney Jenkins Road and entered into the area of Meadowbrook Acres where the pursuit was terminated.

A search of two residences in the unit block of Skinner Lane led to a large heroin supply belonging to Jones. During the search over 4,400 baggies of heroin were seized which contained nearly 33 logs weighing approximately 63.18 grams.

Robert D. Jones is currently wanted for Drug Dealing, Heroin Possession in a Tier 5 Quantity, Tampering with Evidence, Conspiracy 2nd Degree, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Resisting Arrest, Disregarding a Police Officers Signal, Driving While Suspended/Revoked, Failure to Stop on Command and multiple traffic charges. (Mugshot attached)

Robert D. Jones is described as a black male approximately 5'06" weighing 200 lbs. with black hair and brown eyes.

If anyone has any information on the whereabouts of Robert D. Jones, they are asked to contact Sergeant Skinner at 302-698-8452 or Troop 3 at 302-697-4454. Information may also be provided by calling [Delaware Crime Stoppers](http://www.delaware.crimestoppers.com) 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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Luis A. Manzanet-Galarza arrested

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DOJ – Carl Kanefsky – 577-8949

Update #2 Luis A. Manzanet-Galarza arrested

Joint Investigation – DSP and DOJ Charged 13 in Operation “Duck Hunt”

Delaware – On Tuesday, August 16, 2016, **Luis A. Manzanet-Galarza, 27 of Milford**, was extradited back to Delaware from Puerto Rico. He was transported to Troop 1 Penny Hill where he was charged with Organized Crime and Racketeering, Two counts of Conspiracy 2nd degree Felony Criminal Conduct and Two counts of Manufactures, Delivers, PWID a Controlled Substance in Tier 4 Quantity. Luis A. Manzanet-Galarza was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in default of \$755,000.00 cash bond. (Mugshot attached)

If anyone has any information in reference to the location of the listed wanted subjects, they are asked to contact Sgt. M. Dawson at 302-752-3815. 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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****Update #1****

**Joint Investigation – DSP and DOJ Charged 13 in Operation
“Duck Hunt”**

Delaware – On Monday May 23, 2016, at 1:00 a.m., Sohail Zeeshan, 39 of Rehoboth Beach, was apprehended by Customs and Border Protection as he attempted to re-enter the United States by bus at the Canadian Border with the assistance of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and U.S. Homeland Security Investigations Unit (HSI). Sohail Zeeshan was then turned over to the Buffalo City Police Department by Customs and Border protection and extradited back to Delaware on Wednesday June 01, 2016.

Sohail Zeeshan was charged with Organized Crime and Racketeering, Two counts of Fraud and False Statements, two counts of Knowingly Engaging in Transactions with Proceeds of Criminal Activity and seven Counts of Money Laundering. He was arraigned at Justice of the Peace Court 2 and committed to Sussex Correctional Center in default of \$75,000.00 cash bond.

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“Duck Hunt”**

Kent and Sussex County- On May 11th 2016, members of the Delaware State Police Sussex Drug Unit (SDU), Division of Gaming Enforcement (DGE), and the Sussex County Attorney General’s Office concluded a two year long investigation of a criminal organization which engaged in large scale heroin distribution and money laundering. A total of thirteen agencies were involved in the investigation. The following additional special units within the Delaware State Police participated: Sussex, Kent and New Castle County Drug Units; Sussex, Kent, and New Castle County Governor’s Task Force Units, Intelligence Unit, Special Operations Response Team. Federal participating agencies that assisted with the investigation include, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), United States Homeland Security Investigations Unit (HSI) and the National Guard Counter Drug Task Force. Local law enforcement participating agencies include Department of Correction Probation and Parole, Georgetown Police Department, Seaford Police Department, Smyrna Police Department, Dover Police Department, Delaware Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement (DATE), Delaware Division of Revenue Criminal Investigative Unit, Dover Downs Casino and Surveillance Unit.

The investigation revealed Deangelo Mcglotten was the ring leader for the heroin distribution into Kent and Sussex Counties along with his closest associates, Timothy Felix and Adrian Coverdale. In addition to the heroin distribution network, the investigation revealed the illegal proceeds of the drug organization were being laundered by Salman Choudhary through casinos, businesses, and personal properties. Eleven Suspects were indicted by the Sussex County Grand Jury as part

of the investigation.

The arrest operation was initiated with seven search and seizure warrants being executed throughout Kent and Sussex Counties by the Delaware State Police Special Operations Response Team (SORT), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) SWAT, and the additional above units of the Delaware State Police. The operation disrupted the flow of heroin into the communities of Kent and Sussex Counties. The organization supplied several drug markets in Sussex County including Chandler Heights, Meadowbridge, Coverdale, and Oak Orchard. In total, thirteen suspects were charged with 77 criminal offenses as part of the overall investigation.

Search warrants were executed on two separate occasions during the investigation. On January 13th, 2016 a search and seizure warrant was executed at Deangelo Mcglotten's residence, located in the 16,000 block of Progress School Road, Greenwood. Another was executed on an Acura MDX linked to Mcglotten. The following evidence was seized as part of this investigation on January 13th 2016:

- **42,250 bags of heroin or approximately 633 grams of heroin**
 - \$7740.00
 - A stolen 9 mm handgun
 - A Marlin 30-30 rifle
- On May 11th 2016, seven search and seizure warrants were executed at the following locations:
- 2000 block of Woodyard Road, Harrington, DE
 - 12,000 block of Beach Highway, Greenwood, DE
 - 16,000 block of Progress School Road, Bridgeville, DE
 - 300 block of James Street, Georgetown, DE
 - 400 block of Central Park Drive, Harrington, DE

- 400 block of South Washington Street, Milford, DE
- 200 block of Aspen Drive, Cheswold, DE
- The following evidence was seized during the final arrest operation where seven search warrants were executed on May 11th 2016:
- 74,425 bags of heroin or approximately 1,116 grams of heroin
- \$200,000 was seized which includes cash and seized assets from numerous accounts
- Approximately \$50,000.00 in jewelry
- 3 Ruger 9mm handguns
- A Raven Arms .25mm handgun
- A M4 Carbine Rifle
- 23 vehicles total value approximately \$250,000

The drug seizure on May 11th 2016 is one of the largest single seizure of pre-packaged heroin in state history netting more than 74,000 bags of heroin, which has a \$740,000.00 street value. The total heroin seizure for the overall investigation is 116,675 bags or approximately 1749 grams of heroin with a street value of \$1,166,750.00.

Following lists the names of the suspect identified as part of the organization who were indicted by the Sussex County Grand Jury:

Deangelo Mcglotten, 31 of Felton, (photo attached) – 17 Charges

Manufactures, delivers, PWID a controlled substance in Tier 4 quantity, Possesses a controlled substance in a Tier 5 quantity, Criminal Solicitation 2nd degree, Conspiracy 2nd degree, 4 counts of Money Laundering, Organized Crime and Racketeering, Fraud and false statements makes and subscribes a false return statement docum., Possess, Purchase, Own or Control a Firearm/Destructive Weapon If previously Convicted,

Possess, Purchase Own Control Firearm, Ammo by Person Prohibited Prior Violent Crime or Felony, Manufactures, delivers, PWID a controlled substance in Tier 4 quantity, Possess a Controlled Substance in a Tier 5 Quantity, 2 counts of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Receiving a Stolen Firearm. Committed in default of \$1,000,000.00 cash bond.

Patrick Cirwithian, 30 of Greenwood, (photo attached)

Maintaining a Drug Property, Conspiracy 2nd degree, Organized Crime and Racketeering. Committed in default of \$350,000.00 Cash Bond

Adrian Coverdale, 34 of Blades, (photo attached)

Manufactures, Delivers, PWID a Controlled Substance in Tier 4 Quantity, Possesses a Controlled Substance in a Tier 5 Quantity, Criminal Solicitation 2nd degree, Conspiracy 2nd Degree, Money Laundering, Organized Crime and Racketeering. Committed in default of \$400,000.00 Cash Bond

Timothy Felix, 30 of Dover, (photo attached)

Manufactures, delivers, PWID a controlled substance in Tier 4 quantity, Possesses a controlled substance in a Tier 5 quantity, two counts of Drug Dealing, Criminal Solicitation 2nd degree, Conspiracy 2nd degree, Money Laundering, Organized Crime and Racketeering. Committed in default of \$750,000.00 Cash Bond

Tina Mosley, 51 of Greenwood, (photo attached)

Maintaining Drug Property, Conspiracy 2nd degree and Organized Crime and Racketeering. Committed in default of \$750,000.00 Cash Bond.

Salman Choudhary, 37 of Georgetown, (photo attached)

Organized Crime and Racketeering, three counts of Money Laundering, two counts of Attempt to Evade or Defeat Tax, and two counts of Failure to File Return. Committed in default of \$1.7 Million Cash Bond.

The following Suspects were charged and arraigned by Justice of the Peace Court:

Daniel Montalvo-Rosado, 29 of Wilmington, (photo attached)

Manufactures, delivers, PWID a controlled substance in Tier 4 quantity, Possesses a controlled substance in a Tier 5 quantity and Conspiracy 2nd degree.

Committed in default of \$200,000.00 Cash Bond

Christian Cortes, 27 of Wilmington, (photo attached)

Operate Unregistered MV, No Valid License, Fail Trans T/R and No Insurance.

Committed in default of \$200,000.00 Cash Bond

*The following suspects were indicted by the Sussex County Grand Jury in connection with this investigation have NOT been located at this time **(ALL PHOTOS HAVE BEEN LABELED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PICTURE WITH OFFENDER'S NAME)**:

Linda Mcglotten, 49 of Milford, (photo attached)

Racketeering and Money Laundering.

Reginald Mcglotten, 30 of Millsboro, (photo attached)

Manufactures, delivers, PWID a controlled substance in Tier 4 quantity, Possesses a controlled substance in a Tier 5 quantity, Criminal Solicitation 2nd degree, Conspiracy 2nd

degree, Money Laundering, Organized Crime and Racketeering.

Obrien Morris, 26 of Millsboro, (photo attached)

Manufactures, delivers, PWID a controlled substance in Tier 4 quantity, Possesses a controlled substance in a Tier 5 quantity, 2 counts of Criminal Solicitation 2nd degree, Conspiracy 2nd degree, Money Laundering, Organized Crime and Racketeering.

Luis Manzanet-Galarza, 27 of Milford, (photo attached)

Manufactures, delivers, PWID a controlled substance in Tier 4 quantity, Conspiracy 2nd degree and Organized Crime and Racketeering.

Sohail Zeeshan, 39 of Rehoboth Beach, (photo attached)

Organized Crime and Racketeering, three counts of Money Laundering, two counts of Fraud and False Statement Makes and Subscribes a False Return Statement Document.

Luis Manzanet-Garlarza has ties to Milford, Delaware, Northern New Jersey, Florida, and Puerto Rico. Delaware State Police are requesting any information that may lead to the location and arrest of these subjects.

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Below is a list of statements provided by agencies involved in the operation:

Delaware Department of Justice – Attorney General’s Office:

“Heroin is a serious, serious problem in Delaware right now and all of law enforcement is working together to combat it,” said Attorney General Matt Denn. “This operation puts a significant dent in the heroin traffic in the southern part of the state and is another example of how the close working relationship between our office and Delaware State Police, as well as other agencies, can make a difference and make Delaware a safer place. Along with the Delaware State Police who worked diligently on this case, I would also recognize Deputy Attorneys General Rebecca Anderson, Christopher Hutchison, Michael Tipton, and Adam Gelof for leading the DOJ side of this very complicated and noteworthy investigation, and I thank State Prosecutor Kathy Jennings, and Chief Sussex County Prosecutor Peggy Marshall for their leadership in this important case.”

Matt Denn

Attorney General

Delaware State Police:

“This investigation targeted a criminal organization responsible for large scale heroin distribution and money laundering in Kent and Sussex County. The presence of drugs and drug dealers in our communities invariably leads to an increase in crimes such as robberies and thefts and has a significant impact on the health and safety of our communities. The success of this drug investigation would not have been realized if it were not for the cooperation between all of the agencies involved. The large amount of drugs seized and the drug traffickers that were arrested would have continued to plague our communities. Thank you to all of our Troopers all of the Federal, State and local agencies and the Department of Justice for their excellent teamwork and collaboration on this investigation. All of our agencies

remain committed to working with our communities to reduce violent crime and drug trafficking throughout the State of Delaware.”

Colonel Nathaniel McQueen Jr.,

Superintendent of Delaware State Police

Division of Gaming Enforcement:

“The results were only possible with everyone providing information and support. It began as a possible money laundering case and evolved into one of the largest heroin seizures in state along with other asset seizures throughout Sussex County to include money, property and guns. The success of this operation was only possible with the full commitment of all our partners in law enforcement along with those in public and private sector. Thank you to everyone who assisted our efforts to reduce the impact that heroin has on our communities and remove violent criminals from our streets.”

Greg Nolt

Director of the Division of Gaming Enforcement

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Troopers Investigate Attempted Burglary

Presented by Public Information Officer Master Corporal
Jeffrey R. Hale

Clayton, DE- Delaware State Police are investigating the attempted burglary of a Clayton area home which involved the homeowner shooting at the suspect early this morning.

The initial investigation has determined that the incident occurred at approximately 1:00 a.m. this morning, Tuesday, August 23, 2016, as a male occupant of a residence located in the 1000 block of Clayton Delaney Road, Clayton, heard noises coming from the back porch area of the home. The homeowner responded to the locked porch door, and upon looking outside, he observed a male suspect attempting to gain entry into the home. The suspect, upon seeing the homeowner, immediately fled from the porch and ran into a cornfield located in the rear of the yard. It was at this point that the homeowner proceed to fire multiple rounds from a handgun that he had in his possession toward the suspect. It is not believed that the suspect was struck however. Responding troopers, with the assistance of Delaware State Police Aviation (Trooper 4), as well as a Smyrna Police Department K-9 unit, searched the area but were unable to locate the suspect. The homeowner was not injured.

The suspect was described as an unknown race male. He was last seen wearing a grey t-shirt and had a mask covering his face. There is no further physical or clothing description available at this time.

This incident remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police. Charges are not expected to be filed against the homeowner.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact Detective Christian Hevelow at 302-365-8471. 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 Offer School Bus Safety Tips



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The Delaware State Police would like to offer safety guidelines for the start of this new and exciting school year. With the start of school in the next few weeks almost **122,000** of Delaware's precious children will ride a school bus every day. Delaware's **1,850** school buses travel approximately **120,000** miles each day on our roads. The American School Bus Council reports that even though the school buses travel great distances throughout the school year, buses are the safest means of transportation to and from school.

Knowing this, everyone should consistently make safety a high priority for the children walking to and from the school bus stops. The motorists who must share the road with buses while

school is in session must take into account any possible delays and be patient throughout the school year. There are some easy steps children, parents and motorists can do to make this a safe school year for Delaware students.

- **PARENTS**

- If your child's bus stop is not near your home, walk the route to the bus stop with your child until they are familiar with it.
- Never let a young child walk to the bus stop without adult supervision.
- Make sure your child knows the bus number and what time the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- Always make sure your child gets to the bus stop early. Children in a rush are less likely to follow safety practices.
- Familiarize yourself with the bus driver.
- Make sure you have the Transportation Director's contact information just in case you have any questions or encounter a problem.

- **CHILDREN**

- Start your day with plenty of time to get to the bus stop.
- Stay alert as you walk to the bus stop. Always be aware of your surroundings.
- Know your bus driver and bus number.
- Wait for the bus in a safe place. Avoid horseplay that may cause you to fall into the street.
- Never run to or from the bus.
- When the bus arrives make sure it comes to a complete stop before approaching it.
- Remain seated at all times while the bus is in motion.
- Don't push or shove when getting on or off the bus.
- Always keep your arms and head inside the bus.
- Learn about the "danger zone". There is a 10-foot wide area on all sides of the bus, where the driver cannot

see you. When you get off the bus, step outside of the danger zone until you can see the driver's face.

- Only cross in front of the bus where the driver can see you.
- Never run behind the bus, or bend down to pick up an object. The bus driver may think you've crossed safely and start to move.
- Do not distract the bus driver so that he/she may get you safely to and from school.
- Listen to the bus driver and bus aid to ensure your safety.
- Make sure to be courteous and respectful to the school bus driver.

▪ **MOTORISTS**

- Please slow down and give yourself some time to make adjustments to the new change in your schedule and traffic patterns.
- Drivers traveling in either direction on a two-lane road must stop when a school bus activates its flashing red lights and stop sign or arm.
- Drivers traveling in the same direction as a school bus on a four-lane, divided road must stop for a stopped school bus. Drivers travelling in the opposite direction are not required to stop.
- Delaware law requires vehicles to stop even when the bus is stopped to load/unload students on private property.
- Anyone convicted of passing a stopped school bus can be fined as much as \$230 dollars for the first offense, and as much as \$575 for the second offense. The individual will also have their license suspended for between 1 and 12 months.
- Please watch for the little ones crossing the roads and parking lots to and from the bus or private vehicles.
- Please watch your speed at all times especially in **school zones**. The School Resource Officers and other law enforcement officers will monitor the safety of all who

are going to and from the schools.

▪ **SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS**

- **Thank you so much for doing your part to help keep our precious cargo safe and secure! We thank you for your continued professionalism and courtesy while you drive each day with our children...with much gratitude, The Delaware State Police. The Delaware State Police wants you to Be Smart, Be Alert, and Be Safe this School Year!**

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