

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council

FROM: Kenneth McLaughlin, Chief of Police

VIA: Carol S. Houck, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Monthly Update for the Public Safety Department as of **August 31, 2025**

Calls for Service – Summary

- See the attached data report.
- Six (6) responses were recorded in the Town of Millville.

Volunteer Unit

- The Volunteer Unit logged 50 hours of service in August 2025.

Monthly Police Training Summary

- Understanding the Impact of Abuse
- Prison Rape Elimination Act Overview
- Recognizing & Responding to Stalking
- Cannabis 101: Guide to Marijuana Enforcement
- Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted (LEOKA)

Community Policing Initiatives

- Senior Check-In
- House Checks
- Business Checks
- Drug Take-Back (Drug Take-Back Day October 25th)
- Syringe Disposal
- Children's Book
- Cops & Goblins (October 25th)
- Speed Monitoring

Miscellaneous

- Sussex Tech High School Internship
- The Police Accountability Committee (PAC) met on August 14th at the Dagsboro Fire Department. Pastor Becky Collison will be replacing Pastor Ethan Magee as a representative from Ocean View.
- OVPD entered into an MOU with the Delaware State Police (DSP) and the Delaware Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH) for the Overdose and Police Diversion Program (PDP). Through collaboration with the DSP and DSAMH the PDP will allow Ocean View officers to divert or refer qualified individuals who are suffering from challenges of substance use disorder and/or mental health concerns away from the criminal justice system and into treatment and services.

- OVPD is participating in the Delaware Blue Envelope Program. The program is an initiative that aims to promote safe, clear, and respectful communication between law enforcement and drivers with autism and other disabilities.
- Officers attended the annual Attack Addiction Candlelight Ceremony on August 27th on the Circle in Georgetown. The event is dedicated to remembering individuals that lost their lives to overdose.
- The OVPD is partnering with DSAMH to provide Naloxone training and overdose awareness on September 25th from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Ocean View Police Department.
- Chief McLaughlin attended the Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) Firearms Subcommittee meeting on August 25th.
- Chief McLaughlin attended the quarterly POST meeting on August 12th.
- Officer Dylan Murphy has been identified for recognition at the MADD Delaware and the Office of Highway Safety annual award ceremony scheduled for November 12th. Officer Murphy is being recognized as a leader in DUI enforcement.

What is Delaware's Blue Envelope Program?

Through a partnership with Delaware State Police and Delaware Association Chiefs of Police, the Blue Envelope Program is a free initiative that aims to promote safe, clear, and respectful communication between law enforcement and drivers with autism and other disabilities. There are no qualifying questions asked and no identification is needed to participate.



Who can use the Blue Envelope?

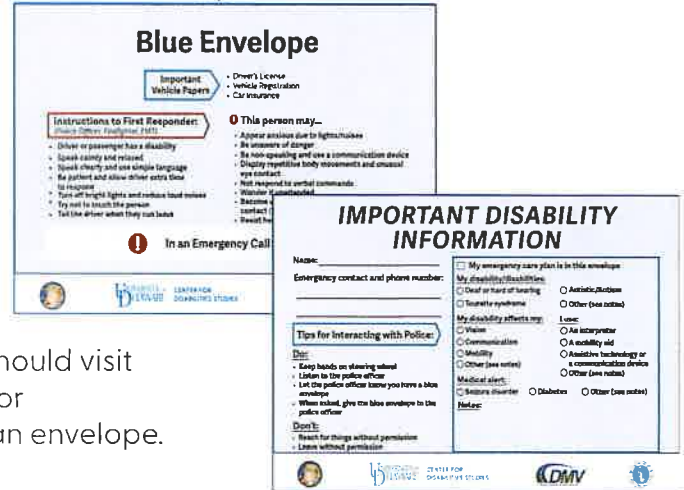
The Blue Envelope is designed for people with disabilities, their family members, and their caregivers. It can be used by people who have a communication difference, sensory difference, mobility limitation, or other disability or medical condition.

Where can I get a Blue Envelope?



Delaware drivers and family members should visit their local Delaware State Police Troop, or participating police agency, to pick up an envelope.

Front of Envelope



Back of Envelope

What can go inside the Blue Envelope?

Important documents such as your car registration, insurance card, or an emergency care plan.

Why is this program important for drivers and law enforcement?

- Quickly communicates important disability-related information and considerations
- Helps drivers to feel more confident and prepared during traffic stops
- Signals to officers that a driver may need additional supports (e.g., communication device, extra processing time, clear instructions, reduced sensory input)
- Provides emergency contact information

Additional Resources



DNEA | Delaware Network for Excellence in Autism

The Delaware Network for Excellence in Autism (DNEA) offers a wide range of resources for autistic drivers, passengers and first responders, including practice traffic stops, trainings, and printable materials and videos.

Visit cds.udel.edu/dnea/mockdriving for driving resources, to register for upcoming events and to access the My Emergency Care Plan.



Additional DNEA resource guides available at <https://www.delawareautismnetwork.org/>

Clark, A., Fletcher, A., Sawchenko, C., Mallory, S., & DNEA CDS Team. (2025). *What is Delaware's blue envelope program?* University of Delaware's Center for Disabilities Studies and the Delaware Network for Excellence in Autism.





SUSSEX COUNTY SOUTHEAST REGIONAL POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

The Sussex County Southeast Regional Police Accountability Committee (PAC) will hold its quarterly meeting Thursday, August 14, 2025, from 1 PM to 3 PM at Dagsboro Fire Department, 28331 Clayton St, Dagsboro, DE 19939

The mission of the PAC is to serve as an advisory board that facilitates constructive dialogue between the community and the police departments of Dagsboro, Dewey Beach, Fenwick Island, Ocean View, Selbyville, and South Bethany. The PAC aims to enhance public safety, promote transparency, and strengthen community trust in law enforcement by providing recommendations on police practices and policies.

Presentation: An Ocean View Police Department training officer will give a presentation on the use of "The WRAP", a safe restraint system.

PAC Voting Members:

Gayle Marie Brown Driver, Esq., Chairperson, Ocean View

Ethan Magee, Ocean View

Lauren Weaver, Ocean View

Claudia Rodgers, Esq., Dewey Beach

Ed Klima, Dewey Beach

Gregory Flynn, South Bethany

Ian McCauley, Esq., South Bethany

Dennett (Denny) Pridgeon, Fenwick Island

Scott Mumford, Fenwick Island

Holly Stiles, Dagsboro

Tom Glenn, Dagsboro

Diana Barrientos-Granados, Selbyville

Scott S. Smith, Selbyville

PAC Non-Voting Members:

Chief Kenneth McLaughlin, Ocean View Police Department

Chief Constance Speake, Dewey Beach Police Department

Chief Jason Lovins, South Bethany Police Department

Chief Michael Morrissey, Fenwick Island Police Department

Chief Nicholas Disciullo, Dagsboro Police Department

Chief Brian Wilson, Selbyville Police Department

Staff: Kendahl Hearn, Administrative Assistant

Date/ Time:

Thursday, August 14, 2025
1 to 3 PM

Location:

Dagsboro Fire Department
28331 Clayton St
Dagsboro, DE 19939

*****PUBLIC WELCOME*****

Members of the Public will have the chance to listen to the discussion and provide comments afterward.

PAC website:

<https://SCSRPAC.com>



Email PAC questions or comments
to: kendahl.hearn@cj.state.de.us

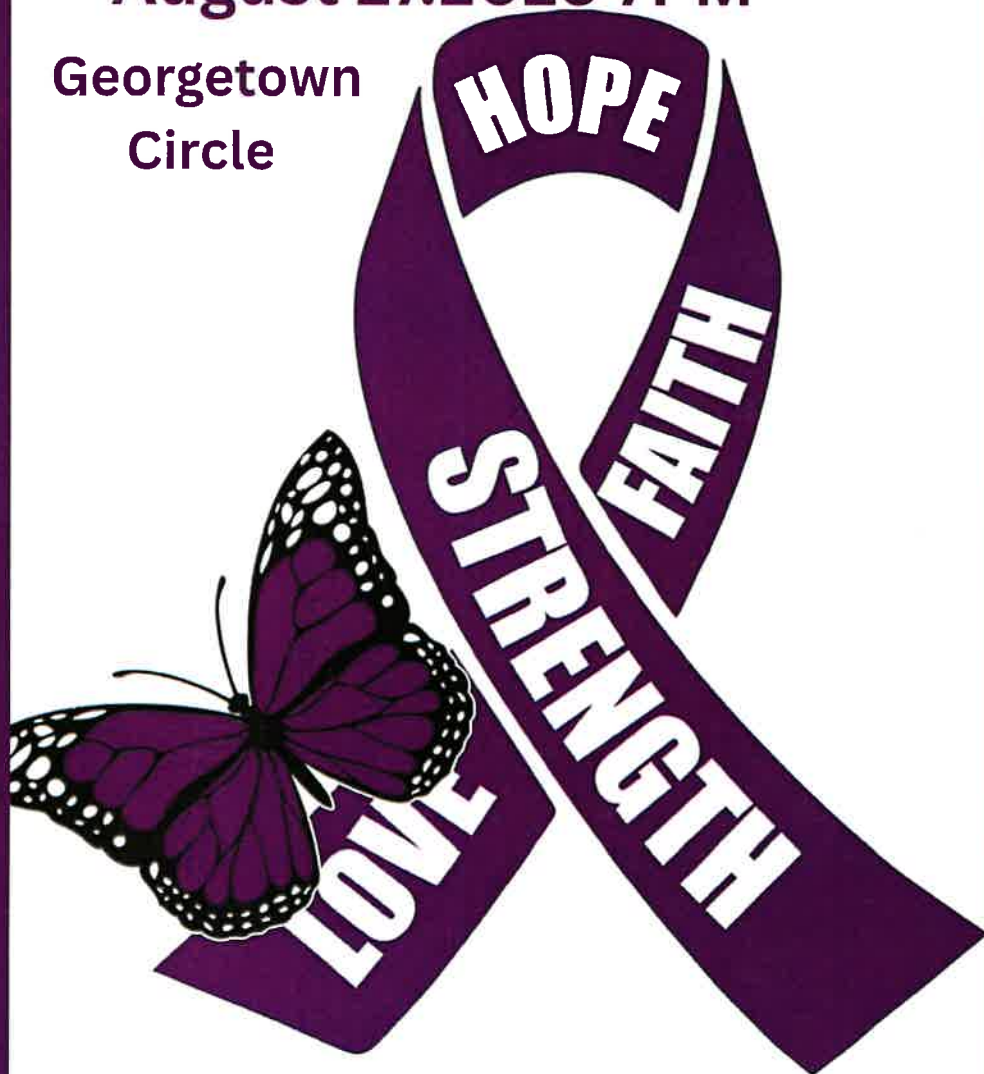
Candlight Ceremony

August 27.2025 7PM

**Georgetown
Circle**

**If you would
like a photo of
your loved
added to the
banner please
email a picture
to:**

odawareness22@gmail.com



#OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

Community event dedicated to remembering individuals that lost their lives to overdose. This gathering offers access to essential local support services and will include a candlelight vigil, fostering an environment of remembrance, healing, and hope.

For more Information : amy.rust@attackaddiction.org or dawn.hess-fischer@attackaddiction.org

Incident Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
911 Disconnect		1		2	2	1	1	1					8
Animal Complaint						1	3	1					5
Assault			1				1	1					3
Assist BBPD	3	3		2	6	1	3	1					19
Assist DSP 4	18	10	11	8	18	32	23	18					138
Assist DSP 7		1	2	1	1	2		2					9
Assist Fire Dept	4			1	1	3	3	2					14
Assist Other Agency	3	3	3	7	3	6	3	6					34
Assist SBPD			1	3	1	3	3	3					14
Bicycle Violation								1					1
Burglar Alarm	16	7	8	11	4	12	8	2					68
Burglary				1	2	1							4
Business Check	56	53	57	57	56	56	57	46	6				444
Civil Other						1	3	1	1				6
Criminal Mischief						1		3					4
Criminal Trespass						1							1
Death Investigation	1	2		2			1						6
Disabled Vehicle	1	2			2	1	1						7
Disorderly Conduct						1		1					2
Domestic	2	2	5	5	2	3	6	3					28
DUI	2	2	2		1	1	1	1					10
Found Property	3	5	3	5	1	1	8	2	1				29
Fraud	3	2		3	1		2	2	1				14
Harassment		1	2					1					4
Investigation	1	1		1	1	1		2					7
Local Fugitive	5	6	5	7	2	4	4	5	1				39
Lost-Found	2				1	1							4
Medical Assist	5	9	11	8	6	10	13	6					68
Megan's Law Notification		1											1
Mental Illness	1					2							3
Misc Title 11	1	1		1			1	2					6

Arrest Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
LF	5	7	6	7	2	4	4	4					39
Summons	130	115	163	137	117	112	169	148	18				1109
Warring	74	65	85	70	51	43	75	75	2				540
Warrant	12	17	4	10	19	4	11	8					85
Grand Total	221	204	258	224	189	163	259	235	20	0	0	0	1773

Level	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
C	3	4	14	10	9	8	11	13					72
F	5	1	1	1	2		5	3					18
M	2	9	6	5	13	2	6	5					48
N/A	5	7	6	7	2	4	4	4					39
V	206	183	231	201	163	149	233	210	20				1596
Grand Total	221	204	258	224	189	163	259	235	20	0	0	0	1773

Alcohol Related	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
Yes	3	6	2	0	6	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	24
Grand Total	3	6	2	0	6	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	24

K9 Deployed?	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
Yes	4	2	1	1	3	3	1	6	0	0	0	0	21
Grand Total	4	2	1	1	3	3	1	6	0	0	0	0	21

Vehicle Towed?	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
Yes	5	7	8	11	7	7	8	9	1	0	0	0	63
Grand Total	5	7	8	11	7	7	8	9	1	0	0	0	63

Millville Incidents	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
Yes	5	2	4	2	2	5	3	6	0	0	0	0	29
Grand Total	5	2	4	2	2	5	3	6	0	0	0	0	29

Incident Category	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
Civil		2	3	6		3	4	1					19
Criminal	32	32	30	27	33	42	38	43	2				279
N/A		4		2	2	2	3						13
Service	200	188	197	171	153	185	184	151	13				1442
Traffic	7	1	11	11	8	18	24	13					93
Grand Total	239	227	241	217	196	250	253	208	15	0	0	0	1846

Report Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
Crime/Incident	41	41	44	45	45	69	67	63	3				418
Field Service	102	118	119	119	92	144	116	107	5				922
N/A	96	68	78	53	59	37	70	38	7				506
Grand Total	239	227	241	217	196	250	253	208	15	0	0	0	1846