

News Release 08/21/14

On Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at approximately 8:31 PM officers from the Smyrna Police Department responded to the intersection of South DuPont Boulevard (US13) and East Glenwood Avenue (Rt.300) for a report of a motor vehicle accident involving a pedestrian. Upon arrival officers found a 35 year old female victim laying in the roadway that was treated on scene and then flown to Christiana Hospital by the Delaware State Police aviation unit for injuries. The female victim was treated at the hospital for injuries to her head and a broken leg. Responding officers were able to determine through investigation that the female victim was attempting to run across the southbound lanes of traffic not in the provided signal cross walk and was struck head on by a motor vehicle traveling southbound in the left hand lane. No other injuries were reported as a result of this incident and at this time no charges are pending for the operator of the motor vehicle. The Smyrna Police Department is asking any witnesses who may have observed this incident to please come forward and contact us as part of this investigation at (302) 653-9217.

This incident is a harsh reminder the importance of pedestrian safety, the Smyrna Police Department would like to remind our citizens to use caution when crossing roadways and when available use the provided crosswalks and walk at the designated times.

A few more safety tips for pedestrians:

- Look left, right, and then left again for vehicular traffic before stepping onto the roadway.
- Yield to any approaching vehicles while crossing even if you have the right of way. Oncoming vehicles may reach you faster than you anticipate.
- Make eye contact with drivers to ensure that they see you.
- Keep to the right of the crosswalk, and be patient and alert when crossing the street.
- Walk across the street, never run.
- Obey all traffic signals and use the pedestrian signal button at intersections.
- Cross the street only when the green "Walk" light is on. Do not begin crossing if the red "Don't Walk" or upraised hand is flashing or steady.
- Be especially careful of vehicles that may turn right on red or turn left at an intersection. Drivers may be busy looking out for other vehicles instead of pedestrians.