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Motorcycle and Bike Safety Awareness Month



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Dear Members and Friends,

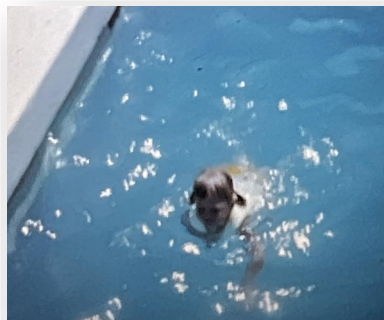
May is filled with safety topics and special "month of" titles, from *Building Safety Month* to *Water Safety* and *Global Youth Traffic Safety Month*.

With Delaware beaches and pools set to open Memorial Day weekend, let's talk about water safety. Water safety and I have a long personal history. When I was three years old on vacation at Wildwood Crest, I woke up before everyone else and decided that I wanted to go swimming. I was the only one awake, and for fear of asking and being told "no" or "later", I unlatched the motel door and went to the pool. The photo bottom left, was taken by my father after they were frantically searching for me.

The aftermath of the photo is me being removed from the pool and in what is now considered "old fashioned parenting" I was reminded why this is something I shouldn't do again. But to this day, randomly at family gatherings I can be heard saying, "But I had my vest on." At the age of three, I had the presence of mind to put the swim vest on that I had been trained to wear. Not all children do. Please know where your children are and the importance of water safety.

Stacey

Stacey Inglis
Executive Director





DELAWARE AG SAFETY CONFERENCE

The sixth annual Delaware Agriculture Safety Conference was held Wednesday, March 22 at Loblolly Acres in Viola. Presentations featured a variety of safety topics, one pesticide credit, vendors for attendees and networking opportunities, and door prizes. Morning coffee and lunch was provided. The conference was free and open to anyone interested in learning about safety around the farm.

Opening remarks were offered by Delaware Secretary of Agriculture, Michael Scuse. Scuse previously served with the U.S. Department of Agriculture as Acting U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Acting Deputy Secretary of agriculture, and Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services. As Under Secretary, he oversaw USDA's Farm Service Agency, Risk Management Agency, and Foreign Agricultural Services. He served as Delaware Secretary of Agriculture from 2001-2008 and also served as Chief of Staff to former Gov. Ruth Ann Minner. He has received the Medal of Achievement from the Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc. in 2006; the Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service to Delaware Agriculture in 2012; the Ambassador Circle Award by the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) in 2016; the National FFA VIP Citation Award and the [World Trade Center Delaware](#) Champion of Trade Award in 2019.





DELAWARE AG SAFETY CONFERENCE

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There was a Hay Bale Safety demonstration outside sponsored by AG-Industrial. Don Clifton, Executive Director of [Delaware Farm Bureau](#) spoke about Being Safe & Smart Around Moving Parts and Equipment.

The DNRC's Tick Biologist, Dr. Ashley Kennedy enlightened attendees as to Prevention of Ticks. If you need to report a tick, please [click here](#). According to Dr. Kennedy, there are five species of tick commonly found in Delaware. Identifying which tick has bitten you can help you take steps to protect yourself.

The five most common tick species found in Delaware are the Lone Star Tick, the Deer/Blacklegged Tick, the American Dog Tick, the Gulf Coast Tick and the Asian Longhorned Tick. Different ticks can carry or cause different health issues for humans. Tick species can be identified by looking closely at their mouthparts and scutum (the shield that forms their back).

Lyme disease is a cautionary result of tick bites. Delaware is one of the top 10 states in the country with the highest incidence of Lyme disease. Yet, a newly published survey, which examines the effectiveness of state awareness campaigns and educational programs, found that Delaware residents have a limited understanding of tick-borne diseases and the potential risks ticks may present. Children were found to be at particular risk with a low number of families practicing tick bite prevention behaviors.

For Delaware Health and Human Services Tips on Lyme Disease, [Click Here](#).



2023 Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

May is *Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month*, and the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is urging vehicle drivers and motorists to remember that *Motorcyclist Safety Is Everyone's Safety*. Ultimately, safe driving and riding practices and cooperation from all road users will help reduce the number of fatalities and injuries on our nation's highways.

Year-to-date in Delaware, we have seen an increase of motorcycle fatalities. In 2020, nationally, there were 5,579 motorcyclists killed in traffic crashes, an 11% increase from 2019 (5,044). In contrast, an estimated 82,528 motorcyclists were injured, a 2% decrease from 83,814 motorcyclists injured in 2019. Motorcyclist deaths accounted for 14% of the total highway fatalities in 2020.

Research shows that motorcyclists are significantly overrepresented in traffic crashes and fatalities each year. In fact, in 2020, per vehicle mile traveled,

motorcyclists were about 28 times more likely than passenger vehicle occupants to die in a motor vehicle crash and were 4 times more likely to be injured.

Motorcyclists 55 and older accounted for 27% of motorcyclists killed in 2020. Over the 10-year period from 2011 to 2020, motorcyclist fatalities among the 55-and-older age group increased by 37%, from 1,087 to 1,486. In 2011, the average age of motorcycle riders killed in traffic crashes was 42, whereas in 2020, the average age was 43.

In 2011 and 2020, roughly half the motorcyclists were killed in traffic crashes during the weekend versus the weekday. Additionally, motorcyclist fatalities on weekdays increased by 15% from 2,402 in 2011 to 2,765 in 2020.

For Motorcycle Riding Tips

[Click Here](#)





Delaware offers several scenic bike trails throughout the state. Delaware is simply one of the best states for bicycling thanks to its statewide system of trails, scenic state parks to roll through, and miles of pristine ocean coastline perfect for cruising.

The Northern Delaware Greenway Trail is historically significant as the oldest and longest off-road trail in Delaware. Currently spanning 10.4 miles, the trail was also the impetus for the creation of the Delaware Greenways organization in the 1990s.

One of the nuances in Delaware for bike riders is the “Delaware Yield”. It permits bicyclists to yield at stop signs (when the coast is clear) instead of requiring a complete stop.

When riding, always:

- Go With the Traffic Flow.
- Obey All Traffic Laws.
- Yield to Traffic When Appropriate.
- Be Predictable.
- Stay Alert at All Times.
- Look Before Turning.



Delaware Bike Trails



[Jack A. Markell Trail](#)

Beginning at the beautiful Riverfront in Wilmington, this 7.9 mile trail will take you past the DuPont Environmental Center then on a boardwalk through the marshland of the Russel Peterson Wildlife Refuge.

[Scenic DE-9 Bike Route](#)

Begin your ride at Battery Park in New Castle. Admire the view of the Delaware River and before beginning the 10 mile ride which ends in Delaware City where you can stop for a bite to eat or take some rest beside the water where you'll see the Civil War island fortress of Fort Delaware State Park in the distance.



DELAWARE BIKE LAWS

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New Castle County Bike Trails

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Kent County Bike Trails

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Sussex County Bike Trails

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BUILDING SAFETY MONTH MAY



INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL

Building Safety Month aims to raise awareness about the importance of building codes so that the general public has all the necessary info to ensure the safety of their homes, workplaces, and more.

While the phrase 'building codes' may sound like a modern concept, it can be traced back to about 2000 B.C. during the reign of Hammurabi, the founder of the Babylonian Empire.

Perhaps the most significant predecessor of the modern building code is Henry Fitz-Elwyne's Assize of Buildings, published in London in 1189. Scholars consider this document to be England's earliest building act and a representative example of municipal legislative power. Under this ordinance, individuals had the right to have construction halted until the Mayor could rule on the matter.

In the U.S., the first building codes were established in 1625 to address fire safety and specific materials as coverings for roofs. In 1630, Boston scrapped the use of chimneys made from wood and roof coverings made of thatch. And, during the late 1770s,

George Washington recommended that area- and height limitations be imposed on wood-frame buildings in Columbia district plans. It was the year 1788, that saw the first formal building code written in the U.S. (in old Salem, a place notorious for its fires).

More U.S. cities started to establish building codes in the early 1800s and, finally, New Orleans became the first city in 1865 to enact a law that required the inspection of public places.

Thomas Jefferson and George Washington encouraged the development of building regulations to offer minimum standards to building residents for health and safety.

Exit requirements became more prominent by 1862. These were followed by plumbing regulations in around 1880, and elevator and hoist regulations in 1883.

It was during the 1880s that steel frames emerged and paved the way for tall buildings and skyscrapers.

HISTORY CORNER

Letter dated June 15, 1936
from Tower Hill School,
Wilmington, DE to
Delaware Safety Council
thanking them for the use
of vehicles for
their driving instruction.

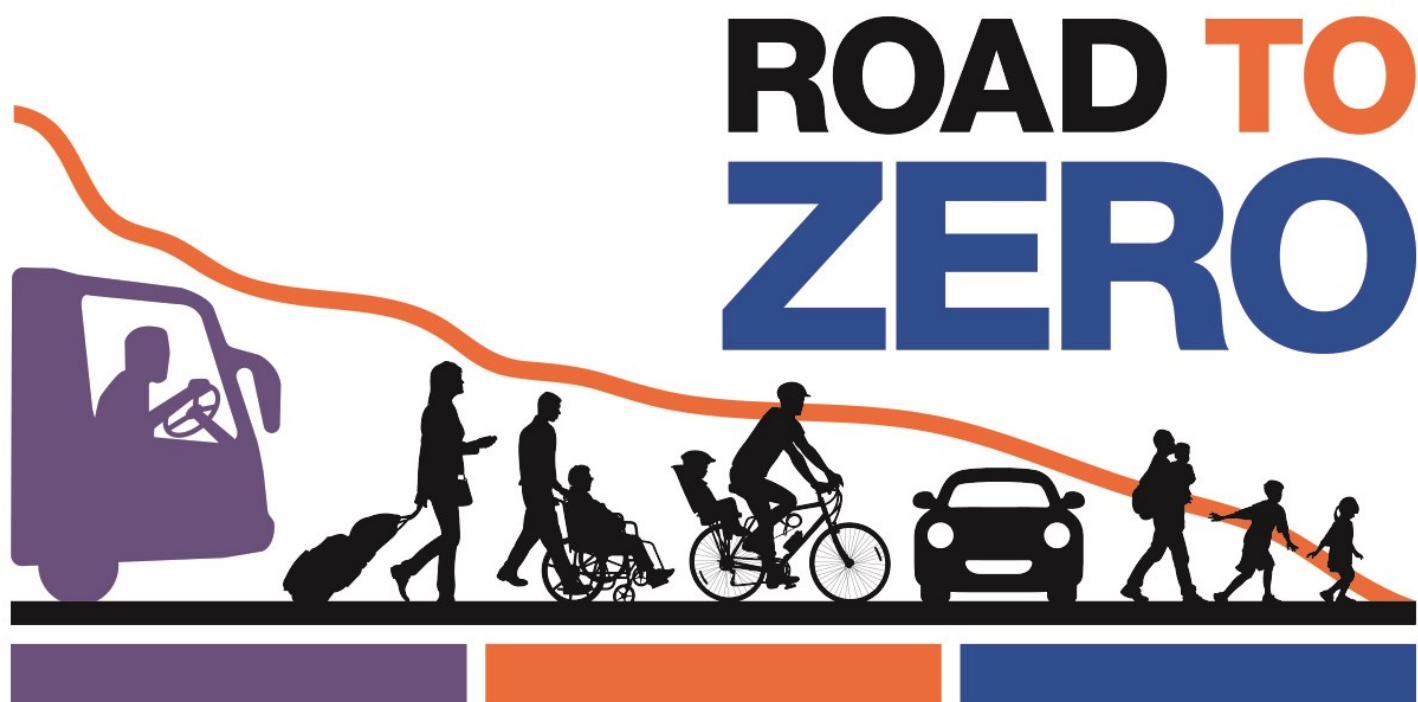
June 15th 1936
Tower Hill School
Wilmington
Delaware

The Delaware Safety Council,
Dear Sir's

Just a few lines to thank you
all for the use of a car for the pur-
pose of teaching the students of our
school to learn how to drive the safe
way. The names of the students
that took the driving course are,

Andre Malecot
Marion Mount
Eugene Crawford
Rodman Crawford, A student of Univ. of Penn
Mrs. E. Turk - The nurse at Tower Hill
Elizabeth Mount, A student of Beaconsfield
Also quite a few that have their license
took a lesson in parking.
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Road to Zero - Annual Meeting 2023

The [2023 Road to Zero](#) annual meeting was held at the National League of Cities in Washington, D.C. The meeting connected *Road to Zero* members, who heard from leading experts in traffic safety and were inspired by innovative case studies, new research and advances in policy. Members also received updates on the Coalition's Working Groups and learned how to better engage with the Coalition in 2023.

Guy VanderLek, a DSC driving instructor and retired SmartDrive employee, participated in the meeting garnering new research and policy updates. Guy is pictured bottom right with Lorraine Martin, President and CEO - National Safety Council. [Click Here](#) for full *Road to Zero* Report.

