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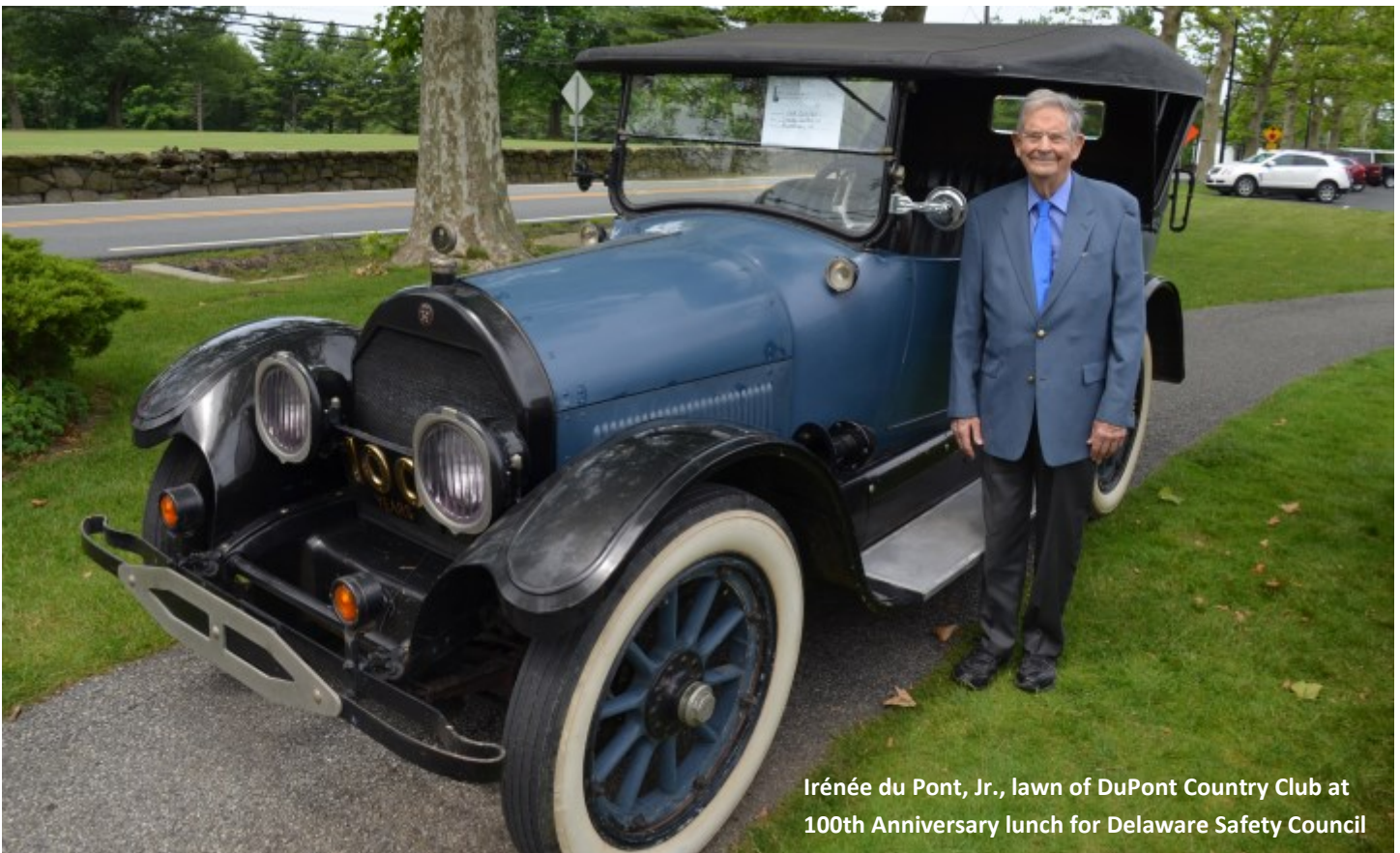
Irénée du Pont, Jr., Son of Delaware Safety Council Founder

On January 16, 2023, we experienced the passing of our safety champion, the son of our founder, Irénée du Pont. He entered the world one year after the birth of the Delaware Safety Council. He was the ninth child of Irénée and Sophie du Pont. Irénée graduated from Tower Hill School, attended Dartmouth College and obtained a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from M.I.T.

During World War II, he was employed as a test engineer at Ranger Aircraft Engines Company and in 1946 he joined the DuPont Company where he held engineering and supervisory positions. Returning to Wilmington in 1953, Mr. du Pont rose through management positions in the Plastics, Film and Employee Relations departments. He served as Senior Vice President and a member of the Executive Committee from 1967 to 1978 and retired from

DUPONT's Board of Directors in 1990. Mr. du Pont served on numerous boards of directors, including Christiana Securities Co., Wilmington Trust company, Delaware State Chamber of Commerce, Americans for the Competitive Enterprise System, and the Greater Wilmington Development Council. He also served on the boards of trustees of Wilmington University, The Unidel Foundation, Longwood Gardens, Inc., and Tower Hill School. He was a Life Member of the Corporation of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mr. du Pont and his wife Barbara were married for 75 years, were the parents of six children, thirteen grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. Irénée enjoyed working in his home workshop, sailing, and playing organ music.



Irénée du Pont, Jr., lawn of DuPont Country Club at 100th Anniversary lunch for Delaware Safety Council



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SPECIAL LETTER FROM CO-CHAIR—Bruce Swayze



Dear Members and Friends,

Mr. du Pont was one of the finest individuals that I have ever met. He was kind, thoughtful, intelligent, and generous not only with his wealth but his willingness to share his time and knowledge. I am grateful for the times that I had with him, particularly in the 'old car' hobby. He would invite our Car Club to Granogue from time to time and show us the pipe organ while explaining the mechanization of it. From there to his garage which housed every automobile that he had ever owned including his first, the 1918 Cadillac purchased for \$40 from a junk yard while he was attending Dartmouth in the 1930s. I have listened to him several times talking to people at the Hagley Auto Show explaining intricate mechanical details in such a way that children could understand. I suspect that many of the people listening had no idea who he was, and I think that he truly wanted to be just another human being. He had all the time in the world to answer your question.

He spoke to Delaware Safety Council in 2019 at the celebration of our 100th Anniversary, an organization founded by his father. He told me that while he had a printed copy of his remarks, he would summarize. Instead, he spoke for twenty-five minutes without notes nearly delivering the complete text (at the age of 99). Mr. DuPont's passing is an immeasurable loss to this community, and he will always be a role model to me.

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On Friday June 7, 2019, Delaware Safety Council held its *100th Anniversary Luncheon* at the DuPont Country Club. Irénée du Pont, Jr. spoke to the attendees in the ballroom about his father and the founding of Delaware Safety Council. Mr. du Pont spoke passionately about safety and what it meant to his father, and to the family's namesake company DUPONT.

The DUPONT Company was awarded the "*Irénée du Pont Award for Safety Innovation*" at the Council's Centennial Luncheon.

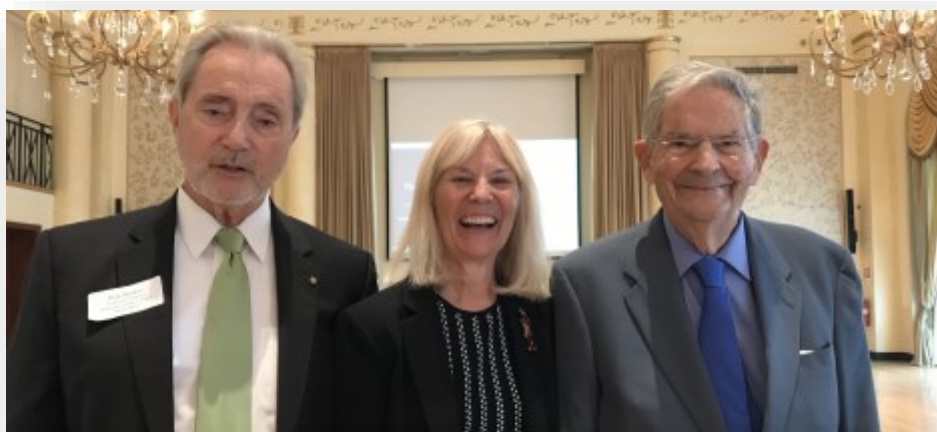


Photo Top Left: Former DSC Executive Director, Pete Booker, Senior Director of External Engagement, Governor's Highway Safety Association Pam Shadel Fischer, and Irénée du Pont, Jr.

Photo Top Right: Irénée du Pont, Jr.

Photo Bottom Left: Attendees of the DSC's 100th Anniversary luncheon at the DUPONT Country Club in 2019.



Welcome to the DSC Board

Brandon began his career as a staffer working on Capitol Hill in the Office of former United States Speaker J. Dennis Hastert. Upon graduation, he would serve as a senior Associate with the National Urban League's Economic Opportunity Institute, fighting for financial literacy and education reform. He would then serve as Deputy Director of Education and African American Affairs in the Office of the New Jersey Governor, the Hon. Chris J. Christie. His work focused on early Head Start programs, parental rights in Education and teacher tenure merit pay. He later would relocate to serve as Director of Career Exploring for the Boy Scouts of America Great Lakes Field Council and Director of Philanthropy for the United Way of Delaware. Today, Brandon serves as Vice President of College Advancement and Community Relations for Cecil College.

He is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., 100 Black Men of Greater Delaware, The Monday Club of Wilmington, and Prince Hall Masonic Grand Lodge of Delaware. Brandon serves as the Board of Directors for Great Oaks Charter School, Lincoln Club of Delaware, Boy Scouts of America's Del Mar VA Council, Delaware Judicial Magistrate Screening Committee, Delaware Safety Patrol and the New Castle County Ethics Committee. He resides on the Riverfront area of Wilmington, Delaware.

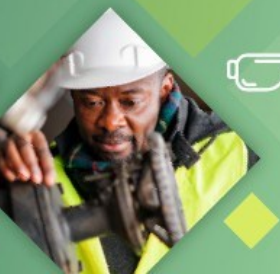
New DSC Board Member
Brandon Brice



New DSC Board Member
John Campanella, SHRM-SCP



John is a human resources and law enforcement professional with a proven ability to impact complex business challenges and deliver solutions and results. Retiring after 32-years from the Delaware State Police at the rank of Captain, serving the last four years as the Director of Human Resources, with a career that included increasingly responsible roles and achievement in the areas of: Policy/Procedure Development; Human Resource Management; Compliance Monitoring; Internal and External Investigations; Training/Development; Program and Project Management. Executive level leadership and managerial experience exercised in both direct supervision and in a project/team environment.



Show the Love on Valentine's Day

Plan Ahead for a Sober Ride

There's something far more dangerous on Valentine's Day than forgetting a gift or to make dinner reservations: drinking and driving. If your plans with the one you love include a night out, plan ahead for a sober ride, because *Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving*.

The rate of alcohol impairment among drivers involved in fatal crashes in 2018 was 3.4 times higher at night than during the day. In case you need to be reminded, it's illegal anytime and everywhere in America to drive with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or higher.

If you're making Valentine's Day plans, plan for a sober ride. Wherever you live, you've got options: ridesharing, taxis, and public transportation. Think of it as part of the fun of your Valentine's date; who wouldn't want a chauffeured ride to take them around town on their special night out?

If you need more convincing, think of the person you most want to spend time with on Valentine's Day. Then imagine where you'd be without them because you or someone else made the dangerous and selfish choice to get behind the wheel after drinking. That's

why we remind everyone that *Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving*. Love means never having to say you're sorry you took a life while driving drunk.

A cocktail or wine with a fancy dinner should be a small part of a beautiful, lasting memory, not the prelude to a deadly, drunk driving crash. This Valentine's Day and every day after, share the love by spreading the word that *Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving*—and by always driving sober. That's a Valentine you can share with everyone.





On Super Bowl Sunday, Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk

Play It Safe

Defense wins championships; your best defense is to plan for a sober ride. From taxis and ride shares to public transportation and designated drivers, run the play that will score you home safely.

Be a Party MVP

Volunteer to be a designated driver. Let your team know that you'll be there for them when the party's over with a safe and sober ride home.

If You've Been Drinking, You're Benched

There's no place on the road for anyone who has been drinking. If someone tries to drive after drinking, tell them to ride the bench until you help them find a sober ride home.

Be the Head Coach When Hosting

Take care of the designated drivers and provide plenty of food and non-alcoholic drinks. Most importantly, make the game-winning call: intercept their keys before they drink.

We all have the same game plan when it comes to preventing drunk driving. And always buckle up. Your seat belt is your best defense if you're in a crash.

Enjoy Super Bowl LVII – safely. Remember: Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk.





Benefits of **First Aid**, **CPR**, and **AED** Training to Employees

Call (302) 276-0660 to schedule workplace CPR/AED Training today!

First aid is the temporary assistance an injured or unwell person needs until professional medical care can be provided. The employers' responsibility is to keep the workplace safe for employees and ensure that designated people are trained in First Aid, CPR, and AED for immediate and appropriate care for workplace injuries or medical conditions. Studies reveal that CPR, provided on time, can triple the chances of surviving a heart attack. Automated external defibrillators (AEDs) are portable, life-saving devices to treat people experiencing cardiac arrest, a medical condition in which the heart stops beating suddenly and unexpectedly. The combination of CPR and early defibrillation saves lives when used in the first few minutes following the collapse from cardiac arrest. The AED system includes accessories, such as a battery and pad electrodes, that are necessary for the AED to detect and interpret an electrocardiogram and deliver an electrical shock. The administration of these procedures needs expert training.



Safety in Workplace

Every year, more than 350,000 instances of cardiac arrest occur outside U.S. hospitals, according to the American Heart Association. These medical emergencies can occur anywhere from private homes and business premises to public institutions, and even while commuting via car, bus or train. A company's greatest asset is undoubtedly its employees. Employers should do everything necessary to keep their organization a happy and safe working environment. Investing in CPR and general first aid training for employees can be equally beneficial. Here are a few benefits.

Lifesaving Skill

On any given day, around 1,000 Americans experience sudden cardiac arrest. According to the latest statistics released by the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Foundation, only 10 percent of these people survive.

The most valuable benefit that can be gained from CPR training in the workplace is the fact that precious lives can be saved. An employee who knows how to perform CPR and use an automated external defibrillator (AED) can mean the difference between someone living and dying during a medical emergency. Having someone on-site to perform CPR or use an AED can keep a patient in cardiac arrest alive until professional medical personnel arrive on the scene. An onsite AED can be a valuable investment, especially if you opt for an affordable and user-friendly model that requires virtually no maintenance.

Fewer Workplace Accidents

A decrease in workplace accidents is one of the most notable benefits of first aid and CPR training in the workplace. When employees undergo first aid training, they are also equipped with valuable knowledge that will allow them to be more watchful. This increased level of safety awareness will lead to reduced reckless behavior and greater

respect for health and safety protocols. During CPR training, employees will also learn about the possible causes of cardiac arrest and its long-term impact on the body. Although the intention is to educate rather than instill fear, the automatic response is to avoid such situations at all costs.

Positive work Environment

Every work environment, whether an industrial workshop or a medium-sized office, can be a potential setting for a medical emergency. Creating a safe working environment can benefit both the organization and employees. Staff members that are permanently stressed out about potential medical concerns may find it increasingly difficult to concentrate on their tasks. However, knowing there are trained staff members on standby to perform potentially life-saving first aid does wonders for staff morale.