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Dear Members and Friends,

In this summertime issue, we touch upon fireworks safety, vehicle theft prevention and CPR/AED/First Aid training. In our new monthly column *Sadie-on-Safety*, our GenZ marketing intern shares her recent experience getting recertified in CPR/AED/First Aid and the changes in protocol since her last recertification.

On a recent trip to Amsterdam, I noticed that in the Netherlands, AEDs were both obvious and everywhere. Taking the train from the airport to center city Amsterdam, was my first encounter with the prevalent AEDs. In the middle of every platform on a pole was a well marked AED. On the train into center city there was also a well marked AED in my car. When I got off of the train into the parking lot (filled with bikes not cars) there was another obvious and convenient AED. If one has a heart issue in the Netherlands, bystanders can immediately offer aid.

This was the case in several cities outside of Amsterdam that I visited during my trip. It got me to thinking, do we have this in the U.S. and I just missed it? When I was home and took AMTRAK to D.C. for a conference with the *National Distracted Driving Coalition* I was on the hunt for AEDs. There were none on the platforms in Wilmington, none I found on my train car and zero that were obvious when I arrived in Union Station.

When I returned to the office, I did some digging. Delaware does have a guide to [Public Access Defibrillators](#). However [Chapter 412](#), formerly House Bill 430 was approved by the 104th General Assembly on July 13, 2000, twenty-three year ago. That update did not cover disbursement or mandatory placement. I think that it is time for Delaware to reexamine AEDs and the role it plays in public safety for the lives of Delawareans. Dutch Railways worked with the Heart Foundation to distribute 750 AEDs throughout the rail stations. DSC would like to take on this challenge here in our state.

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Sadie on Safety

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CPR. Refreshing the Refresher from a **Gen Z** Perspective

by Sadie Walsh, Marketing Intern Delaware Safety Council

Earlier this month, I had to renew my First Aid/CPR/AED training as I do every two years, and this session proved to be entirely different. It reinforced the importance of knowing how to handle tough situations and the significance of proper training to save lives.

In today's world, there are numerous new techniques and advances to follow compared to what we were taught years back. For instance, in the past, I learned to tilt back someone's head if a bloody nose occurred. However, current procedures advise tilting

the head forward to prevent choking. Similarly, when I was a child, whenever I was stung by a bee my parents would use tweezers to remove them. Now, I know to use a card to scrape the skin's surface, as tweezers can release more venom into the person. While these procedures worked a few years ago, new updates today teach us to adapt to easier and safer ways to perform first aid. Without the refresher class, I would not have been aware of these safer habits that improve not only my safety but also the safety of others.



AEDs play a crucial role in reviving individuals experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. However, the United States is behind other countries in terms of AED accessibility. Disturbingly, according to the American Heart Association, in the U.S. half of workers are unable to locate an AED at work. This concerning statistic underscores the importance of ensuring that everyone knows the location of the nearest AED in case of an emergency. In contrast, Europe has made significant progress in making AEDs more accessible and prominent in public spaces. For example, they have turned public old-style telephone booths into AED stations. Since the phone booths were no longer being used, they felt it was a perfect opportunity to include more safety features in larger public areas. In addition, this has allowed for increased awareness that an AED is always present.

According to Mindray, Dutch Railways deployed 715 AED devices in stations across the country. This is due

to most cardiac arrest occurring in public settings like train stations. By investing in the placement of additional AED machines in public locations and workplaces, we have the potential to save multiple lives.

Participating in CPR/AED training class prepares individuals for life-threatening situations. While taking the class many think or hope that they will never need to use these methods, but one day they will. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CPR can double or even triple a person's chance of survival.

Through the renewal of the training, attendees gain confidence in their CPR/AED skills, enabling them to assess and respond quickly to someone in need. Regrettably, many people are lost because no one steps forwards assertively in these situations. However, that can change with regular training and renewal, ensuring that individuals are prepared when the need arises.





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DSCC held a wonderful breakfast meeting hosted by Wilmington University's new law school campus in North Wilmington. The campus will be expanding with additional buildings on the site. The university made the leap from a college to a university and now it added a law school! WILMU has been a long time DSC partner and supporter of our SmartDrive Student Safe Driving Program.



MEMBER Spotlight. Some Recent, Some Returning.



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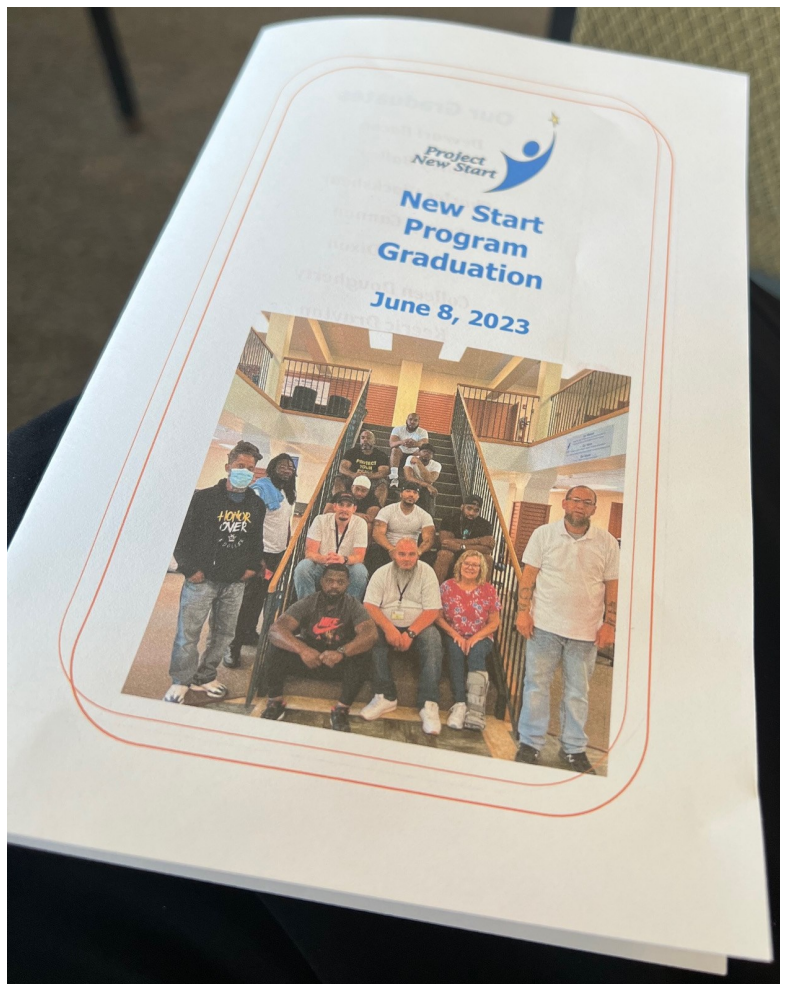
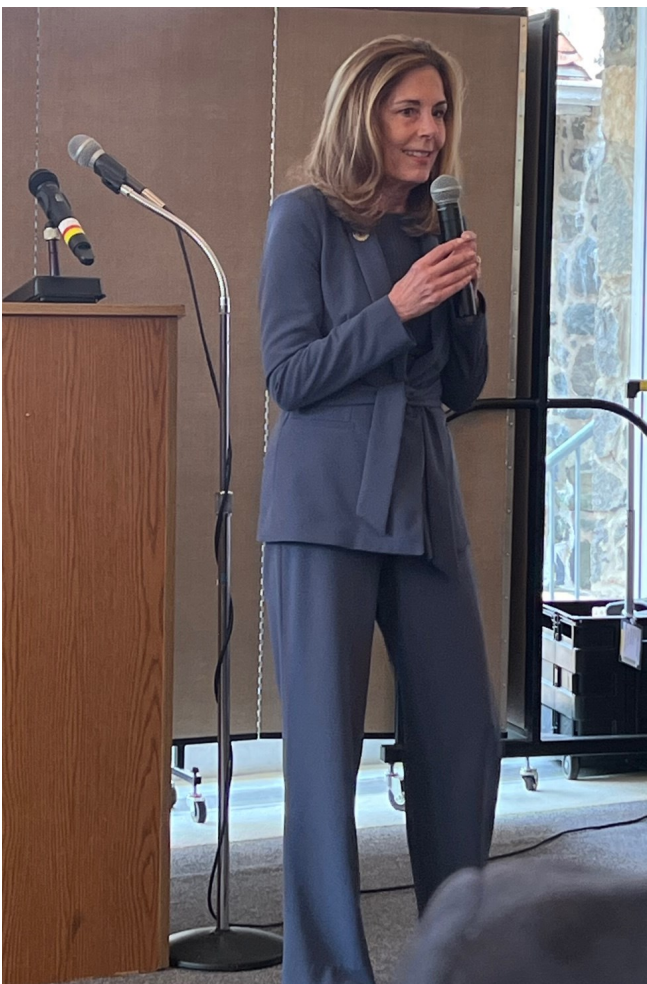


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On Thursday, June 8th, 14 members of the Spring 2023 cohort of the New Start Reentry Program celebrated their graduation. Approximately 70 government leaders, members of the judiciary, community partners, funders, employers and former New Start graduates joined the celebration to support the graduates' success. Among the guests who offered special acknowledgements were Attorney General Kathleen Jennings (pictured below), County Executive Matt Meyer and the Honorable Charles E. Butler.

New Start is a 10 week, 325 hour experience. Graduates attended classes Monday through Friday from 8:30am - 3:00pm. and obtained a variety of employment credentials and certifications in addition to receiving financial literacy education, technology training, and guidance in developing strategies for positive behavioral change. Each participant receives job placement assistance and as of June 8th, 9 graduates have secured employment.

Delaware Safety Council partners with Project New Start with their Flagger Certification course.





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DRBA Celebrates Second Annual *World Environment Day*

On Thursday, June 1, 2023 at Veterans Memorial Park, Delaware Safety Council participated in the Delaware River and Bay Authority's World Environment Day! This year's *World Environment Day* campaign focused on global solutions to combat plastic pollution. Attendees learned about environmental issues from government regulators, environmental experts, and company representatives on such topics as recycling, air quality, food waste, plastic bag bans, renewable energy, greener products, plastic pollution, sustainability, watersheds, endangered species, electric vehicles, nuclear power, energy conservation, marine life and habitat, oil spill cleanup, remediation, ecology, and climate impacts. Nearly one hundred (100) exhibitors and vendors participated in the four-hour event .

World Environment Day, which falls on June 5, is the biggest international day for the environment. It's been more than 50 years since the 1972 United

Nations Conference on the Human Environment, widely seen as the first international meeting on the environment. The first official World Environment Day celebration was held in 1973, marking this as the 50th anniversary.

Delaware Safety Council Co-Chair, Bruce Swayze (photo bottom left) and Board Member Nicole DiMondi (photo bottom right) manned the Delaware Safety Council area under the tent in the main area. Proper driving-speeds, properly inflated tires for better mileage add to the lessening of each driver's carbon footprint.



DRBA's World Environment Day celebration also offered activities for the school students who attended in groups or with their parents. Driving has always been a right of passage and Delaware Safety Council's Teen Driving program - SmartDrive was there to remind new and future drivers that it is a responsibility.

Attendees drove pedal cars in a pre-determined track. First without goggles and then with impairment goggles that sampled either the legal limit of alcohol or simulation of vision under the influence of cannabis.

SmartDrive is a DMV certified safe driving program aimed towards

high school and college students. Its goal is to ensure that young drivers make the right decisions on the road and keep everyone inside the vehicle safe.

At World Environment Day, we also had students pledge to [Click4Life](#) promising that they will always buckle up!





History at the Powder Mill

As the summer months roll around each year, firework sales skyrocket. People buy them for use at get-togethers, parties, barbeques, and so forth. Fireworks, therefore, have become synonymous with American culture and traditions. With that being said, they still pose quite a few dangers, some of which can result in severe injuries or even death. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, each year 10,000 people are injured due to fireworks.

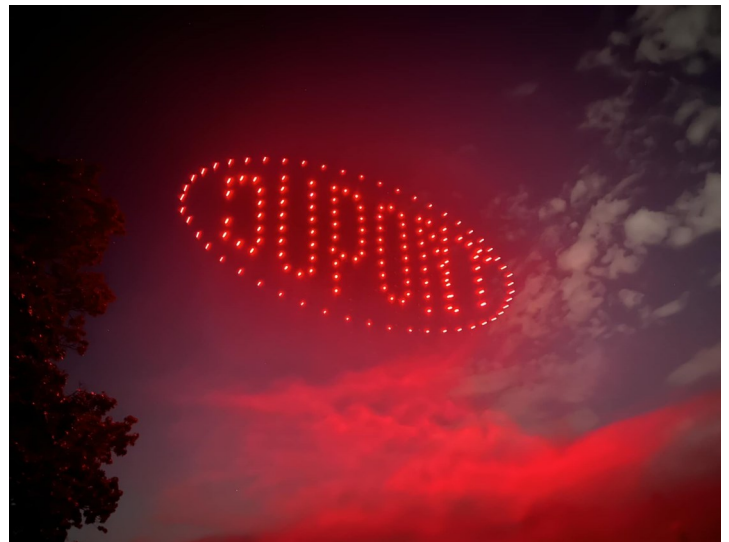
Delawareans cannot discuss fireworks without discussing the annual Hagley Fireworks. Located on 235 acres along the banks of the Brandywine River in Wilmington, Hagley is the location of the gunpowder works founded by E. I. du Pont in 1802. The site produced black powder in the foundry yards for over 100 years. The fireworks celebration has been an annual event for 41 years.

Mr. du Pont chose the location for the river's tumble over the Fall Line which provided power, timber and willow trees (used to produce quality charcoal required for superior black powder), the proximity to the Delaware River (on which other ingredients of the powder – sulfur and saltpeter – could be shipped); and the quarries of gneiss that would provide construction materials for the mills. The E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company's black powder factory

became the largest in the world.

In 1921, the mills along the Brandywine closed and parcels of the property were sold. Plans for a museum were established 31 years later, on the occasion of the DUPONT Company's 150th anniversary in 1952.

The 2023 Hagley Fireworks display included hundreds of drones, that lit up the Wilmington skyline. For Delaware Safety Council, founded in 1919 by Irene du Pont, the evening provided a heightened emotion of pride in DSC staff, members and board members in attendance. The drones armed with blue lights lit the sky forming the Hagley logo with the mill stone turning. Then they reformatted and presented in red as the DUPONT company logo. That was received with applause and cheers from the lawn full of observers. Both Delaware and DUPONT pride were most definitely on full display.





Vehicle Theft Prevention Month

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is continuing its annual **Vehicle Theft Prevention** campaign in July. During the month, NHTSA is highlighting the potential for motor vehicle theft, preventive measures vehicle owners should take, the importance of addressing the vehicle theft problem, and its significant economic impact.

"Finding that your vehicle has been stolen can be a stressful event," said Dr. Steven Cliff, NHTSA's Acting Administrator. "Vehicle theft is driven by money and greed, a dangerous business that victimizes everyone, but fortunately, drivers can take precautions to reduce the risk of it happening."

As a driver, you can take steps to keep your vehicle and belongings safe.

Here are ways you can help prevent motor vehicle theft.

- Park in well-lit areas.
- Close and lock all windows and doors when you park.
- Put away your valuables.
- Do not leave your keys in your vehicle.
- Do not leave the area while your vehicle is running.

Delaware State Police Vehicle
Thefts in Delaware

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