

ELSMERE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Monthly Report
January 2023

Significant Events:

On the following dates/times Elsmere Bureau of Police officers handled the below incidents and seized the following drugs, money and/or weapons.

December 18, 2022:

Passing of Ret. Chief John S. Giles, Jr.



Ret. Chief John S. Giles Jr, age 63, passed away Sunday, December 18, 2022, surrounded by his family. John attended Conrad High School and devoted his life to his family, friends, and public service. John was a member of the Elsmere Fire Company for 50 years

where he held several positions within the Fire Company including Captain, Assistant Chief, Director, and President. John began his first career as a Police Officer with the Elsmere Bureau of Police. John joined the department in 1978 where served for 20 years. During his police career, John rose through every rank from Park Guard to Chief of Police. After retiring from the Elsmere Bureau of Police, John served 4 years as Deputy Director of the Delaware Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement for the State of Delaware. John then returned to the Town of Elsmere as the Town Manager where he dedicated another 20 years of service to the residents of Elsmere. Throughout his decades of public service, John established himself as an asset to the Town of Elsmere where his insight was respected by countless colleagues. John's knowledge, skills, and dedication earned him several commendations and accolades.

To honor Ret. Chief Giles' commitment to the Town of Elsmere and his many years to public service, Governor Carney ordered the Delaware flag to be lowered on Thursday, December 29, 2022.

John is preceded in death by his parents John S. Sr. and Charlotte (Hayden) Giles, daughters Amanda and Erin Giles, brother James Giles, Uncle Nicholas DiBiaso and mother-in-law Charlotte L. Houben. John is survived by his wife and best friend of 35 years Laura; sons John and Joshua Giles (Brynn); brothers David (Pam), William (Lisa), Patrick (Mary); sister-in-law Sharon; Uncle George B. Giles (Kathy), Aunt Alice DiBiaso and Aunt Sharon Gray (Robin); Father-in-law John J. Houben, Brother-in-law John L. Houben, Sister-in-laws Nancy Shelton (John) and Linda Houben, numerous nieces and nephews, cousins, and his loving dog Beau. In lieu of flowers, you may make a donation in John's name to the Elsmere Fire Company at 1107 Kirkwood Hwy., Wilmington, DE 19805.