



# HENRICO POLICE NEWS RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### Henrico Police Investigates Fatal Staples Mill Road Pedestrian Crash

**(Henrico County, Va.)** – Henrico Police continues to investigate a fatal pedestrian crash that occurred in the Brookland Magisterial District.

On Friday, May 15, 2026, around 5:05 p.m., Henrico Police responded to the intersection of Staples Mill Road and Libbie Mill East Boulevard for a reported pedestrian crash. Once on scene, officers located an adult male in the roadway with obvious signs of trauma. He was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Henrico Police Crash Team Investigators have identified the deceased as **Christopher L. Yates, 74, of Henrico.**

The preliminary investigation indicates a driver in a Nissan Rouge was traveling east on Staples Mill Road when the vehicle struck Mr. Yates who had stepped in the road. The driver of the vehicle remained on scene and is cooperating with the investigation. It appears Mr. Yates was part of a gathering in the area with other pedestrians. Investigators continue to look into the factors of what caused this crash.

Anyone with further information about this incident is asked to contact Officer S. Shoemaker at (804) 501-5000. You may also submit tips anonymously via Crime Stoppers at (804) 780-1000 or by using P3tips.com.

Henrico Police would also like to remind our community members to “Watch Out Ahead Henrico” or “WOAH!” This traffic-safety campaign was created to have our community members say that very phrase. Whether you’re traveling by foot, bicycle or motor vehicle, we all have a role to play in getting to where we’re going safely. More information on this campaign [can be found here.](#)

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## **ORIGINAL RELEASE (05.15.26)**

**(Henrico County, Va.)** – Henrico Police is on scene of a fatal pedestrian crash on Staples Mill Road at Libbie Mill East Boulevard.

On Friday, May 15, 2026, around 5:05 p.m., Henrico Police responded to the above intersection for a reported pedestrian crash. Once on scene, officers located an adult male with obvious signs of trauma. He was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Members of the Henrico Police Crash Team are in the early stages of the investigation. The driver of the vehicle involved in the crash remained on scene and is cooperating with authorities.

Currently all eastbound lanes of Staples Mill Road are closed from Bethlehem Road to Libbie Lake South Street.

Anyone with further information is asked to contact Henrico Police at (804) 501-5000. More details will be shared when they become available.

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