

20th Annual Safe Summer Day A Success

Kent County's Kicks –Off the Summer Season by hosting its Annual Safe Summer Day with the Department of Homeland Security and 45 other partner agencies. Safe Summer Day held on Saturday, June 9, 2018, in Brecknock Park, Camden, is intended to promote safety, while at the same time, encourage summer enjoyment.

Some of the attractions from Kent County partners included: Delaware State Police K-9 demonstration, and helicopter display; Dover Air Force Base Humvee that children enjoyed hopping into and out of, as well as operating a remote controlled model Humvee; The Department of Correction's modern day paddy wagon allowing kids to see how prisoners are transported; and, the Delaware Emergency Management Agency sharing emergency management tips. Several Kent County Fire Companies brought a variety of demonstrations from a simulation of a burning house, a jaws of life demonstration, and, an obstacle course giving the semblance of what firefighters physically experience when out on a call. Naming just a few of the health care and health related partners who brought literature and spoke to attendees included BayHealth, Westside Family Healthcare; Delaware Domestic Violence Council and the Delaware Adolescent Program, Inc. Local business partners such as, Dover International Speedway, Atlantic Apothecary, Lowes, and Chick-fil-a were also on hand to provide information, hand out literature and share goodies and food.

The early part of the day was sunny and hot. Rain was in the forecast the entire week ahead, but that didn't prevent the hundreds of people who came out. Safe Summer day abruptly ended an hour early by a fast moving thunder storm around 1:00 p.m. and the grounds cleared quickly. All in all, about 1500 people passed through; some newcomers to the area, most established Kent Countians; however, the event turned out to be a success and enjoyed by all who attended.

