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## **Sandy Hook Riders Honor Gun Violence Victims, Seek Change**

*"Team 26" from Newtown, CT will rally at the Perkins Student Center UD*

*Mayor Polly Sierer will ride with Team 26 and speak at the rally*

*"America's Bike Messengers" to deliver petition to Capitol urging lawmakers to keep guns off campuses*

Newark, DE - A 400-mile bicycle ride from Newtown, CT to Washington, DC to raise awareness of gun violence is stopping for a rally at the University of Delaware on Monday, April 11. Delaware Governor Jack Markell, Team 26 leader Monte Frank, Newark Mayor Polly Sierer, and University of Delaware students will be among the speakers. Markell and Sierer and others from the community will ride with Team 26 from Curtis Mill Park to the 10:30 a.m. rally at the Perkins Student Center.

The ride from Sandy Hook to the Capitol aims to raise awareness of the gun violence epidemic, to support common sense legislation to reduce gun violence, and to honor the 20 children and 6 educators killed at the Sandy Hook School and all victims of gun violence throughout the Nation.

This year, Team 26 is advocating for universal background checks and supporting grassroots efforts at the state and local level. As America's bike messengers, they will be delivering a petition to Congress to keep guns off campuses, which currently has more than 36,000 signatures. After leaving Delaware, the riders will cycle to Baltimore on their way to Washington, D.C., for a Tuesday rally at the Capitol.

This is the bike team's second visit to Delaware in support the work of the Delaware Coalition Against Gun Violence (DeCAGV) and other gun violence prevention groups. Last year, Team 26 rallied at the Hockessin PAL Center.

Additional sponsors are Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, Mayors Against Illegal Guns, and the Campaign to Keep Guns Off Campus.

### Schedule for Monday, April 11

**10:00 a.m.** Team 26 arrives at Curtis Mill Park (287 Paper Mill Rd., Newark 19711) to link up with Delaware cyclists, including Governor Jack Markell and Newark Mayor Polly Sierer, to ride the final mile to the Perkins Center (325 Academy St, Newark, DE 19716).

**10:30 a.m.** Rally at University of Delaware  
Perkins Student Center - 325 Academy Street, Newark, DE

Confirmed speakers:

Governor Jack Markell

- Monte Frank - Team 26
- Newark Mayor Polly Sierer
- Rep. Valerie Longhurst
- Sen. David Sokola
- Rep. Paul Baumbach
- Eliza Eggleston, U of D student
- Brian Fahey, U of D graduate and member DeCAGV Advisory Council
- Dennis Greenhouse, DeCAGV Board Chair

**11:00 a.m.** Public meet and greet with members of Team 26

**11:30 a.m.** Team 26 departs for Baltimore for a 4:00 pm rally

**Noon** Rally concludes

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