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### **DSP “Summer Slam” Marks Sixth Season**

*- Summer basketball league promotes  
police/community partnerships –*

The Delaware State Police Summer Slam Basketball League opened its sixth season Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at Fred Fifer III Middle School in Camden. Bank of America, Delaware State Housing Authority (DSHA), Delmarva Rural Ministries and Seaview Builders are this year’s sponsors of the program, which provides a structured activity throughout the summer for 250 adolescents from all areas of Kent County. Initiated by the Delaware State Police to build relationships among police and youth, the League is a positive alternative to drug activity and offers an opportunity for children to develop camaraderie, self-confidence and social skills.

Caesar Rodney School District donated the use of the school gym for the season. Seaview Builders is tracking team rosters on a new laptop furnished by DSHA, while Delmarva Rural Ministries provided funding. Delaware State Police Lieutenant Harry W. Downes noted, “In addition to providing uniforms and other expenses, Bank of America has made implementation of four \$500 academic scholarships for graduating seniors possible. We thank all of our sponsors for their generous investment in the young people of our community.”

Delaware National Guard Lieutenant Thomas Emerson, who recently returned from duty in the Middle East, delivered a motivational speech, and soloist Patricia Randolph led the fans and teams in a rousing rendition of the National Anthem.

Saturday's event kicked off the eight-week season, which includes six weeks of games, followed by the playoffs. Coordinators are Lt. Harry W. Downes, Delaware State Police; Rita M. Paige, Delaware State Housing Authority and Shannon Hughes, Seaview Builders and Bank of America.

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