

Delaware Coalition Against Gun Violence  
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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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

***“Team 26” from Newtown CT will rally at the Perkins Student Center at the University of Delaware on Monday, April 11.***

**Governor Jack Markell 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***

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, several state legislators, 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.

The team of 26 cyclists represents the 26 children and teachers killed at the school by a lone gunman armed with a military-style assault rifle. 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, Campaign to Keep Guns Off Campus.

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## **SCHEDULE for Monday, April 11:**

**7:30 a.m.** **Team 26 leaves West Chester, PA**, on the third day of their 4-day, 400-mile ride from Newtown CT to Washington DC.

**9:30 a.m.** **Team 26 crosses into Delaware** from Chadds Ford. Riders will pass through Yorklyn and Hockessin on their way to Newark.

**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
- Eliza Eggleston, U of D student from Newtown CT
- Brian Fahey, U of D graduate and member  
DeCAGV Advisory Board
- 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