

Multi-vehicle crash with entrapment in Middletown prompts MedEvac response; crews busy across county with fires, alarms and crashes

Command established at RT 17 and Valley View Road after reports of a trapped occupant; earlier building fire and multiple automatic crash notifications kept emergency units stretched

By The Frederick Watch Desk

Crews were dispatched to RT 17 at Valley View Road near the Middletown water tower at 3:17 pm for a reported vehicle accident with entrapment, and radio traffic later indicated three vehicles were involved and one occupant trapped. RE74 reported on scene confirming the three-vehicle situation and that an occupant remained trapped while BC903 established incident command and requested additional resources, including a second ambulance and a Rescue Squad.

Radio updates show command continued to expand as responders worked to free the occupant. BC903 requested a MedEvac for a reported Pri. 2/B patient and ordered an engine company to establish a landing zone at Middletown High School. C7-B was assigned as extrication group supervisor; subsequent updates indicate the patient was extricated at 3:41 pm and Trooper 3 was airborne en route to Shock Trauma at 4:01 pm, according to the dispatch timeline. Units listed on the original call included A78, A129, ALS8, R20, E72, RE74, C7-B, TRPR3, BC903, EMS901 and SAF901.

The entrapment call followed a busy morning that included a building fire reported at 10:57 am on the 100 block of Key Parkway. E11 reported arriving on scene to a two-story end unit with occupants out and a fire in a second-floor bathroom; C1 was recorded establishing command and crews identified a vent fan on fire. T50 was noted setting up a fan at the front door for ventilation “when needed.” Units listed on that Box Alarm included E11, E31, E121, PE23, E501, R3, TT4, A19, ALS4, C1, BC903, BC901 and SAF901.

Traffic incidents peppered the day. At 12:12 pm crews were dispatched to N. Market Street and E. Thirteenth Street for a reported motorcycle crash; PE23 reported one person down in the roadway and M28 transported a Pri. 2 patient to Meritus at 12:18 pm. Early and late automatic crash notification calls prompted searches that turned up no crashes at the dispatched locations: a 7:25 am automatic crash notification for I-270 SB at the railroad prompted checks of both directions with “nothing found,” and a 4:28 pm automatic crash notification for I-70 WB at Mount Phillip Road likewise resulted in units checking the area and finding no incident.



Tonight over downtown Frederick. Photo by Michael DeMattia. Community photograph; not an image of the reported incidents.

Fire units also handled smaller vegetation and vehicle incidents. A brush fire reported at 12:44 pm on US-15 NB near the 36 mile marker was recorded as a small fire; BR65 reported the blaze possibly extinguished on arrival and later confirmed it had been put out by a passerby. A vehicle fire called in on I-70 WB at 2:04 pm produced smoke from the vehicle’s exhaust and was investigated by E31, which later reported the incident as a good-intent call with no fire department services required.

Utility and investigation responses closed the day. Wires down and low-hanging wire reports involved PE52 at Knoxville Road and Jefferson Pike in Brunswick at 12:03 pm and later at the 200 block of Knoxville Road at 7:23 pm; the latter update noted a low-hanging wire in front of the dispatched address and that the utility company had been notified. Flooding-condition calls were listed early at 3:04 am on the 5800 block of Tobery Road and again at 4:35 pm on the 5200 block of Maitland Terrace. An outside-smoke investigation in the Bottomley Road/Wilhide Road area led BR226 to advise a homeowner about the annual burn ban and proper procedures. These dispatch logs and subsequent updates were posted by Frederick Scanner during the collection window.

THE PREVIOUS DAY IN NUMBERS

YESTERDAY AT A GLANCE

CALLS LOGGED 24 Non-medical incidents	VERIFIED UPDATES 36 FredScanner-authorized
BUSIEST HOUR 12:00 pm 5 incidents logged	WEATHER 83° / 64° Mostly Sunny

ACTIVITY SCORE

75

BUSY

INCIDENT BREAKDOWN

Traffic & roads	11
Fire & rescue	4
Weather & utilities	4
Alarms	3
Other public safety	2

LARGEST RESPONSE

Building Fire

13 units · 100 Block Key Pkwy

TOP COMMUNITIES

Frederick	3
Thurmont	2
Brunswick	1

ABOUT THIS EDITION

Compiled from verified Frederick Scanner posts and updates. Medical calls and follower comments are not included.

AUTOMATED TRAFFIC SNAPSHOT

Yesterday on the Roads

UNIQUE REPORTS 17 observed during the day	TOP ISSUE Closures most common report type
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MOST-REPORTED LOCATION

9124 Reichs Ford Road

1 reports

Closures	8
Roadwork	5
Other	3

Source: TomTom automated traffic data. Observations may be incomplete, duplicated or imprecise.

Midday building fire

Firefighters report vent-fan fire on second floor of Key Parkway residence

10:57 am | BUILDING FIRE | BOX ALARM 1-5 | 100 BLOCK KEY PKWY | Radio: 9D | Units: E11, E31, E121, PE23, E501, R3, TT4, A19, ALS4, C1, BC903, BC901, SAF901. E11 reported arriving at a two-story end unit with occupants out and a fire in the second-floor bathroom; C1 established command. E11 confirmed the vent fan in the second-floor bathroom was on fire and T50 was noted setting up a front-door fan for ventilation when needed.

Original FredScanner post

Motorcycle crash

PE23 reports rider down on N. Market Street; M28 transports to Meritus

12:12 pm | MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT | N. MARKET ST / E. THIRTEENTH ST (FREDERICK) | Radio: 9D | Units: A28, ALS2, R3, PE23, EMS902. PE23 reported one person down in the roadway; later updates indicate M28 transported one Pri. 2 patient to Meritus at 12:18 pm.

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FREDERICK COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Frederick Woman Sentenced to 40 Years in Child Sexual Abuse Case

2026-07-27

Source: Frederick County State's Attorney's Office

FREDERICK WOMAN TO SERVE 40 YEARS FOR SEX ABUSE OF A MINOR (x2), AND CHILD PORNOGRAPHY – PERMIT TO ENGAGE AS SEX SUBJECT

Frederick, MD – Today in Frederick County Circuit Court, Judge Richard Sandy sentenced 53-year-old Rebecca Wightman to 60 years, with all but 40 years suspended, in the Division of Corrections for two counts of Sexual Abuse of a Minor and one count of Production of Child Pornography – Permit a Child to Engage as Subject in a Sex Act.

The Defendant entered a guilty plea to these three counts before the Court on February 4, 2026.

Sentencing was postponed until today's date for evaluations to be conducted, including a required Pre-Sentence Investigation and Risk Assessment.

This 40-year active sentence exceeded the Maryland Sentencing Guidelines and was imposed based on the ongoing, pervasive nature of the offenses, the substantial impact on the victim, the Defendant's lack of remorse, and her continued attempt to blame the victim for her offenses.

This is a 50% parole-required sentence. The Defendant received credit for time-served in the Frederick County Detention Center since August 14, 2025.

Upon release, the Defendant will be on five years of supervised probation with the Sex Offender Management Team. The Defendant is required to Register as a Tier III Sex Offender, which mandates lifetime registration. She is also required to be on Lifetime Sex Offender Supervision.

On August 10, 2025, the Frederick County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a sex offense, which occurred in the past.

Police were shown video evidence of the Defendant performing a sexual act on a juvenile victim, which was created at the Defendant's direction.

The juvenile was interviewed at the Child Advocacy Center and detailed ongoing sexual abuse involving approximately ten separate acts of sexual abuse within the year.

In a controlled call recorded by police, the Defendant admitted the sexual abuse of the victim and indicated a desire to engage in further sexual abuse of the victim.

The Defendant also admitted the offenses in an interview with police, but blamed the victim in her interview, in jail calls, and in the evaluations that were conducted pre-sentence.

A Victim Impact Statement, which was written by the Victim and the Victim's Representative, was read in Court, detailing the impact of this ongoing abuse: "She destroyed his understanding of love.

She taught him that manipulation was affection. That guilt was loyalty. That exploitation was normal."

The Victim's Representative spoke directly to the Court noting, "Nothing this Court does today can restore what she stole. But this Court can do something profoundly important.

It can tell this young man that the truth matters. That his voice matters. That what happened to him matters.

And that no one...is beyond accountability when they choose to prey upon [a] child... Her influence over his life ends here. His future begins now."

State's Attorney Charlie Smith stated, "Today's sentence delivers accountability for a pattern of abuse that caused profound harm to a child.

This outcome affirms that the victim's voice matters and that in Frederick County, we will act decisively to protect children and pursue justice against those who prey upon them.



Image courtesy of Frederick County State's Attorney's Office.

I am grateful for the sentence imposed by Judge Sandy, the bravery of the victim, the work of our dedicated prosecutor Erin Pearl, and our law enforcement partners whose efforts brought the truth to light."

This conviction and sentence was the result of the cooperative efforts of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office, Child Protective Services, the Child Advocacy Center, and the Frederick County State's Attorney's Office.

The State of Maryland was represented by Assistant State's Attorney, Erin Pearl, Special Victims Unit.

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FREDERICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Fatal Single-Vehicle Crash Under Investigation in Ijamsville

2026-07-21

Source: Frederick County Sheriff's Office

I JAMSVILLE, Md. (July 21, 2026) – On July 21, 2026, at approximately 2:52 a.m., deputies with the Frederick County Sheriff's Office and personnel from the Frederick County Division of Fire and Rescue Services responded to a fatal single-vehicle collision in the 11400 block of Windsor Road in Ijamsville, Maryland.

The preliminary investigation revealed that a 1995 Honda Accord, operated by a 19-year-old Frederick man, traveled off the right side of the two-lane roadway and struck a culvert. Excessive speed is believed to be a contributing factor in the collision.

In addition to the driver, two passengers were in the vehicle at the time of the collision. The driver was transported to a local hospital with injuries that are not believed to be life-threatening.

One passenger declined medical treatment at the scene.

The second passenger was identified as Kaylee Hottle, 18, of Kyle, TX. Hottle was transported from the scene to an area trauma center, where she was later pronounced deceased.

The crash remains under investigation by the Frederick County Sheriff's Office Traffic Unit. Anyone who witnessed the collision or has information related to this investigation is asked to contact Dfc. Rose at 301-600-1046.



Image courtesy of Frederick County Sheriff's Office.

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FREDERICK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Frederick Police Announces National Night Out Events

2026-07-20

Source: Frederick Police Department

The Frederick Police Department invites residents of all ages to join officers, City staff, and community partners for National Night Out 2026 on Tuesday, August 4, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This free, family-friendly event will take place simultaneously at three City parks:

- Hill Street Park 100 Hill Street • Mullinix Park 16 S. Bentz Street • Carrollton Park 455 Center Street

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that strengthens police and community partnerships while promoting neighborhood unity and crime prevention. Residents are encouraged to spend the evening connecting with neighbors and the Frederick Police Department.

Guests can enjoy free BBQ, music, games, giveaways, activities for all ages, and opportunities to meet the officers and City employees who proudly serve the Frederick community.

Whether you're new to the neighborhood or have called Frederick home for years, National Night Out is a chance to build relationships, ask questions, and celebrate the strong partnerships that help keep our community safe.

The Frederick Police Department also welcomes businesses, nonprofits, civic organizations, and community groups to participate by hosting an informational table or interactive activity during the event.

National Night Out provides a unique opportunity to engage with residents, share resources, and strengthen community connections.

We look forward to welcoming the community for an evening of fun, fellowship, and partnership as we continue working together to make Frederick a safer place to live, work, and visit.

Community organizations interested in hosting a table or residents with questions about the event are encouraged to contact:

PIO Samantha Long Public Information Officer Frederick Police Department slong@frederickmdpolice.org



Image courtesy of Frederick Police Department.

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Public Safety Briefs

Additional calls and verified updates from Thursday, July 30. Stories developed on Page 1 are not repeated here.

TRAFFIC & ROADS

7:25 am

Vehicle Accident - Bls (Automatic Crash Notification)

I-270SB / RAILROAD

Units were dispatched at 7:25 am to a reported vehicle accident - bls (automatic crash notification) at I-270SB / RAILROAD. The assignment listed A319, A239, R3, E311, E231. Radio traffic was assigned to 9B.

Latest: Units checked I-270NB and SB between Frederick and Urbana, nothing found.

Original FredScanner post



Image published with the original Frederick Scanner post.

Also Reported

Each call appears once. The latest verified update is included when available.

WEATHER & UTILITIES

Flooding Condition

5800 block TOBERY RD

3:04 am

ALARMS

Commercial Fire Alarm

1600 block BOWMANS FARM RD

8:59 am

ALARMS

Commercial Fire Alarm

600 block RESEARCH CT — ASTRA ZENECA (CENTERGATE)

12:01 pm

WEATHER & UTILITIES

Wires Down Or Arcing

KNOXVILLE RD / JEFFERSON PIKE (BRUNSWICK)

12:03 pm

TRAFFIC & ROADS

Vehicle Accident - Bls

LIBERTY RD / N. MARKET ST

Latest: A249 evaluated one patient who refused transport. Units clearing the scene.

12:21 pm

FIRE & RESCUE

Brush Fire

US-15NB / 36MM (EMMITSBURG)

Latest: BR65 confirms fire extinguished by passerby.

12:44 pm

FIRE & RESCUE

Vehicle Fire

I-70WB / I-270-US-15 (FREDERICK)

Latest: E31 reports a good intent call. No fire department services required.

2:04 pm

ALARMS

Commercial Fire Alarm

7300 block EXECUTIVE WAY — PHOENIX MECANO

Latest: PE311 made contact with building representative who states there are no issues present in the building. Good intent call. Units in service.

3:17 pm

PUBLIC SAFETY

Illegal Open Burning - Non Emergency Response

COOLSPRING TER S / SPRING VALLEY DR (SPRING RIDGE)

3:21 pm

TRAFFIC & ROADS

Vehicle Accident - Bls

JAMES MONROE HWY (US-15) / LOVETTSVILLE RD

3:42 pm

TRAFFIC & ROADS

Vehicle Accident - Bls (Automatic Crash Notification)

I-70WB / MOUNT PHILLIP RD

Latest: E121 reports units checked the area, nothing found.

4:28 pm

WEATHER & UTILITIES

Flooding Condition

5200 block MAITLAND TER

4:35 pm

TRAFFIC & ROADS

Vehicle Accident - Bls

13200 block CATOCTIN HOLLOW RD (THURMONT)

Latest: A307 transporting one patient to the hospital, will rendezvous with ALS30 enroute.

6:09 pm

WEATHER & UTILITIES

Wires Down Or Arcing

200 block KNOXVILLE RD

Latest: PE52 reports low-hanging wire in front of the dispatched address, possibly due to the downed tree from earlier. Utility company notified.

7:23 pm

TRAFFIC & ROADS

Vehicle Accident - Bls (Automatic Crash Notification)

RT77 / HUNTING CREEK (THURMONT)

Latest: R10 reports they checked the area, vehicle description matches call from earlier. Units in service.

7:39 pm

FIRE & RESCUE

Vehicle Fire

RT75 / OLD NEW MARKET RD (NEW MARKET)

Latest: C15-C located an overheated vehicle north of the intersection with Old New Market Rd. E152 in service.

7:51 pm

TRAFFIC & ROADS

Vehicle Accident - Bls (Automatic Crash Notification)

2400 block PLEASANT VIEW RD — RAILROAD BEHIND THIS ADDRESS (DOUBS)

Latest: E141 made contact with phone owner who states her phone fell off of her vehicle. Units in service.

8:21 pm

PUBLIC SAFETY

Outside Investigation Of Smoke

BOTTOMLEY RD / WILHIDE RD

Latest: BR226 advised homeowner of annual burn ban / proper procedures. Units in service.

8:22 pm

TRAFFIC & ROADS

Vehicle Accident - Bls

I-270SB BETWEEN FRED CO LINE / RT109

10:25 pm

TRAFFIC & ROADS

Vehicle Accident - Bls

I-70WB / E. SOUTH ST (FREDERICK)

11:29 pm

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