

Stove left on triggers morning gas response; crews handle multiple leaks, alarms and roadway hazards through the day

Fire crews confirmed an accidentally left gas stove at a Timber View townhouse and spent the day responding to commercial alarms, wires down and roadway spills across Frederick County

By The Frederick Watch Desk

A gas leak call at 9:45 a.m. in the 200 block of Timber View Court became the most consequential incident Monday morning, sending a battalion chief and multiple engine and truck companies to an end-unit townhouse. Crews from PE23 and T50 arrived and, after establishing command with BC902, reported negative meter readings on the interior and said a slight odor had been noted during initial entry. Command held crews to investigate a kitchen appliance; at 10:11 a.m. BC902 reported crews confirmed a gas stove had been accidentally left on and that the situation had been mitigated. Units were placed back in service.

The gas call was one of several incidents that illustrated a busy day for Frederick County responders. Earlier in the morning, at 5:39 a.m., a pedestrian-struck call at Ballenger Run Boulevard and Ballenger Creek Pike brought A319, PE311 and EMS902. A319 reported on scene at 5:44 a.m. that the patient was up and walking and crews were assessing possible injuries; by 5:59 a.m. A319 reported transporting a Priority 3 patient to the hospital.

Commercial fire alarms produced repeated responses in downtown and business districts. Frederick High School generated two alarm responses within the hour — a 6:14 a.m. dispatch that had TT4 on scene investigating and, later at 7:13 a.m., E31 and T50 back at the 600 block of Carroll Parkway. In both instances crews reported nothing evident and ultimately described malfunctioning alarm systems that were reset after the alarm company was notified. Other commercial alarms through the day included a 7:32 a.m. accidental alarm at White Rabbit on Market Space Alley and several alarms in office and retail centers where crews reported normal exterior conditions or malfunctioning panels.

Utility and roadway issues stretched responders in the afternoon. At 10:16 a.m. crews confirmed a gas leak outside on the 8000 block of Hollow Reed Court in the Waterside neighborhood; E111 reported Washington Gas on scene and later that the leak had been secured. Around noon, units investigated a reported outside haze along I-70 westbound near mile marker 45 and found nothing after checking Hollow Road and the I-70 corridor. Mutual aid went both ways: Montgomery County requested assistance for wires down at Brown Church Road and Ridge Road at 12:55 p.m., and crews were listed on the run card.



Representative image; not from a reported incident.

Traffic and roadway hazards included a diesel fuel spill reported at 3:22 p.m. on I-70 westbound near Route 75 in New Market, where E152 reported a diesel slick starting about a half-mile west of Route 75 in the slow lane and attempted to follow the leaking vehicle. The spill trailed onto Exit 59, Meadow Road and east along Route 144 before crews could no longer follow it. Later in the afternoon, E152 removed a large tree branch lodged against a power line on Boyers Mill Road at Yeagertown Road and re-opened the roadway after confirming the lines involved were communications lines.

Across the day crews logged a series of residential and commercial alarm calls, two separate gas-odor or leak investigations including a mutual-aid response into Montgomery County, and two vehicle-accident PD checks, one of which — an automatic crash notification on Reichs Ford Road at 4:36 p.m. — yielded no crash when units checked the area. Frederick County units placed equipment in service after mitigation or findings of negative meter readings in several investigations; verified updates in dispatch logs show crews repeatedly returning to service after confirming conditions or isolating malfunctions.

THE PREVIOUS DAY IN NUMBERS

YESTERDAY AT A GLANCE

CALLS LOGGED 23 Non-medical incidents	VERIFIED UPDATES 37 FredScanner-authored
BUSIEST HOUR 10:00 am 3 incidents logged	WEATHER 89° / 70° Mostly Cloudy

ACTIVITY SCORE

74/100

BUSY

INCIDENT BREAKDOWN

Traffic & roads	2
Weather & utilities	3
Alarms	10
Other public safety	8

LARGEST RESPONSE

Gas Leak Inside

4 units · 200 Block Timber View Ct

WHERE CALLS HAPPENED

1. Frederick	5
2. Middletown	1
3. New Market	1

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Spill on the interstate

Diesel slick traced along I-70 westbound after reported fuel leak near Route 75

A fuel spill on I-70 westbound at Route 75 in New Market was reported at 3:22 p.m., deploying E152 and E331. E152 reported a diesel slick beginning roughly a half-mile west of Route 75 in the slow lane and attempted to locate the leaking vehicle while requesting a sand truck. By 3:32 p.m. crews had followed the trail to Exit 59, Meadow Road and east along Route 144 and were no longer able to follow it; units were placed back in service, per dispatch updates.

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Repeated alarm responses

Frederick High School alarms investigated twice; crews report malfunctioning system

Frederick High School at the 600 block of Carroll Parkway generated alarm responses at 6:14 a.m. and again at 7:13 a.m. Units E31 and TT4 (and later T50) checked the three-story educational facility and reported nothing evident. In both incidents crews characterized the events as alarm system malfunctions; crews reported the system had been reset and the alarm company was notified before units returned to service.

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Also Reported

Additional verified calls and updates from Monday, August 17.

PUBLIC SAFETY 12:18 am
Service Call
400 block FRANKLIN ST — STATION 7 (MIDDLETOWN)

ALARMS 2:03 am
Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/ Mobile Home)
100 block B & O AVE (FREDERICK)

ALARMS 6:38 am
Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/ Mobile Home)
6200 block STONECAT CT

ALARMS 7:13 am
Commercial Fire Alarm
600 block CARROLL PKWY — FREDERICK HIGH SCHOOL
7:19 am E31 on the scene, 3-story educational facility. Nothing evident. Investigating.
7:26 am E31 reports malfunctioning alarm system. Alarm company notified. Units in service.

ALARMS 7:32 am
Commercial Fire Alarm
100 block MARKET SPACE ALY — WHITE RABBIT (FREDERICK)
7:39 am E31 reports an accidental alarm. System has been reset. Units in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY 9:45 am
Gas Leak Inside
200 block TIMBER VIEW CT
9:48 am PE23 on scene, end unit townhouse. Nothing evident.
9:50 am BC902 on scene, establishing command.
9:53 am PE23 reports negative meter readings on the interior. Continuing to investigate.
9:58 am PE23 reports the crew detected a slight odor upon initial entry. However, the homeowner had the slider open for the past hour. PE23, T50 crews report negative results on the meters.
10:01 am BC902 continuing to hold PE23, T50 for a kitchen appliance that was possibly left on.
10:11 am BC902 reports crews confirm a gas stove accidentally left on. Situation has been mitigated. Units in service.

ALARMS 9:48 am
Commercial Fire Alarm
1000 block THOMPSON DR — NCI BLDG 1000
9:51 am U50 reports contractors working in the building accidentally activated the alarm. Units in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY 10:16 am
Gas Leak Outside
8000 block HOLLOW REED CT (WATERSIDE)
10:21 am E111 confirming gas leak. Washington Gas has arrived on scene.
11:03 am E111 reports leak secured. E111 in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY 10:47 am
Gas Leak Inside
19600 block BRUNER WAY (POOLESVILLE)

ALARMS 10:53 am
Commercial Fire Alarm
100 block E. SECOND ST — SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (FREDERICK)
10:56 am E31 on the scene, 3-story row house. Nothing evident. Investigating.
11:05 am E31 reports a malfunction in the alarm system. The system has been reset. Units in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY 12:13 pm
Outside Investigation Of Smoke
I-70WB / 45MM
12:18 pm E82 reports a light haze in the area of Hollow Rd. Investigating.
12:28 pm E82 investigated the area of I-70 / Hollow Rd, nothing found. Units in service.

WEATHER & UTILITIES 12:55 pm
Wires Down Or Arcing
BROWN CHURCH RD / RIDGE RD

TRAFFIC & ROADS 4:36 pm
Vehicle Accident - Bls (Automatic Crash Notification)
8000 block REICHS FORD RD
4:41 pm Units in the area, attempting to locate.
4:43 pm OPSAC900 reports units checked the area, no crash found. Units in service.

WEATHER & UTILITIES 5:04 pm
Wires Down Or Arcing
BOYERS MILL RD / YEAGERTOWN RD
5:13 pm E152 on the scene, large tree branch has broken off and is against the power line and partially obstructing the roadway, between Yeagertown Rd and Pinehurst Dr. Requesting FCSO for traffic control.
5:16 pm E152 confirms lines involved are communication lines.
5:30 pm E152 reports they were able to remove the tree branch from the roadway. Boyers Mill Rd re-opening shortly.

ALARMS 5:04 pm
Commercial Fire Alarm
5200 block PRESIDENTS CT — WINE DISTRICTS
5:07 pm PE311 on the scene, single-story strip mall. Nothing evident. Investigating.
5:09 pm PE311 downgrading TT4's response to non-emergency.

WEATHER & UTILITIES 5:19 pm
Wires Down Or Arcing
PLEASANT WALK RD / EASTERDAY RD (WOLFSVILLE)
5:21 pm E51 checked the area, no fire department services needed.

ALARMS 6:10 pm
Commercial Fire Alarm
5200 block PRESIDENTS CT — FEDEX KINKOS
6:17 pm PE311 responded non-emergency, arrived on scene to normal exterior conditions. Investigating.
6:21 pm PE311 reports no new alarms on the alarm panel.
6:31 pm PE311 reports a malfunctioning alarm system. Property management notified.

TRAFFIC & ROADS 6:13 pm
Vehicle Accident - Bls
BUFFALO RD / MT. AIRY DR (MT. AIRY)
6:18 pm CCR1 on scene, 2 vehicles involved. Checking on occupants.
6:27 pm CCR1 reports crash is property damage only, no injuries. CCM18 in service. CCR1 remaining on scene, awaiting arrival of Sheriff.

PUBLIC SAFETY 6:54 pm
Gas Odor Inside
3300 block GALENA DR — URBAN GREEN APARTMENTS (URBANA)
6:58 pm E231 crew making entry to investigate odor. TT23 made contact with the caller who describes odor of paint thinner that is notable when HVAC is operating.
7:09 pm TT23 reports meter readings are negative. Odor attributed to chemical / cleaner. Units in service.

ALARMS 10:21 pm
Commercial Fire Alarm
6400 block MERCANTILE DR E — CAMDEN CLEARBROOK APTS

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