

Multi-vehicle crash at I-70 rest area draws hazmat response; county crews handle alarms, rescues and utility calls through the day

A daytime chain of incidents in Myersville and across Frederick County saw an early four-vehicle crash escalate into a later hazmat response at the same rest area, while crews also worked mountain and river rescue assignments and multiple alarm and wires calls.

By The Frederick Watch Desk

Emergency responders returned repeatedly to the I-70 eastbound rest area in Myersville on Tuesday after an initial multi-vehicle collision late morning and a separate hazmat-classified call at the same location in the early afternoon. At 11:55 a.m., units were dispatched to a reported vehicle accident at I-70EB near the rest area; E82 arrived shortly after and reported the crash was prior to Route 17 and that crews were checking on occupants. Later updates listed four vehicles involved and A89 evaluating one patient; responding units were held on scene while E82 continued operations.

Less than two hours later — at 1:04 p.m. — Frederick Scanner posted a separate dispatch classification for the same rest area as a vehicle accident with a hazmat response. That later alert listed a large multi-unit response, including hazardous materials units HM33, HM50 and HMSU33 alongside multiple engines, battalion and special operations resources. The hazmat dispatch was issued on radio channel 9D; no verified updates from the hazmat call itself were included in the available logs.

The county’s midday activity threaded through a series of routine alarm investigations and utility reports that kept fire and public safety crews traveling across Frederick County. Commercial and residential fire alarms accounted for several calls from the early morning through the evening. At 12:58 a.m., crews were dispatched to a commercial alarm at Autumn Lake Healthcare at Ballenger Center Drive; PE311 reported on scene with nothing evident and later reset the pull station and alarm system. Other commercial alarms—at Morgan Keller on Thomas Johnson Drive, NYMEO Field at Harry Grove Stadium and a strip center on Presidents Court—resulted in building contacts, construction dust or malfunctioning systems and units being placed back in service after investigations.

Utility and wires calls also punctuated the day. Early in the morning PE23 removed a communication line from the roadway on East Seventh Street and notified the utility company. Later at 10:48 a.m. that same unit reported dangling communications lines at E. Fifth Street and Chapel Alley. At 11:22 a.m., E331 reported damage to a wire connected to a transformer near Bartonsville Road and Boone Avenue; the unit said a fire had burned itself out at the pole and that power was out in the area, with the utility company notified.



Representative image; not from a reported incident.

Rescue assignments drew a large, multi-agency response in the afternoon. At 2:24 p.m., a river rescue was dispatched to the Brunswick boat ramp on South Maple Avenue; T5 reported across-bridge reconnaissance and then contacted boaters who confirmed they were not in need of assistance, recommending incoming units return to non-emergency status. A separate mountain rescue was dispatched to Hog Rock in Catoctin Mountain Park at 3:37 p.m.; updates show E102 and partner units locating a patient between Hog Rock and Route 77, establishing command, packaging the patient and beginning egress via a stokes basket with TR29 and SAF901 deployed.

Throughout the evening crews handled additional public-safety checks and hazard calls. A gas odor investigation in Brunswick at 8:57 p.m. led PE52 to perform meter readings and trace the source to a neighboring residence where the gas supply had been shut off and the homeowner advised to contact their supplier. Vehicle-fire and transformer reports were investigated with utilities notified where appropriate, and several automatic crash notifications resulted in units checking the area and, in at least one case, finding nothing further on scene.

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THE PREVIOUS DAY IN NUMBERS YESTERDAY AT A GLANCE

CALLS LOGGED

25

Non-medical incidents

VERIFIED UPDATES

41

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BUSIEST HOUR

11:00 am

3 incidents logged

WEATHER

83° / 63°

Partly Cloudy

ACTIVITY SCORE

81/100

BUSY

INCIDENT BREAKDOWN

Traffic & roads	6
Fire & rescue	3
Weather & utilities	4
Alarms	7
Other public safety	5

LARGEST RESPONSE

Mountain Rescue

18 units · Hog Rock — Catoctin Mountain Park

WHERE CALLS HAPPENED

1. Frederick	4
2. Myersville	3
3. Brunswick	2

ABOUT THIS EDITION

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

Motorcycle accident

Motorcyclist evaluated and transported after crash on Old National Pike

A motorcycle crash was dispatched at 1:59 p.m. at Old National Pike and Mount Tabor Road on radio 9I. Early updates show RE74 and SOBC900 on scene with SOBC900 establishing command; WCM692 later reported evaluating a patient and subsequently transporting that patient to Meritus Medical Center.

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Early alarm

Autumn Lake commercial alarm reset after on-scene investigation

Crews were dispatched to a reported commercial fire alarm at Autumn Lake Healthcare at Ballenger Center Drive at 12:58 a.m. PE311 responded and reported nothing evident on arrival. PE311 later reset the pull station and the alarm system and placed TT4 back in service.

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Also Reported

Additional verified calls and updates from Tuesday, August 18.

PUBLIC SAFETY 1:31 am
Entrapment - Peripheral
700 block WEMBLY DR — DERBYSHIRE APTS

FIRE & RESCUE 8:20 am
Fire Unit Assisting Other Agency
100 block W. MAIN ST — STATION 15 (NEW MARKET)

WEATHER & UTILITIES 8:32 am
Wires Down Or Arcing
100 block E. SEVENTH ST (FREDERICK)
8:36 am PE23 reports a communication line is down, has been removed from the roadway. Utility company notified. PE23 in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY 9:42 am
Check Up After Accident - Police On Scene
12900 block PENN SHOP RD
9:47 am A259 on scene, evaluating one patient.
9:54 am MCPE713 reports utility pole damaged. Utility company notified.

ALARMS 9:54 am
Commercial Fire Alarm
100 block THOMAS JOHNSON DR — MORGAN KELLER
9:58 am E291 made contact with building personnel who are testing the alarm system. No fire department services needed. Units in service.

ALARMS 10:23 am
Commercial Fire Alarm
100 block STADIUM DR — NYMEO FIELD AT HARRY GROVE STADIUM
10:25 am RE74 on scene, normal conditions. Investigating.
10:26 am RE74 reports construction dust activated alarm system. No fire department services needed. Units in service.

WEATHER & UTILITIES 10:48 am
Wires Down Or Arcing
E. FIFTH ST / CHAPEL ALY (FREDERICK)
10:52 am PE23 reports communications lines are down or dangling from 2 separate residences. Utility company notified.

WEATHER & UTILITIES 11:22 am
Wires Down Or Arcing
BARTONSVILLE RD / BOONE AVE
11:29 am E331 reports no wires down, but there is damage to the wire that is still connected to the transformer at the top of the utility pole due to fire that has burned itself out. Power is also out in the area. Utility company notified.

TRAFFIC & ROADS 11:55 am
Vehicle Accident - Bls
I-70EB / REST AREA (MYERSVILLE)
12:00 pm E82 on the scene, I-70EB prior to Rte. 17. Checking on occupants.
12:04 pm E82 reports 4 vehicles involved. A89 evaluating one patient. E82 holding A89, E82. Other responding units in service.

ALARMS 11:56 am
Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/ Mobile Home)
10600 block DAYSVILLE RD
12:01 pm E172 made contact with homeowner who advises they burned food on the stove. E172 in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS 1:04 pm
Vehicle Accident - Hazmat
I-70EB / REST AREA (MYERSVILLE)

TRAFFIC & ROADS 1:38 pm
Vehicle Accident - Bls
US-15NB / W. PATRICK ST (FREDERICK)

PUBLIC SAFETY 2:24 pm
River Rescue
300 block S. MAPLE AVE — BRUNSWICK BOAT RAMP
2:30 pm T5 traveling across the Rte. 17 bridge to perform reconnaissance of the river.
2:31 pm T5 advises incoming units there is a train stopped on the RR tracks, blocking access to the boat ramp.
2:33 pm T5 made contact with boaters on the river who all indicate they’re not in need of assistance. T5 establishing command, recommending incoming units back down to non-emergency.
2:33 pm T5 made face-to-face contact with the caller who confirms the boaters / tubers on the water are the ones he called about. None are in distress. All units in service.

ALARMS 2:33 pm
Commercial Fire Alarm
6400 block JEFFERSON PIKE — SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
2:37 pm TT4 on the scene, normal exterior conditions. Investigating.
2:38 pm TT4 investigated, no hazards present; placing E11 in service. TT4 resetting the alarm system.

FIRE & RESCUE 3:42 pm
Transformer Fire
10900 block BALTIMORE NATIONAL PIKE — GUMPTION ENTERPRISES (MYERSVILLE)
3:51 pm E82 checked the area, reports tree branch across a power line between the 10900 Block of Old National Pike and dispatched location. No current hazards present, power is still on. Utility company notified.

FIRE & RESCUE 3:51 pm
Vehicle Fire
OLD NATIONAL PIKE / HOLLOW RD (BRADDOCK HEIGHTS)
3:56 pm E121 in the area, investigating.
4:04 pm E121 checked the area, nothing found.

TRAFFIC & ROADS 5:01 pm
Vehicle Accident - Bls (Automatic Crash Notification)
URBANA PIKE / LOWES LN
5:07 pm Units checked the area, nothing found.

ALARMS 5:38 pm
Commercial Fire Alarm
5200 block PRESIDENTS CT — JCR WESTVIEW CORNER
5:41 pm PE311 on the scene, single story strip. Nothing evident. Investigating.
5:43 pm PE311 investigated, no hazards. Placing TT4 in service. PE311 resetting the alarm.

TRAFFIC & ROADS 5:46 pm
Vehicle Accident - Bls
10700 block OLD FREDERICK RD (LEWISTOWN)
5:49 pm Frederick ECC placed responding units in service.

ALARMS 7:46 pm
Commercial Fire Alarm
5600 block BUCKEYSTOWN PIKE — TOBACCO KING
7:51 pm TT4 on the scene, single story commercial structure. Normal conditions. Investigating.
7:55 pm TT4 reports a malfunctioning alarm. System has been reset. Units in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY 8:57 pm
Gas Odor Outside
700 block APPALACHIAN WAY (BRUNSWICK)
8:58 pm PE52 on the scene, 2-story middle of the row townhome. Nothing evident. Investigating.
9:14 pm PE52 performed meter readings of the callers residence, negative readings. PE52 traced source to neighbor’s residence. Gas supply has been shut off, homeowner advised to contact their gas supplier. PE52 in service.

WEATHER & UTILITIES 11:55 pm
Wires Down Or Arcing
RT77 / PRYOR RD, RT77 / PRYOR RD

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