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COVERAGE PERIOD **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026** *News and incidents from the previous day*

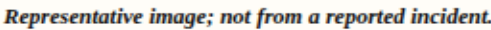
Incidents ranged from two ALS pedestrian strikes and a morning rollover to alarms, gas calls and a vehicle fire through Friday; units often found nothing evident or false alarms

A reported pedestrian struck at W. Patrick Street and Norva Avenue drew emergency crews late Friday morning, with Frederick County first responders and mutual aid units converging on the scene. FredScanner later reported the call at 11:03 a.m.; M38 — who was already in the area — was listed as having called in the incident and began assessing the patient while A37 and PE311 were en route. An update at 11:14 a.m. reported M37 transporting the patient to the hospital.

Traffic incidents bookended the midday emergency. A rollover was reported at N. Market Street and E. Second Street at 6:57 a.m.; R3 arrived on scene and logged two vehicles involved with both on their wheels. A38 later evaluated one patient and, at 7:14 a.m., FredScanner reported A38 transporting one Priority 2 patient to Frederick Health Hospital. In the afternoon, a BLS crash at Himes Avenue and Jefferson Pike at 3:56 p.m. brought A37, E11 and C3 to that scene; A37 was checking occupants and, by 4:00 p.m., C3 was providing blocking while A37 evaluated one patient.

A second pedestrian-struck call was reported at 4:42 p.m. at the 2000 block of Yellow Springs Road near the Goddard School. Units listed on the call included A18, ALS2, E11 and EMS901. An update at 5:08 p.m. indicated A18 transporting the patient to the hospital. Those two separate pedestrian-struck reports, plus the morning rollover, made traffic-related emergency medical responses a prominent thread through the day's activity.

Beyond crashes and patient transports, crews answered a steady stream of alarms and odor reports across Frederick County. A commercial fire alarm at the 3300 block of Sunset Ridge Drive in Urbana was reported at 6:04 a.m.; TT23 and E231 were on scene by 6:07 a.m. and found a single-story structure with occupants evacuating. By 6:29 a.m., TT23 reported a sprinkler system malfunction and that the business would remain closed until repairs. Other alarm responses included the Frederick County Mental Health Department on the 200 block of S. Jefferson Street at 7:56 a.m., where TT4 reported construction had set off the alarm and the system was reset, and two late-night apartment and townhouse alarms in Ballenger Run and Ballenger Creek where PE311 and other units investigated and reported normal conditions.



Fire and utility-related calls were distributed through the afternoon and evening. A brush fire at the 38100 block of Stevens Road prompted mutual-aid response to Loudoun County with BR285 and E281 listed as responding. E141 reported to a wires-down call on the 1800 block of Pleasant View Road at 2:21 p.m.; updates noted a downed tree across communications lines was moved off the wires, the road became passable and the utility company was notified to verify the wire height. Separately, a vehicle fire reported at US-15 southbound near W. Seventh Street at 5:36 p.m. had PE23 on scene checking a vehicle stopped on the shoulder; PE23 later reported an overheated vehicle and that the owner had contacted a tow company.

Gas-odor investigations were also among the day's responses. A 1:06 p.m. outside gas leak call was logged on the 900 block of Meadowgreen Drive in Mt. Airy with E152 listed. At 4:57 p.m., a report of a gas odor on the 4700 block of Monrovia Boulevard was upgraded to an inside odor; PE251 was first on scene, and PE252 later performed meter readings inside the residence with nothing found before units returned to service.

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Downed tree moved off lines on Pleasant View Road; utility notified

Fire units responded to a wires-down report on the 1800 block of Pleasant View Road at 2:21 p.m. E141 reported on scene in the 2900 block with one lane blocked by a downed tree across communications lines. E141 later reported crews moved the tree off the wires, the road was passable and the utility company was notified to verify wire height.

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Overheated vehicle investigated on US-15 southbound

A vehicle fire was reported at US-15 southbound near W. Seventh Street at 5:36 p.m. PE23 and E11 responded; PE23 later reported the vehicle stopped on the shoulder and described the condition as an overheated vehicle. FredScanner noted the vehicle owner had already contacted a tow company.

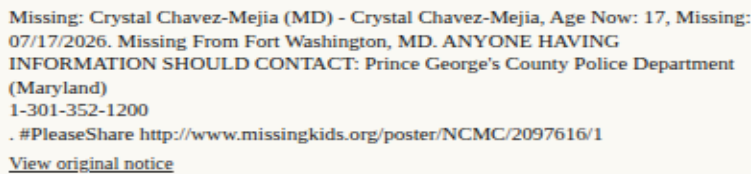
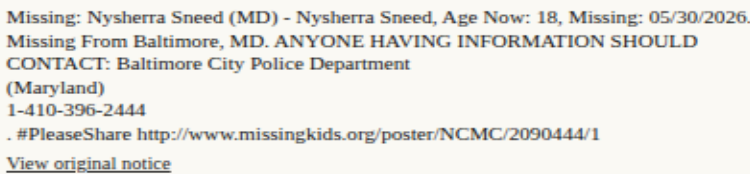
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FREDERICK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Frederick Police Issues Community Update

2026-08-19

Source: Frederick Police Department

Mayor Michael O'Connor is pleased to announce the selection of Kevin Meyer as Chief of Police for The City of Frederick.

Meyer, who has served as Interim Chief of the Frederick Police Department since December 2025, brings more than 18 years of service with the department and extensive experience across nearly every level of the organization.

Meyer was selected following a comprehensive search process that included a nationwide search and a community-member-led search committee.

"Kevin Meyer understands both this department and this community in a way that can only come from years of serving them," Mayor Michael O'Connor said.

"Throughout his career, he has demonstrated a commitment to developing people, building relationships and continually challenging himself and those around him to grow.

During his time leading the department, Kevin has also shown the steady judgment and thoughtful leadership this position demands.

I am confident he is the right person to lead the Frederick Police Department into its next chapter while continuing to strengthen the trust between our officers and the community they serve."

Meyer joined the Frederick Police Department more than 18 years ago and has served in a wide range of operational, investigative, supervisory and command roles.

His experience includes serving at every level of patrol and its supervision, working as a detective in the Drug Enforcement Unit, supervising the Training Unit, commanding the Support Services Division and Patrol Division 1, and serving as Deputy Chief of the Operational Services Bureau before being named Interim Chief in December 2025.

During his career, Meyer has overseen personnel and training operations, coordinated hiring and promotional processes, worked with community and educational organizations on law enforcement recruitment, and helped develop training for both new and experienced officers.

He has also worked with outside law enforcement agencies and the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission on entry-level police training objectives.

[Read the original release](#)

His command experience has included coordinating the City's law enforcement response to significant incidents, including the March 2023 tanker explosion on U.S. Route 15, as well as overseeing responses to other critical incidents.

"It is an incredible honor to be selected to lead the department where I have spent my career and in the community I have always called home," Meyer said.

"I know the caliber of the men and women who serve this city, and I know the responsibility that comes with earning and maintaining the trust of the people we serve.

As Chief, my commitment is to support our officers, invest in their growth and development, and make sure we continue to evolve as a department.

Frederick is growing and changing, and we have an obligation to grow with it while remaining grounded in professionalism, accountability and service.

I am grateful for the opportunity to lead that work alongside our officers, our City partners and our community."

A graduate of Urbana High School and longtime Frederick County resident, Meyer has deep roots in the community and continues to live in Frederick County with his family.

Meyer earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and Criminology from the University of Maryland, College Park, and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Maryland Global Campus.

He is currently pursuing a Doctor of Criminal Justice in Leadership through Liberty University.

His continued professional development includes graduating from the Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command and completing the Public Safety Leadership: The West Point Way program.

Meyer is also a graduate of Leadership Frederick County's Class of 2025.

Meyer's involvement in the Frederick community has included work with the Human Relations Commission, Frederick County Local Management Board, Frederick County Local Emergency Planning Committee and Boys & Girls Club of Frederick County.



Image courtesy of Frederick Police Department.

His additional community involvement has included the City Youth Matrix, Chief's Community Advisory Board and youth sports.

The search for Frederick's next Chief of Police began in March and attracted more than 30 applicants.

Mayor O'Connor selected three finalists, including Meyer, from a pool of applicants provided by a community-led search committee.

"Selecting a Chief of Police is one of the most consequential decisions we make for our community," Mayor O'Connor said.

"I am grateful to the members of the search committee and everyone who contributed their time and perspective throughout this process.

Their participation helped ensure we approached this decision thoughtfully and with the needs of both our department and our community in mind."

Meyer officially assumed his duties as Chief of Police this week.

Also Reported

Additional verified calls and updates from Wednesday, August 19.

TRAFFIC & ROADS

6:57 am

Vehicle Accident - Rollover
N. MARKET ST / E. SECOND ST (FREDERICK)
6:59 am R3 on scene. 2 vehicles involved. Both on their wheels. Checking on occupants.
7:12 am A38 evaluating one patient.
7:14 am A38 transporting one Pri. 2 patient to FHH. Remaining units in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY

7:28 am

Elevator Malfunction
3500 block URBANA PIKE — URBANA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ALARMS

7:56 am

Commercial Fire Alarm
200 block S. JEFFERSON ST — FREDERICK COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT
8:00 am TT4 on the scene, nothing evident. Investigating.
8:07 am TT4 reports construction set off the alarm. System has been reset. Units in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY

11:03 am

Pedestrian Struck - Als
W. PATRICK ST / NORVA AVE (FREDERICK)
11:03 am M38 was in the area, called-in the incident. Assessing patient until arrival of A37, PE311.
11:14 am M37 transporting patient to the hospital.

ALARMS

11:16 am

Commercial Fire Alarm
200 block W. PATRICK ST
11:19 am E31 on the scene, 2-story residential building. Nothing evident. Investigating.
11:32 am E31 reports a faulty smoke detector. Alarm has been reset. Units in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY

1:06 pm

Gas Leak Outside
900 block MEADOWGREEN DR (MT. AIRY)

FIRE & RESCUE

1:37 pm

Brush Fire
38100 block STEVENS RD

ALARMS

2:15 pm

Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/ Mobile Home)
500 block UNION ST (FREDERICK)
2:16 pm Frederick ECC cancelled call.

TRAFFIC & ROADS

3:56 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls
HIMES AVE / JEFFERSON PIKE
3:58 pm A37 on the scene, 2 vehicles involved. Checking on occupants.
4:00 pm C3 on scene, holding A37. E11 in service. C3 will provide blocking for A37 while they evaluate one patient.

TRAFFIC & ROADS

4:12 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls (Automatic Crash Notification)
NEW DESIGN RD / ROBIN DR
4:15 pm Frederick ECC placed responding units in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY

4:42 pm

Pedestrian Struck - Als
2000 block YELLOW SPRINGS RD — GODDARD SCHOOL
5:08 pm A18 transporting patient to the hospital.

PUBLIC SAFETY

4:57 pm

Gas Odor Outside
4700 block MONROVIA BLVD (MONROVIA)
5:03 pm PE251 on the scene of a 2 story residential. Normal exterior conditions. Investigating.
5:05 pm PE251 investigating a report of an unknown odor on the exterior.
5:18 pm PE252 perform meter readings on the interior of the residence. Nothing found. Units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS

6:43 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls (Automatic Crash Notification)
RAMP RT85 TO I-270NB RAMP
6:48 pm PE311 located an abandoned cell phone on the roadway that has been run over several times. Units in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY

6:52 pm

Unknown Odor Outside
900 block W. PATRICK ST — CHIPOTLE (GOLDEN MILE)
6:56 pm E11 in the area, investigating.
6:59 pm E11 checked the area, nothing found. E11 in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY

7:45 pm

Gas Leak Outside
PROSPECT RD / HILL ST (MT. AIRY)

ALARMS

10:19 pm

Commercial Fire Alarm
5200 block BLACK LOCUST DR — ORCHARD PARK AT BALLENGER RUN
10:23 pm PE311 on the scene of a four story apartment building. Normal conditions. Audible and visual alarm on the second floor.
10:29 pm PE311 placing TW1 in service.

ALARMS

11:09 pm

Commercial Fire Alarm
5200 block EARLES CT (BALLENGER CREEK)
11:13 pm PE311 on scene, two story end of the road townhouse. Nothing evident. Investigating.

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