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Saturday, August 22, 2026 Frederick County, Maryland Daily Edition Vol. 1, No. 9
Coverage period: **Friday, August 21, 2026** News and Incidents from the previous day

Entrapment Call and EV Vehicle Fire Mark Busy Day for Frederick County Responders

Earlier in the morning crews responded to a rollover crash on US 292 Westbound near mile marker 3.0 at 2:20 am. PE52 initially reported one patient for evaluation and units were held.

At 9:20 am fire fighters and police crews converged on the 400 block of Sagner Avenue at Frederick County Citizen Services for a well-involved vehicle fire. Frederick Police arrived first, followed by two fire units and one police unit. The fire was extinguished and the driver was taken to the hospital. The Department of the Environment and Planning conducted additional checks and a brief return request for ambulance per protocol. Responders also handled a range of alarms and odor investigations across the county.

At 6:18 pm crews were dispatched to an appliance fire reported in the 9200 block of Ridgelyfield Road. Firefighters arrived at the residence and found a gas stove on fire. At 6:26 pm crews investigated a reported gas odor inside a home in the 9000 block of Fleetwood Court; BC901 reported an odor after the stove was turned on, E331 secured the gas stove



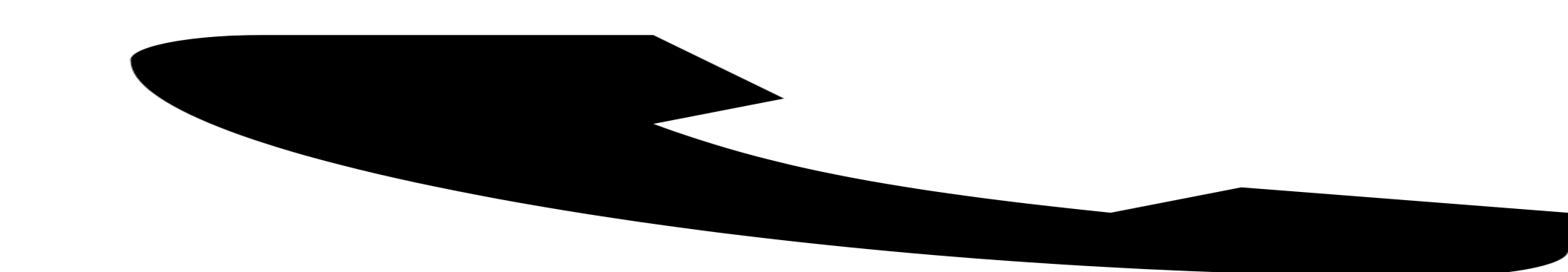
Photo from: VEHICLE FIRE, 400 block SAGNER AVE — FREDERICK COUNTY CITIZEN SERVICES. Photo: Brandy Garner, Don Hinton.

The day included multiple commercial and residential alarm investigations that turned out to be accidental or false activations. Responding companies checked a Dunkin' Donuts commercial alarm and a day care alarm, both of which were accidental activations. A private alarm company responded to a false alarm at a residential address and the alarm was placed back in service. Early day residential alarms at the 5900 block of Harbor Place and the 3800 block of Indian Springs Road were also false activations. A private alarm company responded to the Indian Springs Road alarm and the alarm was placed back in service. A private alarm company responded to a false alarm at a residential address and the alarm was placed back in service.

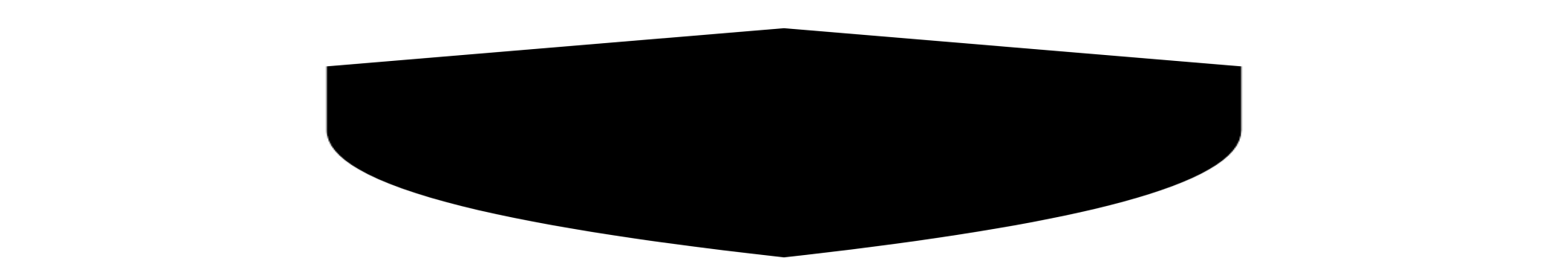
Throughout the afternoon and evening crews also supported mutual aid requests and handled traffic-related calls ranging from debris and disabled vehicle to a motorcycle crash at Route 40 and Hollow Road in Myersville. Radio updates show EMS and fire units evaluated patients and transported when necessary; the Frederick Scanner feed logged the sequence

The previous day in numbers

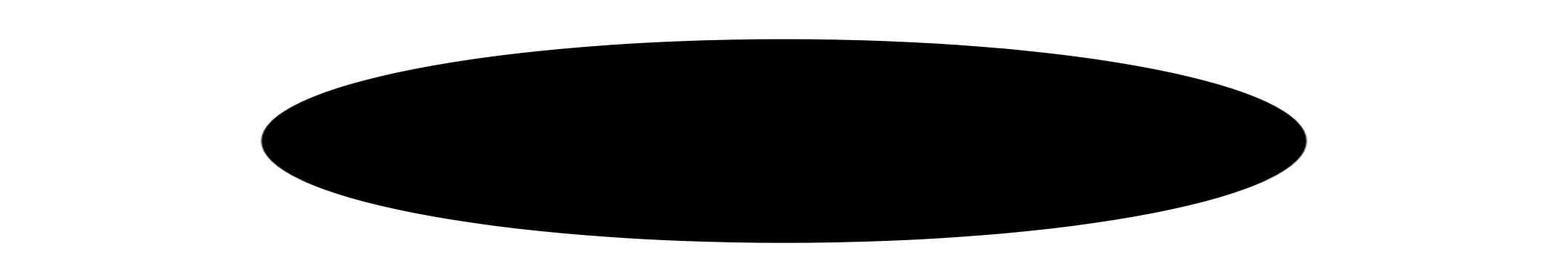
Yesterday at a Glance



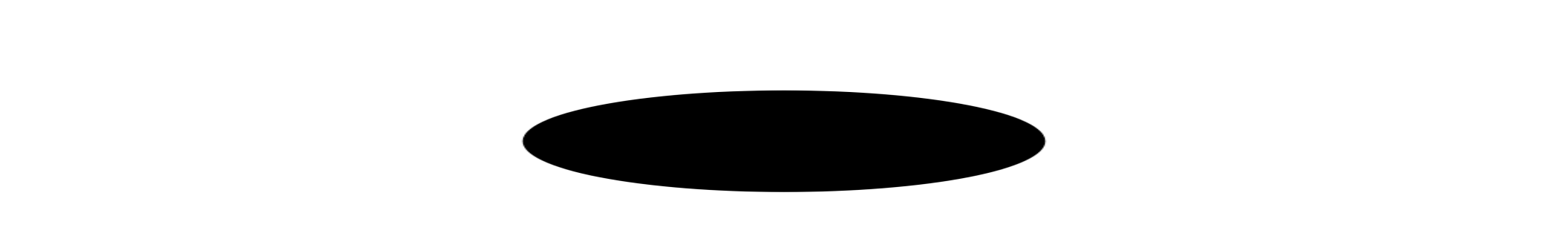
Calls logged 29 Non-medical incidents



Verified updates 51 fredscanner-authored



Busiest hour 7:00 am 3 incidents logged



Weather 89° / 63° Mostly Sunny

Activity score **96/100**
 Very busy
 Incident breakdown
 Traffic & reach **7**
 Fire & rescue **3**
 Alarm **95**
 Other public safety **14**
 Largest response
 1st Call - **Rollover** 10 units - Rt340Wb / 3Mm (Knoxville)
 Where Calls Happened

1. Frederick6
2. Middletown
3. Spring Ridge

Yesterday on the Roads

Traffic observations 50 observed during the day
Peak traffic hour 3 p.m. 13 reports

- Congestion20
- Crashes7

Sources: TomTom and MDOT CHART. Observations may be incomplete, duplicated or imprecise.
Regional Transportation News

MDOT SHA Begins US 15 Safety Project at Angleberger Road



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The State Highway Administration announced a project to construct a new crossover and install a J-turn on US 15 at Angleberger Road, north of Lewistown. The agency described the work as intended to improve safety at that US 15 intersection.

Frederick PD, Fire Units Respond to Well-Involved Vehicle Fire at Sagner Avenue

Radio traffic shows Frederick Police on scene of a well-involved vehicle fire at the 400 block of Sagner Avenue and requested an ambulance to evaluate the driver. PE23 reported the vehicle was well-involved and requested a HazMat unit because the vehicle was an electric vehicle. PE23 later requested Maryland Department of the Environment notification and

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Suspect Arrested Following Stabbing on Bank Court in Frederick

2026-08-21 Source: Frederick County Sheriff's Office



Image courtesy of Frederick County Sheriff's Office.

FREDERICK, Md.
(August 21, 2026) – On August 20, 2026, at approximately 3:11 p.m., deputies with the Frederick County Sheriff's Office responded to a reported stabbing in a parking lot in the 7200 block of Bank Court in Frederick.
Deputies arrived and located an adult male suffering from multiple stab wounds to his arm, chest, and abdomen. The victim was transported to a local hospital, where he was listed in stable condition.
The preliminary investigation revealed that the victim and suspect worked together.
A verbal argument between them escalated into a physical altercation in the parking lot, during which the suspect stabbed the victim multiple times before fleeing the scene.
Detectives identified the suspect as 17-year-old Darwin Orlando Martinez-Serrano, of Hyattsville, MD. He was located and arrested later that evening in Hyattsville, Maryland.
Martinez-Serrano was transported to the Frederick County Adult Detention Center, where he was charged as an adult with:
Anyone with information is asked to call the Sheriff's Office at 301-600-1046 or submit a tip through the FCSO tip line at 301-600-4131.



Image courtesy of Frederick County Sheriff's Office.

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City of Frederick News

Street Closures and Parking Information for Mountain City Elks Parade – Sunday, August 23, 2026

2026-08-21 Source: City of Frederick
The City of Frederick is advising residents, commuters, and visitors that the annual Mountain City Elks Lodge Parade will take place in downtown Frederick on Sunday, August 23, 2026.
Temporary road closures and parking restrictions will be in effect throughout the afternoon and evening to accommodate the parade and related community activities.
Significant vehicle and pedestrian traffic is expected throughout the downtown area. Motorists should anticipate delays, allow additional travel time, and use alternate routes when traveling through downtown.
Drivers are also encouraged to follow posted detours and directions from public safety personnel.
Parade staging area — 1:00–5:00 p.m.
The Carroll Creek parking garage will be unavailable from 3:00–5:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 23, due to the parade route in downtown Frederick.
The parking garage will be inaccessible from both entrances and exits for the duration of the parade.
Residents, commuters, and visitors should expect significant traffic delays, increased pedestrian activity, and limited parking in the downtown area.
The City encourages everyone to plan ahead, allow additional travel time, and consider alternative routes during the event.
The City of Frederick appreciates the public's patience and cooperation as the community comes together to celebrate the annual Mountain City Elks Lodge Parade.
For questions or additional information, please contact the City of Frederick Parking Department at 301-600-1429.
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City of Frederick Announces Richard Roark as Chief Financial Officer

2026-08-21 Source: City of Frederick



Image courtesy of City of Frederick.

The City of Frederick is pleased to announce Richard R. Roark, CPA, as its new Chief Financial Officer, bringing 30 years of financial leadership and experience in fiscal strategy, regulatory compliance and organizational management to the City. Roark has served as Chief Financial Officer across multiple industries, directing accounting and finance functions for corporate and government-facing divisions. In these roles, he advised senior leadership on long-term fiscal sustainability, financial risk and strategic initiatives while overseeing financial modeling, regulatory compliance and relationships with auditors and financial institutions. "Richard brings the depth of experience and strategic perspective we need as Frederick continues to grow and our organization becomes increasingly complex," Mayor Michael O'Connor said. "Strong financial stewardship is fundamental to our ability to serve residents, invest in our community and plan responsibly for Frederick's future. Richard's extensive experience in financial leadership, long-range planning and organizational efficiency will be a tremendous asset to the City, and I am excited to welcome him to our leadership team." Richard R. Roark, CPA, Chief Financial Officer As Chief Financial Officer, Roark will serve as a member of the City's senior management team, providing executive leadership and strategic direction for the City's financial operations. He will lead the Finance Department and oversee the City's financial planning, accounting, treasury management, internal controls, debt administration and long-range fiscal sustainability efforts. He will also advise the Mayor and City Council on fiscal matters and help develop and implement Citywide financial policies and practices. The CFO also plays a key role in developing multi-year financial forecasts and long-term fiscal plans, monitoring revenues and expenditures, overseeing debt and cash management, coordinating financial reporting and audits, and ensuring compliance with applicable laws, accounting standards and City policies. Roark will work closely with City departments and senior leadership to support strategic initiatives, operational improvements and greater accountability and transparency across the organization. "I am honored to join the City of Frederick and look forward to working alongside its talented team and elected leadership," Roark said. "Frederick is a growing community with tremendous opportunities ahead, and I am excited to contribute my experience to ensuring the City remains financially strong, accountable and well positioned to meet both its current needs and long-term priorities." Roark is a Certified Public Accountant in Maryland and holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Maryland, College Park. His experience includes financial strategy, performance-based budgeting, long-range planning, capital planning, internal controls, risk mitigation and financial systems modernization. Roark joined the City at the end of July.



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Also Reported

Additional verified calls and updates from Friday, August 21.

ALARMS4:32 am

Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/ Mobile Home)

8000 block HARBOR PL (WATERSIDE)

4:41 am E111 on scene, 2-story middle of the row townhouse. Nothing evident.

4:43 am E111 reports false alarm. No fire department services needed. E111 in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS5:26 am

Vehicle Accident - Rollover

RT340WB / 3MM (KNOXVILLE)

5:35 am PE52 reports one patient for evaluation. Holding A196, A197, PE52. Other responding units in service.

5:40 am A196 reports their patient does not require EMS.

5:46 am A197 transporting one Pri. 3 patient to the hospital.

PUBLIC SAFETY5:30 am

Crash With Injuries

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PUBLIC SAFETY7:32 am

Debris In Roadway

#FrederickMD

ALARMS7:43 am

Commercial Fire Alarm

200 block MIDDLETOWN PKWY — DUNKIN DONUTS (CROSS STONE COMMONS)

7:45 am E72 on the scene of a single-story commercial strip shopping center. Nothing evident.

7:49 am E72 investigated, no hazards present. Holding E72, TW1 in service.

ALARMS7:45 am

Fire Alarm Specify

8800 block INDIAN SPRINGS RD

7:54 am E11 on the scene, 2-story single-family. Nothing evident.

7:59 am E11 reports accidental alarm. E11 in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY8:24 am

Gas Leak Outside

6600 block MCGRATH PL (WELLINGTON TRACE)

8:32 am PE311 on scene, requesting gas company.

PUBLIC SAFETY9:21 am

Check Up After Accident - Police On Scene

BALLENGER CREEK PIKE / CORPORATE DR

9:24 am A318 on scene, 2 vehicle rear ended collision. Checking on occupants.

9:26 am A318 evaluating 2 patients.

9:29 am A318 evaluated 2 patients who refused transport. Units in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY9:54 am

Disabled In Roadway

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TRAFFIC & ROADS10:15 am

Vehicle Accident

27700 block RIDGE RD — FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST

10:17 am Frederick ECC cancelled call.

PUBLIC SAFETY10:17 am

Check Up After Accident - Police On Scene

100 block W. MAIN ST (NEW MARKET)

10:35 am A158 evaluated 2 pediatric patients from a low-speed vehicle collision. Obtained patient refusals. Units in service.

ALARMS10:22 am

Commercial Fire Alarm

2400 block WHITTIER DR — WHITTIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

10:26 am Frederick ECC advise responding units that the proper alarm passcode was received. Units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS12:27 pm

Vehicle Accident

DUTCHMANS CREEK RD / TOLLHOUSE RD

FIRE & RESCUE1:14 pm

Vehicle Fire

US-15NB / 1MM (PA)

TRAFFIC & ROADS2:03 pm

Vehicle Accident - Entrapment

OLD ANNAPOLIS RD / DETRICK RD

2:11 pm RE171 on the scene, 2 vehicles involved. Appears that all occupants are out.

2:13 pm C17-C establishing command, confirming no entrapment. Requesting additional ambulance.

2:16 pm C17-C placing R15, E152, EMS902 in service. Continuing to hold A179, A158, ALS17, RE171 for evaluation of patients.

2:19 pm A179 transporting one patient to Meritus.

2:40 pm A158 transporting one patient, will rendezvous with PE251 enroute.

PUBLIC SAFETY2:25 pm

Light Smoke Conditions

Units/ PE251, R15

2:31 pm Units placed in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS3:08 pm

Vehicle Accident - Entrapment

PROSPECT BLVD / S. JEFFERSON ST (FREDERICK)

3:12 pm EMS902 on the scene, reports incident is a medical emergency and not a vehicle accident. Holding A38, ALS2, E11. Other units in service.

ALARMS3:20 pm

Commercial Fire Alarm

200 block S. CHURCH ST — MIDDLETOWN VET CLINIC

3:29 pm E72 on the scene, single-story commercial building. Nothing evident. Investigating.

3:32 pm E72 reports an accidental activation. No hazards. Units in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY3:24 pm

Outside Investigation Of Smoke

MARKER RD / MOUNTAIN CHURCH RD (BURKITTSVILLE)

3:34 pm WCE81 on the scene in the 1700 Block of Marker Rd. Investigating.

3:35 pm WCE81 investigating smoke from a burn pit.

3:36 pm WCE81 reports the smoke is from the remnants of the barn that burned last Sunday. WCE81 in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY4:23 pm

Medical

24600 block TANDEM DR (DAMASCUS)

4:23 pm A259 alerted for an injured person from a fall.

FIRE & RESCUE6:18 pm

Appliance Fire Contained

9200 block RIDGEFIELD CIR (SPRING RIDGE)

6:20 pm E331 on the scene of a 2-story, end of the row townhome. Nothing evident.

6:21 pm E331 completed 360-assessment. Normal conditions on all sides. Investigating.

6:25 pm E331 confirms fire is out in the oven. Holding E331, TT4 for ventilation of light smoke.

PUBLIC SAFETY6:26 pm

Gas Odor Inside

9600 block FLEETWOOD CT (SPRING RIDGE)

6:29 pm BC901 on the scene of a 2-story single-family residence. Nothing evident.

6:31 pm BC901 reports odor of gas after turning on the stove. No other hazards reported. Units arriving on scene to investigate.

6:34 pm BC901 requesting E152, R15 to reduce response to non-emergency.

6:37 pm BC901 reports E331 investigated, negative meter readings on the interior of the residence. E331 is securing the gas stove for precautionary measures. BC901 continuing to hold E331. Other units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS6:41 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls

US-15 / 340WB / RT180 RAMP (FREDERICK)

PUBLIC SAFETY7:34 pm

Service Call

1100 block PEACH ORCHARD LN — BRUNSWICK HOUSE APTS

PUBLIC SAFETY7:59 pm

Gas Odor Outside

4800 block MCLAUREN CT (BALLENGER CREEK)

8:12 pm PE311 investigated; nothing found. PE311 in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS8:14 pm

Motorcycle Accident

RT40 / HOLLOW RD (MYERSVILLE)

8:21 pm E82 on scene, one patient for evaluation. Holding A89, ALS8, E82. Other units in service.

8:33 pm M89 transporting Pri. 2 patient to Meritus Medical Center. Remaining units in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY8:21 pm

Unknown Odor Inside

6100 block HUCKLEBERRY WAY (SUMMERFIELD)

8:26 pm E152 on the scene of a 2-story single-family dwelling. Investigating.

8:27 pm C15 on scene, reports a slight electrical odor. E152 crew investigating.

8:31 pm C15 reports E152 traced the source of the electrical odor to a defective refrigerator; Units in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY9:41 pm

Co Det Sounding

100 block BURGESS HILL WAY — CREEKSIDE AT TASKERS CHANCE

9:56 pm E11 reports alarm malfunction. E11 in service.

FREDERICK, MARYLAND

7-Day Weather

National Weather Service

FRI Aug 21 ☀️ 80° / 63° Mostly Sunny *ISSUE DAY*

SAT Aug 22 ☁️ 79° / 65° Scattered Showers And Thunderstorms 73% precip

SUN Aug 23 ☀️ 81° / 60° Sunny 2% precip

MON Aug 24 ☀️ 79° / 58° Sunny 0% precip

TUE Aug 25 ☀️ 81° / 62° Sunny 0% precip

WED Aug 26 ☀️ 84° / 67° Mostly Sunny 19% precip

THU Aug 27 ☁️ 84° / 68° Chance Showers And Thunderstorms 54% precip

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