

Townhouse blaze prompts box alarm; crews report occupants out and investigators find burned food

Box alarm response to a 4-story townhouse in the evening followed a day of multiple vehicle crashes and gas-odor checks across the county

By The Frederick Watch Desk

Fire crews answered a Box Alarm to a 4-story middle-of-the-row townhouse at 8:26 pm on Judicial Way, where responding units reported nothing evident on arrival and confirmed all occupants were out. PE311 — first on scene — later reported crews were investigating burned food on the stove and that there was no smoke or fire; PE311 and E31 were held while other units were placed back in service.

The townhouse response capped a day of repeated emergency calls across Frederick County that kept fire and EMS resources moving from pre-dawn into the late evening. Early in the morning, two high-priority traffic incidents required large responses: at 4:52 am, an RT340 westbound crash near Horine Road brought an ALS response with ALS20 checking occupants and PE52 establishing command after locating a vehicle over a guardrail; A209 later obtained a patient refusal and remaining units cleared. At 5:06 am, a reported rollover at New Design Road and Executive Way drew multiple ALS and rescue units; PE311 reported all occupants were out and later transports were made to Meritus Hospital Center for at least two patients.

Throughout the day alarm responses were a steady drumbeat for crews. Residential and commercial alarms included a malfunctioning detector on Pinder Street at 2:58 am that was traced to a faulty smoke detector and reset by PE23 and TT4; a confirmed accidental alarm at a Dixon Road residence at 9:57 am; and a commercial alarm at Autumn Lake nursing facility at 8:19 am that E121 investigated and attributed to burned toast before resetting the system.

Firefighters also investigated several reported gas odors and electrical hazards. At 1:23 pm a gas-odor report at a two-story residence on Nightfire Terrace in Lake Linganore brought E331, R15 and command resources; crews performed meter readings, isolated the issue to the furnace and secured the gas supply to the appliance. Later, at 9:25 pm, crews checked a reported odor inside the Roy Rogers at Souder Road in the Brunswick Shopping Center; PE52 and R20 reported negative meter readings and that store management had noticed an odor about 45 minutes earlier but nothing was detected in the preceding 20 minutes.



Representative image; not from a reported incident.

A downed tree with live wires closed Stone Road after crews arrived at 8:41 pm; E201 reported a large tree and wires across the roadway, notified the utility company and requested Fire-Police and county highway crews for traffic control and removal. Earlier in the evening, E331 found a burn barrel when investigating an outdoor smoke report in Lake Linganore and confirmed the fire was contained to the barrel. By late night most units on the townhouse Box Alarm and other scenes were staged or released as investigations and scene management continued.

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THE PREVIOUS DAY IN NUMBERS YESTERDAY AT A GLANCE

CALLS LOGGED

30

Non-medical incidents



VERIFIED UPDATES

53

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BUSIEST HOUR

1:00

pm

4 incidents logged



WEATHER

78° /

57°

Mostly Sunny



ACTIVITY SCORE

100/100

VERY BUSY

▲ INCIDENT BREAKDOWN

Traffic & roads	10
Fire & rescue	2
Weather & utilities	2
Alarms	9
Other public safety	7

▲ LARGEST RESPONSE

House Fire

13 units · 5000 Block Judicial Way

WHERE CALLS HAPPENED

1. Frederick	4
2. Jefferson	4
3. Myersville	2

ABOUT THIS EDITION

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

Yesterday on the Roads

TRAFFIC OBSERVATIONS

30

observed during the day

PEAK TRAFFIC HOUR

9 a.m.

7 reports

TOP CORRIDOR

I-70

5 reports

Congestion	7
Roadwork	7
Closures	6

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

Early morning rollover

Rollover on New Design Road sends patients to Meritus; PE311 reports no entrapment

At 5:06 am crews were dispatched to a reported rollover at New Design Road and Executive Way. PE311 arrived and reported one vehicle off to the right shoulder and that all occupants were out with no entrapment. Additional ambulances were requested; subsequent updates show M318 and M319 transporting priority patients to Meritus Hospital Center and M38 transporting a Priority 2 patient to Meritus. PE311 later requested an additional ALS resource as units coordinated transports.

Original FredScanner post

Afternoon gas investigation

Crews isolate gas issue to furnace at Lake Linganore home

At 1:23 pm responders were dispatched to a reported gas leak inside a two-story residence on Nightfire Terrace in Lake Linganore. E331 arrived and reported the occupant was out; R15 conducted a 360-assessment and crews performed meter readings on the basement and first floor. BC901 assumed command and R15 later reported crews had isolated the issue to the furnace and secured the gas supply to that appliance.

Original FredScanner post

Evening wires down

Large tree and downed wires shut Stone Road; utilities and highway crews notified

At 8:41 pm E201 reported a large tree and wires down across Stone Road. The crew notified the power company and requested Fire-Police for traffic control as well as Frederick County Highway Department for tree removal. By 9:23 pm E201 reported Fire-Police had Stone Road shut down and that the power company was on scene awaiting county highway crews to begin removal.

Original FredScanner post

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CITY OF FREDERICK NEWS

City of Frederick Begins Strategic Cultural Planning Process

2026-08-25

Source: City of Frederick

The City of Frederick is pleased to announce the launch of its Strategic Cultural Planning process and invites the public to participate.

The plan will provide a comprehensive strategic framework for arts and culture-related investments and enable better access to creative expression citywide.

Over the next nine months, the City will be working with Designing Local, a national arts and culture planning firm, to gather data from community stakeholders and inform the forthcoming plan.

Residents and stakeholders are invited to learn more about the process and participate at this stage by completing a brief online survey by visiting frederickmd.gov/culturalplan.

For more information, please contact Laila Jadallah, Manager of Arts and Culture, at LJadallah@CityofFrederickMD.gov or 301.600.1334.



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The Day’s Run Log

Complete call activity for Tuesday, August 25. Excludes medical calls.

ALARMS2:58 am

Commercial Fire Alarm

1600 block PINDER ST (FREDERICK) Radio: 9C

UNITS: PE23, TT4

3:05 am TT4 on the scene, nothing evident. Investigating.

3:07 am PE23 located a malfunctioning smoke detector. Alarm system has been reset. Units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS4:52 am

Vehicle Accident - Als

RT340WB / HORINE RD

UNITS: A197, A209, A19, ALS20, R20, PE52, E201, E281, EMS901, BC903

5:00 am ALS20 on the scene, checking on occupant(s).

5:03 am ALS20 reports no entrapment.

5:04 am PE52 on scene, one vehicle over the guardrail, occupant is out. PE52 establishing command.

5:06 am PE52 holding A209, ALS20, PE52. Other responding units in service.

5:15 am A209 obtained patient refusal. Remaining units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS5:06 am

Vehicle Accident - Rollover

NEW DESIGN RD / EXECUTIVE WAY

UNITS: A319, A318, A38, ALS4, ALS31, PE311, R3, BC901, EMS902

5:08 am PE311 on the scene, one vehicle off to the right shoulder. Checking on occupant(s).

5:09 am PE311 reports no entrapment. All occupants are out. Requesting additional ambulance.

5:20 am M318 transporting Pri. 1 patient to Meritus Hospital Center.

5:21 am PE311 requesting additional ALS resource.

5:22 am M319 transporting one patient to Meritus Medical Center.

5:30 am M38 transporting Pri. 2 patient to Meritus.

TRAFFIC & ROADS5:59 am

Vehicle Accident - Bls

RT340EB / RT180 (JEFFERSON)

UNITS: A209, A197, R20, PE52, E201

6:05 am A209 on the scene, Rte. 340EB prior to the Jefferson exit.

6:40 am A209 transporting one patient to the hospital. Remaining units clearing the scene when ready.

ALARMS7:04 am

Commercial Fire Alarm

100 block CLARKE PL — MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

UNITS: E31, TT4

7:06 am Frederick ECC advises responding units that the proper alarm passcode was received. Units in service.

WEATHER & UTILITIES7:09 am

Flooding Condition

100 block MONOCACY BLVD — MID ATLANTIC FASTNERS

UNITS: E31

7:13 am E31 on the scene, investigating broken sprinkler head.

TRAFFIC & ROADS7:20 am

Vehicle Accident - Als

WAVERLEY DR / KEY PKWY

UNITS: A19, A38, ALS4, R3, E11, EMS901

7:24 am E11 on scene, 2 vehicle collision. Checking on occupants.

7:26 am E11 reports 4 patients for evaluation. Requesting additional ambulance. Placing ALS4, EMS901 in service.

7:39 am A19, A38 transporting patients to the hospital.

ALARMS8:19 am

Commercial Fire Alarm

6000 block JEFFERSON BLVD — AUTUMN LAKE AT BRADDOCK HEIGHTS

UNITS: E121, TT4

8:22 am E121 on the scene, 2-story nursing home facility. Nothing evident. Investigating.

8:27 am E121 reports burned toast activated the alarm system. Holding E121 to reset the alarm system. TT4 in service.

ALARMS8:40 am

Commercial Fire Alarm

100 block NORTH PL — FREDERICK HEALTH AND REHABILITATION CENTER

UNITS: E31, TT4

ALARMS9:29 am

Commercial Fire Alarm

7300 block GOVERNORS WAY — INVITROGEN CORPORATION

UNITS: PE311, TT4

9:34 am PE311 on the scene, 2-story industrial facility. Nothing evident. Investigating.

9:43 am PE311 investigated, nothing found. All systems normal. Units in service.

ALARMS9:57 am

Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/ Mobile Home)

2000 block DIXON RD (URBANA)

UNITS: E231

10:07 am E231 on the scene, large 2-story single-family residence. Nothing evident.

10:11 am E231 reports accidental alarm, E231 in service.

ALARMS10:02 am

Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/ Mobile Home)

600 block W. SECOND ST (FREDERICK)

UNITS: E31, TT4

10:20 am E31 reports a faulty detector. Units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS10:33 am

Vehicle Accident - Bls (Automatic Crash Notification)

9400 block GAS HOUSE PIKE

UNITS: A339, E331

10:41 am E331 on the scene, 3-4 vehicles involved. Checking on occupants, at the intersection of Gas House Pike and Dolomite Dr.

10:53 am E331 reports no patients require EMS. Units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS12:28 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls

37200 block JEFFERSON PIKE — EXXON & BLIMPIE TRI STATE

UNITS: A196

TRAFFIC & ROADS1:05 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls (Automatic Crash Notification)

GREEN VALLEY RD / PRESERVE CT (HYATTSTOWN)

UNITS: A239, E231

1:13 pm E231 in the area, located cell phone. No vehicle crash.

PUBLIC SAFETY1:09 pm

Washdown - Non Emergency Response

6000 block DUVALS FOREST DR (ROSEHAVEN)

UNITS: E331

PUBLIC SAFETY1:23 pm

Gas Leak Inside

6200 block NIGHTFIRE TER (LAKE LINGANORE - OAKDALE)

UNITS: E331, E152, R15, BC901

1:31 pm E331 on the scene, 2-story residential. Nothing evident. Occupant is out.

1:32 pm R15 completed 360-assessment, investigating reported odor of gas in the basement along with crew from E331.

1:37 pm BC901 on the scene, assuming command. R15 reports crews have performed meter readings of the basement and first floor, nothing found thus far.

1:41 pm R15, E331 isolated issue to furnace. Gas supply to furnace secured.

TRAFFIC & ROADS1:29 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls

S. CHURCH ST / FRANKLIN ST (MIDDLETOWN)

UNITS: A78, E72

1:32 pm E72 on the scene, 2 vehicle T-bone collision. Checking on occupants.

1:38 pm E72 reports 2 occupants have refused EMS care. Units in service when ready.

TRAFFIC & ROADS3:04 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls

MOTTER AVE / PINEWOOD DR (FREDERICK)

UNITS: A28, E31

PUBLIC SAFETY3:37 pm

Co Det Sounding

13300 block PENN SHOP CT

UNITS: PE251

FIRE & RESCUE6:30 pm

Brush Fire

3900 block HIGHLAND CT (MYERSVILLE)

UNITS: BR85, E82

6:38 pm E82 in the area, investigating.

6:53 pm E82, BR85 checked the area, nothing found.

PUBLIC SAFETY7:04 pm

Service Call

9700 block BALTIMORE NATIONAL PIKE (MYERSVILLE)

UNITS: BR85

TRAFFIC & ROADS7:11 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls (Automatic Crash Notification)

13000 block GLISSANS MILL RD

UNITS: A179, RE171

7:22 pm RE171, A179, FCSSO checked the area, nothing found. Units in service.

ALARMS7:46 pm

Commercial Fire Alarm

100 block ALESSANDRA CT — THE FIELDS AT ROCK CREEK

UNITS: E11, T50

PUBLIC SAFETY8:06 pm

Outside Investigation Of Smoke

LAKE LINGANORE BLVD / WELLMOOR ST, IAO (LAKE LINGANORE - OAKDALE)

UNITS: E331

8:10 pm E331 in the area, investigating; updated location on Meadow Rd.

8:16 pm E331 located a burn barrel, fire contained to the barrel.

FIRE & RESCUE8:26 pm

House Fire

5000 block JUDICIAL WAY

UNITS: PE311, E31, E11, E501, E331, R3, TT4, R2, A38, ALS31, BC901, BC903, SAF901

8:27 pm PE311 on the scene of a 4-story middle of the row townhouse. Nothing evident. Investigating.

8:29 pm PE311 reports all occupants are out. Investigating burned food on the stove.

8:32 pm PE311 reports no smoke nor fire. Holding PE311, E31. Other units in service.

WEATHER & UTILITIES8:41 pm

Wires Down Or Arcing

5400 block STONE RD

UNITS: E201

8:50 pm E201 on the scene, large tree and wires down across the roadway. Utility company notified. Requesting Fire-Police for traffic control, as well as Frederick County Highway Department for tree removal.

9:23 pm E201 reports Fire-Police have Stone Rd shut down. Power company also on the scene, awaiting arrival of County Highway crews to remove tree.

PUBLIC SAFETY9:25 pm

Gas Leak Inside

100 block SOUDER RD — ROY ROGERS (BRUNSWICK SHOPPING CENTER)

UNITS: PE52, R20, T5

9:30 pm PE52 on the scene, nothing evident. Investigating.

9:42 pm PE52 reports store management noticed odor approx 45-mins ago. Nothing has been noticed in the past 20-mins. Negative meter readings from both PE52, R20 crews. Units in service.

ALARMS10:00 pm

Commercial Fire Alarm

5800 block MARY LOU LN (JEFFERSON TECHNOLOGY PARK)

UNITS: E11, TT4

10:06 pm E11 on the scene, normal conditions. Investigating.

10:11 pm E11 investigated. No hazards present. Holding E11, TT4 in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY11:03 pm

Odor Of Smoke Inside

1400 block KEY PKWY — HUNTERS GLEN APTS

UNITS: E11, E121, TT4

11:07 pm E11 on the scene, 3-story multi-dwelling. Nothing evident. Investigating.

11:09 pm E11 reports light haze on third floor.

11:11 pm E11 holding TT4, E11 for ventilation. E121 in service.

FREDERICK, MARYLAND

7-Day Weather

TUE

Aug 25

78° / 57°

Mostly Sunny

ISSUE DAY

WED

Aug 26

86° / 69°

Mostly Sunny

25% precip

THU

Aug 27

87° / 68°

Showers And Thunderstorms Likely

35% precip

FRI

Aug 28

84° / 65°

Slight Chance Rain Showers then Chance Showers And Thunderstorms

29% precip

SAT

Aug 29

83° / 66°

Partly Sunny

13% precip

SUN

Aug 30

86° / 69°

Mostly Sunny

9% precip

MON

Aug 31

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