

FREDERICK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Stray Kitten from Rocky Ridge, MD near Loys Station Park Tests Positive for Rabies

2026-10-02

Source: Frederick County Health Department

On Friday, October 2, 2026, the Frederick County Health Department (FCHD) was notified that a stray kitten found near Loys Station Park on Old Frederick Road in Rocky Ridge tested positive for rabies. Frederick County Animal Control collected the cat on Thursday, October 1, 2026, after showing aggressive behavior, a common symptom of rabies infection in cats. The rabid kitten was described as a 6–7-week-old black and white tuxedo kitten with a white mark on its head.

The FCHD recommends that people who may have had contact with this kitten between September 17, 2026, and October 1, 2026, consult their health care provider and notify the FCHD’s Community Health Services Office at 301-600-3342.

If any pets or livestock had contact with the cat, consult with your veterinarian and notify the FCHD’s Environmental Health Office at 301-600-1717.

Rabies is a viral disease that mainly infects mammals and is spread through the saliva of the infected animal, usually by a bite.

Symptoms of rabies in animals may include fear of water, excessive salivation, failure to eat or drink, limping, unusually friendly or aggressive behavior, and/or other atypical behaviors such as nocturnal animals emerging during the daytime.

The disease is nearly always fatal to humans if infected and post-exposure treatment is not obtained in a timely manner.

Barry Glotfelty, Director for FCHD’s Environmental Health Services, advises, “Rabies can be prevented by avoiding contact with stray or wild animals.



Image courtesy of Frederick County Health Department.

Making sure your pets are vaccinated is another key action you can take to protect yourself and others.”

The Frederick County Health Department is hosting a rabies vaccination clinic for dogs, cats, and ferrets on October 4, 2026, from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Thurmont Community Park.

If you or your pets have contact with a stray or wild animal, report it to Animal Control at 301-600-1544.

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FREDERICK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Medication Disposal Event Scheduled for October 24, 2026

2026-09-23

Source: Frederick County Health Department

FREDERICK, MD – On Saturday, October 24, 2026, Frederick County will take part in the Drug Enforcement Agency’s (DEA) “National Prescription Drug Take Back Day”.

This semi-annual drive-through event offers Frederick County community members the opportunity to safely get rid of potentially dangerous, expired, unused or unwanted prescription drugs.

Community members can also get rid of sharps including syringes, needles, lancets, and auto injectors. All sharps must be separated from the medications.

This drive-through event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at ONE LOCATION:

Frederick County Health Department – 350 Montevue Lane in Frederick

The following medications may be dropped off during the event:

Prescription and over-the-counter medicines in pill form only

Prescription patches

Pet medicines in pill form only

This event is for residential disposal only and is not intended for businesses, clinics, or medical/healthcare facilities.

Participants may dispose of their medicines in the original container and are encouraged to remove any identifying information from the prescription label.

If disposing sharps, please have an approximate count of sharps to be disposed.

According to a 2023 national survey on drug use and health, 14.4 million Americans reported misusing prescription drugs in the past year.

This drug disposal event provides an opportunity for community members to prevent drug sharing, addiction, and overdose deaths by safely and securely disposing of their expired and/or unwanted medications.

For more information about the DEA’s “National Prescription Drug Take Back Day” initiative, visit the DEA website.

For information about the dangers of prescription medicine misuse and for information about monitoring, storing and disposing of medicines, please visit the health department website or contact us at 301-606-0146.

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Saturday, October 24

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.



Safely dispose of

unwanted or expired

medicine and sharps!



Public Health

Frederick County Health Department

ONLY SITE:

Frederick County Health Department - 350 Montevue Lane

Image courtesy of Frederick County Health Department.

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COMMUNITY · TECHFREDERICK

Beyond the Prompt: Building Real Products with AI

Wednesday, November 4, 2026

Source: techFrederick



techFrederick logo

Location: Mount St. Mary’s University, Frederick Campus – 5350 Spectrum Dr., Frederick, MD 21703 Description: You’ve mastered the basics of chatting with AI. Now what? This hands-on 4-hour course teaches the Design Engineering Practice — a repeatable, tool-agnostic playbook for turning an idea into a working prototype with AI as your engineering partner. The practice produces structured, well-documented code that a developer would be happy to inh

erit — so what you build becomes a real starting point for an engineering team, not a throwaway demo that has to be rebuilt from scratch. You’ll work in small groups of 3-5, choose from a curated shortlist of product concepts (or bring your own idea), and walk away with a working prototype on your laptop and a way of working you can apply Monday morning at your organization. No coding experience required — just comfort with chat-based AI tools li

ke Claude, Copilot, or Gemini, a laptop, and a willingness to bring your brain. Prerequisites: Come with a login to your preferred tool, ie. Gemma, Copilot, Claude — Instructor will use Claude for demonstration purposes. Thank you to our Strategic Partners Subscribe Now to receive exclusive updates about events, news & more. Subscribe

To register, go to techfrederick.org/events.

[View the event details](#)

The Day’s Run Log

Complete call activity for Friday, October 2. Excludes medical calls.

TRAFFIC & ROADS

3:59 am

Vehicle Accident - Ejection
I-70EB / RT17 (MYERSVILLE)
UNITS: A89, A78, ALS8, ALS31, RE74, R3, WCR10, E82, E121, HM33, HMSU33, CAR7, EMS901, BC903, SAF901
4:02 am Frederick ECC advises responding units that MSP is on scene reporting 2 patients ejected: one into a tree, one beneath a truck.
4:06 am E82 on scene, west of Rte. 17, confirming a tractor trailer off the roadway. Assessing the scene.
4:07 am E82 confirms one patient is out, not beneath the tractor trailer; searching for possible second patient.
4:08 am E82 located second patient trapped in the cab of the tractor trailer, establishing command.
4:10 am E82 requesting chain saws to remove tree limbs in order to access patient in the cab of the truck; patient likely just confined, not trapped.
4:17 am E82 requesting MedEvac. Landing Zone (LZ) planned for Doubs Memorial Park in Myersville. M89 planning to transport second patient via ground to Meritus Medical Center. E82 requesting additional ALS resource.
4:19 am E82 reports patient in the truck cab is in process of being removed.
4:20 am BC903 on scene, assuming command. Requesting HazMat resources to mitigate fuel leaking from truck’s saddle tank.
4:31 am M89 transporting one patient with serious injuries or medical needs to Meritus Medical Center.
4:37 am EMS901 reports patient extricated from the truck cab, patient conscious and alert. Crews removing patient via stokes basket/ rope system due to steepness of embankment.
4:49 am M78 enroute to LZ with patient.
4:52 am BC903 continuing to hold RE74, HM33, HMSU33. Remaining units clearing the scene when ready.
5:05 am Trooper 3 airborne, a patient with serious injuries or medical needs to Shock Trauma.

PUBLIC SAFETY

7:29 am

Service Call
5900 block JACOBEOAN PL (NEW MARKET)
UNITS: E153

TRAFFIC & ROADS

10:07 am

Vehicle Accident - Bls (Automatic Crash Notification)
THOMAS JOHNSON DR / HAYWARD RD
UNITS: A29, E501, BC902
10:08 am BC902 checked the area, nothing found. All units in service.

ALARMS

10:32 am

Commercial Fire Alarm
6500 block MERCANTILE DR E — FREDERICK PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATES
UNITS: PE311, WCQ27
10:35 am PE311 on the scene, 2-story commercial building. Nothing evident.
10:37 am PE311 reports contractors are working on the alarm system. Units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS

10:41 am

Vehicle Accident - Bls
US-15SB / S. SETON AVE (EMMITSBURG)
UNITS: A69, A229, ALS30, E61, PE102, BC902, EMS901
10:45 am A69 checked the area of the original dispatched located of US-15SB / N. Seton Ave, nothing found. Frederick ECC advises update location is S. Seton Ave / US-15SB.
10:53 am A69 on scene, 3 vehicles involved. Checking on occupants.
10:55 am E61 on scene, on the ramp from S. Seton Ave to US-15SB.
11:00 am PE102 requesting additional ambulance.
11:04 am PE102 requesting additional ALS resource.
11:07 am BC902 on scene, establishing command.
11:10 am BC902 requesting MedEvac for a patient with serious injuries or medical needs. Landing Zone (LZ) planned for the National Fire Academy.
11:24 am M229 transporting a patient with serious injuries or medical needs to Meritus Medical Center.

ALARMS

11:02 am

Commercial Fire Alarm
1300 block N. EAST ST (FREDERICK)
UNITS: E31, T4
11:06 am T4 on the scene, single story building. Nothing evident. Investigating.
11:07 am T4 placing E31 in service.
11:12 am T4 reports a faulty smoke detector. T4 in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY

11:10 am

Unit Transfer To Other Station
100 block N. CHURCH ST — STATION 30 (THURMONT COMMUNITY AMBULANCE CO.)
UNITS: A37

FIRE & RESCUE

1:16 pm

Large Outside Fire
15000 block SABILLASVILLE RD (THURMONT)
UNITS: PE102, K10, BR106
1:20 pm PE102 on scene, nothing evident. Investigating.
1:26 pm PE102 reports 2 haybales on fire in a field as well as some hay. Crews in process of extinguishing.

TRAFFIC & ROADS

1:58 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls
TANEYTOWN PIKE / HARNEY RD (EMMITSBURG)
UNITS: A68, E61
2:01 pm E61 on the scene, 2 vehicles involved. Checking on occupants.
2:03 pm A68 evaluating one patient
2:20 pm A68 evaluated patient who refused transport. Units clearing the scene when ready.

TRAFFIC & ROADS

3:03 pm

Pedestrian Struck - Als
9300 block BITTERROOT TER (LAKE LINGANORE – WESTRIDGE)
UNITS: A249, PE23, E331, EMS902
3:10 pm E331 arrived, assessing the scene.
3:18 pm A249 evaluating one patient with non-life-threatening injuries.
3:22 pm A249 transporting a patient with non-life-threatening injuries to the hospital.

PUBLIC SAFETY

3:08 pm

Outside Investigation Of Smoke
8100 block ARROWHEAD CT (FREDERICK)
UNITS: E501, BC902
3:09 pm BC902 in the area, investigating.
3:21 pm BC902 reports small outside fire within 20-ft of the structure has been extinguished.

TRAFFIC & ROADS

3:20 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls
I-70WB / RT40A (BRADDOCK)
UNITS: A89, A38, R3, E82, E121
3:24 pm E121 on the scene, ramp from I-70WB to Rte. 40A, 2 vehicles involved. Checking on occupants.
3:26 pm E121 holding A38, E121. Other responding units in service.
3:36 pm A38 obtained patient refusal. Fire/EMS clearing the scene.

ALARMS

3:29 pm

Commercial Fire Alarm
1300 block HUGHES FORD RD — H L HARTZ COMPANY
UNITS: PE23, E31
3:32 pm PE23 on scene, single-story strip, nothing evident.
3:36 pm PE23 reports alarm system reset on its own. Units in service.

FIRE & RESCUE

4:59 pm

Outside Fire
300 block N. MARKET ST — OLDE TOWN TAVERN (FREDERICK)
UNITS: EEq
4:59 pm E31 alerted for a tree on fire to the rear of Olde Town Tavern.

TRAFFIC & ROADS

5:46 pm

Check Up After Accident - Police On Scene
W. PATRICK ST / BAUGHMANS LN (GOODEN MILE)
UNITS: A19, TT4

TRAFFIC & ROADS

5:54 pm

Vehicle Accident - Rollover
RT77 / CATOCTIN HOLLOW RD (THURMONT)
UNITS: A309, ALS30, R10, PE102, BC902, EMS902
6:03 pm R10 on the scene, west of the Cunningham Falls handicapped parking lot on Rte. 77. One vehicle on its side, occupants are out.
6:04 pm R10 holding A309, ALS30 for patient evaluation. Other responding units can return in service.
6:08 pm ALS30 obtained patient refusal. Remaining units clearing the scene when ready.

ALARMS

9:14 pm

Commercial Fire Alarm
500 block W. SOUTH ST — THE JUNCTION APARTMENTS (FREDERICK)
UNITS: E31, TT4
9:17 pm TT4 is on the scene of a 4-story apartment building. Nothing evident. Investigating.
9:35 pm TT4 reports a faulty alarm in a 4th floor apartment. Situation has been mitigated. Units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS

9:18 pm

Check Up After Accident - Police On Scene
N. CHURCH ST / W. GREEN ST — ASIAN CAFE (MIDDLETOWN)
UNITS: A78, A129, ALS8, RE74, BR75
9:20 pm RE74 on scene, vehicles in the intersection. Checking on occupants.
9:22 pm RE74 requesting additional ambulance and ALS resource.
9:42 pm M78 transporting one patient to Meritus Medical Center.

TRAFFIC & ROADS

10:31 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls
6400 block CORPORATE DR — CIRCLE K (BALLENGER CROSSING)
UNITS: A319, PE311
10:33 pm Frederick ECC advises responding units of update location, nearby on Ballenger Creek Pike at Corporate Dr.
10:34 pm A319 on the scene, 2 vehicles involved on Ballenger Creek Pike. Checking on occupants.
10:41 pm A319 evaluated one patient, obtained refusal. Units clearing the scene when ready.

FREDERICK, MARYLAND

7-Day Weather

National Weather Service

FRI
Oct 2

87° / 57°

PM Showers

ISSUE DAY

SAT
Oct 3

70° / 58°

Mostly Sunny

45% precip

SUN
Oct 4

65° / 58°

Rain Showers

75% precip

MON
Oct 5

70° / 45°

Mostly Sunny

1% precip

TUE
Oct 6

63° / 43°

Sunny

0% precip

WED
Oct 7

66° / 47°

Sunny

0% precip

THU
Oct 8

71° / 50°

Sunny

0% precip

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