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COVERAGE PERIOD **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2026** *News and incidents from the previous day*

Entrapment at Pryor Road

Fire responses, rescues and roadway incidents from verified Frederick Scanner reports

By The Frederick Watch Desk

Crews were called to 14000 block PRYOR RD in Thurmont at 10:50 a.m. for a reported entrapment. At 10:55 a.m., Paramedic Engine 23 arrived. Paramedic Engine 23 reported patient has been extricated. A69 and PE23 remained on the call. Other responding units in service.

Vehicle accident at Monocacy Boulevard

At 8:08 a.m., Ambulance 318 and Engine 11 were dispatched for a reported vehicle accident at Monocacy Boulevard and the ramp to northbound Route 15.

Check after a vehicle accident at I-70

Crews were called to I-70 westbound near Route 180 in Frederick at 8:22 a.m. for a reported check after a vehicle accident. At 8:23 a.m., Advanced Life Support 8 came upon the scene, no injuries. E33 remained on the call.

Vehicle accident at I-70

Crews were called to I-70 eastbound near MONOCACY RIVER at 4:45 p.m. for a reported vehicle accident. At 4:50 p.m., Engine 331 arrived. I-70EB just prior to the Monocacy River; 2 vehicles involved. Engine 331 began checking on the occupants. At 5:05 p.m., Engine 331 reported 5 vehicles involved. A339 obtained several patient refusals. A158 transporting one patient to the hospital.

Vehicle accident triggered by an automatic crash notification at I-70

Crews were called to I-70 eastbound near Route 40 in Braddock Heights at 4:52 p.m. for a reported vehicle accident triggered by an automatic crash notification. Responding units included Ambulance 89, Ambulance 129, Rescue Engine 74, Engine 82, Engine 121 and Battalion Chief 903.

Pedestrian struck at Monocacy Blvd — Costco Store

Crews were called to 100 block MONOCACY BLVD — COSTCO STORE at 5:20 p.m. for a reported pedestrian struck. At 5:25 p.m., Engine 33 reported no patient requires EMS. Units in service.



Representative image; not from a reported incident.

Vehicle accident triggered by an automatic crash notification at I-70 Westbound Near Rte 85 at 5:26 p.m.

Crews were called to I-70 westbound near RTE 85 at 5:26 p.m. for a reported vehicle accident triggered by an automatic crash notification. At 5:30 p.m., EMS Supervisor 902 reported property damage collision, no fire department services needed.

Vehicle accident at I-70 Westbound Near Rest Area In Myersville at 5:30 p.m.

Crews were called to I-70 westbound near REST AREA in Myersville at 5:30 p.m. for a reported vehicle accident. At 5:37 p.m., Washington County Rescue 10 reported units checked both directions in the area of the dispatched location, nothing found. All units in service.

Daily activity

Frederick County logged 96 calls: 23 non-medical and 73 medical. The busiest hour was 9:00 am, with 10 calls.

THE PREVIOUS DAY IN NUMBERS

YESTERDAY AT A GLANCE

CALLS LOGGED	MEDICAL CALLS
96	**73**
23 non-medical · 73 medical	Included in total calls
BUSIEST HOUR	**WEATHER**
9:00 am	**72° / 49°**
10 calls logged	AM Fog/PM Sun

ACTIVITY SCORE **48**/100 — ACTIVE

▲ INCIDENT BREAKDOWN

Fire & building alarms	5
Fire & rescue	2
Hazards & investigations	1
Rescue & special response	2
Service & station support	3
Traffic & accidents	10

MEDICAL CALLS · 73

Advanced Life Support	40
Basic Life Support	26
Other support level	7

MIXED CALLS · 8
Already included in incident categories

Advanced Life Support	3
Basic Life Support	5

LARGEST RESPONSE
Vehicle Accident - Bls
6 units · I-70Eb / Monocacy River

WHERE CALLS HAPPENED

1.	Frederick	4
2.	Brunswick	2
3.	Urbana	2

ABOUT THIS EDITION
Includes aggregate medical call counts. Individual medical calls and follower comments are excluded from stories.

Yesterday on the Roads

TRAFFIC OBSERVATIONS	PEAK TRAFFIC HOUR
113	**4 p.m.**
observed during the day	26 reports

TOP CORRIDOR
I-70
23 reports

Congestion	77
Crashes	8
Debris/Hazards	7
Disabled Vehicles	6
Closures	4
Roadwork	2

Measured slowdown

HERE readings on eastbound I-70 near /WB East of MD 85 ranged from 2 to 17 mph between 4:59 p.m. and 5:58 p.m., versus about 65 mph free flow.

Sources: HERE and MDOT CHART.

COMMUNITY · TECHFREDERICK

Techie Awards

December 8, 2026 **Source: techFrederick**

Celebrate the people and businesses making a difference in our community.

From standout employees and inspiring educators to promising startups and dedicated community volunteers, the Techie Awards recognize the people and businesses whose contributions deserve celebration.

Help us shine a spotlight on someone making a difference. Who comes to mind?

Think of the colleague who always goes the extra mile, the educator who inspires, or the person who consistently gives back.

Explore the categories below and help us recognize their contributions. STEM Student Achievement Award Celebrates a student whose curiosity, initiative, and accomplishments show a strong enthusiasm for STEM.

Through projects, clubs, independent learning, or teamwork, this student puts their interests into action and demonstrates meaningful effort and growth.

Nominate Someone Outstanding STEM Educator Award Honors an educator who brings science, technology, engineering, or mathematics to life.

techFrederick logo

Through engaging teaching, encouragement, and mentorship, this person sparks curiosity, builds confidence, and helps students discover opportunities in STEM.

Nominate Someone Rising Star Award Recognizes a standout employee who has been with their company for two years or less and is already making an impact.

To register, go to techfrederick.org/events.

View the event details

Weather

Three-day forecast in Frederick

FRIDAY OCT 30 — **High 73° • Low 41°**
Sunny, with a high near 73. West wind 3 to 13 mph, with gusts as high as 23 mph.

SATURDAY OCT 31 — **High 63° • Low 44°**
Mostly sunny, with a high near 63. North wind around 3 mph.

SUNDAY NOV 1 — **High 66° • Low 44°**
Mostly cloudy, with a high near 66.

National Weather Service

Road Watch

Road closures active today

NO NEWLY LISTED OR CHANGED CLOSURES SINCE THE PREVIOUS FREDERICK WATCH EDITION

ONGOING — FREDERICK CITY
BLOOMFIELD RD
Closed, all directions. All lanes closed. Construction. CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC. Road realignment. Detour in place.

ONGOING — FREDERICK COUNTY
OLD MILL RD
Closed, all directions. All lanes closed. Construction. Closed for repairs. Major structural component damaged. CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC.

ONGOING — FREDERICK CITY
N MARKET ST
Limited Public Access, all directions. All lanes closed. Construction.

Frederick County road closure data

Today in Frederick

2 things to know for Friday, Oct. 30

FCPS — ALL DAY
3.5-hour early dismissal
FCPS lists 3.5-hour early dismissal on today's district calendar.

FCPS — ALL DAY
ES & MS Teacher Conferences
FCPS lists ES & MS Teacher Conferences on today's district calendar.

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FREDERICK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Frederick Police Department Celebrates Graduation of 70th Police Academy Class

2026-10-29 **Source: Frederick Police Department**

Ten student officers representing the Frederick, Westminster and Taneytown police departments celebrated the completion of months of rigorous training and dedication as they officially graduated from the Frederick Police Academy.

The Frederick Police Department celebrated the graduation of its 70th Police Academy Class on October 29, 2026, recognizing 10 new law enforcement officers preparing to serve communities throughout the region.

The graduation ceremony took place at Frederick Community College's Jack B.
Kussmaul Theater, where family members, law enforcement leaders, elected officials and community members gathered to recognize the recruits' hard work, dedication and commitment to public service.

The 70th Police Academy Class includes 10 graduates representing three law enforcement agencies:

Throughout their months of training, recruits completed a comprehensive curriculum designed to prepare them for the responsibilities and challenges of modern policing.

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Instruction included criminal and constitutional law, de-escalation techniques, defensive tactics, emergency vehicle operations, firearms proficiency, crisis intervention and scenario-based exercises emphasizing communication, sound decision-making and community engagement.

"Graduating from the academy is an important achievement, but it's also the beginning of a much greater responsibility," said Frederick Police Chief Kevin Meyer.
"These officers have spent months developing the skills and judgment they'll need in the field.
What matters now is how they put that training into practice, how they treat people and how they earn the trust of the communities they serve."

Following graduation, Frederick Police Department recruits will enter the Field Training and Evaluation Program, where they will work alongside experienced field training officers to apply their academy instruction in real-world situations.
This next phase provides hands-on mentorship and practical experience to help prepare officers for independent patrol duties while reinforcing the department's commitment to professionalism, accountability and community safety.



Image courtesy of Frederick Police Department.

The Frederick Police Department also extends its appreciation to the members of its Training Unit, whose instruction, mentorship and dedication are instrumental in preparing the next generation of law enforcement professionals.
Their efforts continue to strengthen public safety throughout Frederick and the surrounding region.

The department congratulates the graduates of the 70th Police Academy Class and wishes them success as they begin their law enforcement careers.

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COVERING **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2026**

The Day's Run Log

Complete call activity for Thursday, October 29. Excludes medical calls.

ALARMS **5:29 am**

Commercial Fire Alarm

5900 block JEFFERSON STATION CT (JEFFERSON TECHNOLOGY PARK)

UNITS: E11, TT4

PUBLIC SAFETY **6:47 am**

Elevator Malfunction

100 block S. COURT ST (FREDERICK)

UNITS: TT4

6:51 am TT4 reports occupant has been removed. TT4 in service.

ALARMS **8:04 am**

Commercial Fire Alarm

8700 block GAS HOUSE PIKE — ALDI FOODS DISTRIBUTION CENTER

UNITS: PE23, TW11

TRAFFIC & ROADS **8:08 am**

Vehicle Accident - Bls

MONOCACY BLVD / RAMP MONOCACY BLVD TO RT15NB RAMP

UNITS: A318, E11

TRAFFIC & ROADS **8:22 am**

Check Up After Accident - Police On Scene

I-70WB / RT180 (FREDERICK)

UNITS: A38, ALS8, E33

8:23 am ALS8 came upon the scene, no injuries. Holding E33.

FIRE & RESCUE **8:29 am**

Farm /Const/Excavation Machinery On Fire

1800 block MASON-DIXON RD

UNITS: E61, EK64

ALARMS **9:49 am**

Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/ Mobile Home)

9100 block KENWAY LN (URBANA)

UNITS: TT23

FIRE & RESCUE **10:04 am**

Transformer Fire

300 block W. PATRICK ST (FREDERICK)

UNITS: E33

10:10 am E33 on scene, confirms a blown transformer. Power is out in the area. Utility company notified.

PUBLIC SAFETY **10:50 am**

Entrapment - Peripheral

14000 block PRYOR RD (THURMONT)

UNITS: PE23, R10, A69, A307

10:55 am PE23 on scene, reports patient has been extricated. Holding A69, PE23. Other responding units in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY **11:01 am**

Unit Transfer To Other Station

100 block W. FREDERICK ST — STATION 11 (WALKERSVILLE)

UNITS: A129

PUBLIC SAFETY **12:52 pm**

Unit Transfer To Other Station

100 block S. MAIN ST — STATION 6 (BIGLERVILLE FIRE HOSE AND TRUCK COMPANY)

UNITS: E61

ALARMS **2:16 pm**

Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/ Mobile Home)

3000 block HERB GARDEN DR (URBANA)

UNITS: E231

2:25 pm E231 reports homeowner changing batteries which activated the automatic alarm. No fire department services needed.

ALARMS **2:29 pm**

Commercial Fire Alarm

1200 block DUTCHMANS CREEK DR — WEIS MARKET (BRUNSWICK CROSSING)

UNITS: PE52, TW7

2:32 pm PE52 on the scene, single story grocery store. Nothing evident. Investigating.

2:37 pm PE52 reports malfunctioning alarm. System has been reset. Units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **2:53 pm**

Vehicle Accident - Bls

I-270SB BETWEEN RT121 / RT27 (CLARKSBURG)

UNITS: A239

TRAFFIC & ROADS **3:37 pm**

Pedestrian Struck - Als

MONOCACY BLVD / RIVERBEND WAY

UNITS: A249, ALS29, E111, EMS901

3:40 pm ALS29 on the scene, pedestrian standing upright on the sidewalk. Holding A249, ALS29. Other responding units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **4:45 pm**

Vehicle Accident - Bls

I-70EB / MONOCACY RIVER

UNITS: A339, A158, R3, E331, E153, C3

4:50 pm E331 on the scene, I-70EB just prior to the Monocacy River; 2 vehicles involved. Checking on occupants.

4:54 pm E331 holding A158, A339, E331. Other units in service.

5:05 pm E331 reports 5 vehicles involved. A339 obtained several patient refusals. A158 transporting one patient to the hospital.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **4:52 pm**

Vehicle Accident - Bls (Automatic Crash Notification)

I-70EB / RT40 (BRADDOCK HEIGHTS)

UNITS: A89, A129, RE74, E82, E121, BC903

5:02 pm units checked the area, nothing found.

PUBLIC SAFETY **5:11 pm**

Unit Transfer To Other Station

100 block EASTERN BLVD N — STATION 75 (COMMUNITY RESCUE SERVICE)

UNITS: A196

TRAFFIC & ROADS **5:20 pm**

Pedestrian Struck - Als

100 block MONOCACY BLVD — COSTCO STORE

UNITS: A37, ALS4, E33, EMS902

5:25 pm E33 reports no patient requires EMS. Units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **5:22 pm**

Vehicle Accident - Als

I-70WB / 38MM

UNITS: A89, ALS8, E82

TRAFFIC & ROADS **5:26 pm**

Vehicle Accident - Bls (Automatic Crash Notification)

I-70WB / RTE 85

UNITS: A37, E33, EMS902

5:30 pm EMS902 reports property damage collision, no fire department services needed.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **5:30 pm**

Vehicle Accident - Bls

I-70WB / REST AREA (MYERSVILLE)

UNITS: A78, WCM751, RE74, WCR10, E121, E82

5:37 pm WCR10 reports units checked both directions in the area of the dispatched location, nothing found. All units in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY **9:25 pm**

Wires Down Or Arcing

100 block W. B ST (BRUNSWICK)

UNITS: PE52

9:38 pm PE52 located a downed communications wire at the dispatched address. No hazards to the public. Utility company notified.



PUBLIC SERVICE NOTICE

Missing: Madison White (MD) - Madison White, Age Now: 16, Missing: 10/08/2026. Missing From Baltimore, MD. ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION SHOULD CONTACT: Baltimore City Police Department
(Maryland)
1-410-396-2433
. #PleaseShare http://www.missingkids.org/poster/NCMC/2104324/1

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FREDERICK, MARYLAND

7-Day Weather

National Weather Service

THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31	Nov 1	Nov 2	Nov 3	Nov 4
72° / 49°	73° / 41°	63° / 44°	66° / 44°	68° / 48°	71° / 51°	73° / 57°
AM Fog/PM Sun	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Partly Sunny	Partly Sunny then Slight Chance Rain Showers
ISSUE DAY	0% precip	1% precip	3% precip	8% precip	8% precip	38% precip

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