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COVERAGE PERIOD **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026** *News and incidents from the previous day*

Vehicle fire - entrapment at Buckeystown Pike — Common Market

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

By The Frederick Watch Desk

Crews were called to 5700 block BUCKEYSTOWN PIKE — COMMON MARKET in Evergreen Square at 2:07 p.m. for a reported vehicle fire - entrapment. At 2:11 p.m., BC901, A37, R3, SAF901 on the scene, no active fire. Investigating. At 2:12 p.m., Battalion Chief 901 reported no fire, airbag deployed. A37 evaluating one patient. A37, R3 and BC901 remained on the call. Other units in service.

Vehicle accident at Montevue Lane

Crews were called to MONTEVUE LN near ROSEMONT AVE in Frederick at 1:44 a.m. for a reported vehicle accident. At 1:46 a.m., E11, A18 on the scene; single vehicle off the roadway. Checking on occupants. At 1:55 a.m., Ambulance 18 obtained patient refusal. Units clearing the scene.

Vehicle accident at I-270

Crews were called to I-270 northbound near DR PERRY RD in Urbana at 10:30 a.m. for a reported vehicle accident. At 10:34 a.m., Tiller Truck 23 arrived. 2 vehicle rear-end collision, one occupant for evaluation. At 11:01 a.m., Montgomery County Ambulance 735 was transporting one patient to the hospital.

Motorcycle accident at N. East Street

Crews were called to N. EAST ST near E. NINTH ST in Frederick at 1:59 p.m. for a reported motorcycle accident. At 2:03 p.m., Chief 2 reported units checked the area. Nothing found.

Brush fire at Eyler Court

Crews were called to 9500 block EYLER CT in Walkersville at 2:50 p.m. for a reported brush fire. At 2:57 p.m., Engine 111 located a small fire extinguished by the homeowner. E111 wetting down the area.

Bicycle accident at S. Market Street

Crews were called to S. MARKET ST near E. SOUTH ST in Frederick at 3:39 p.m. for a reported bicycle accident. At 3:39 p.m., Ambulance 38 came upon



Representative image; not from a reported incident.

incident while transporting a patient to the hospital. Units enroute to evaluate bicyclist. At 3:50 p.m., Ambulance 37 was transporting a patient with non-life-threatening injuries to the hospital.

Vehicle fire at US-15

Crews were called to US-15 southbound near W. SEVENTH ST in Frederick at 4:29 p.m. for a reported vehicle fire. At 4:46 p.m., Engine 11 arrived. single vehicle in the median on US-15SB at the ramp from Motter Ave to W. 7th St. E11 on the scene and E33 in service remained on the call. At 4:48 p.m., Engine 11 reported vehicle overheated, no fire involved.

Outside fire at Campus Dr — Urbana High School

Crews were called to 3400 block CAMPUS DR — URBANA HIGH SCHOOL at 5:30 p.m. for a reported outside fire. At 5:34 p.m., Engine 231 arrived. Engine 231 began investigating. At 5:39 p.m., Engine 231 reported a brush fire to the rear of the stadium, approx. 50x50-ft area. In process of extinguishing perimeter. At 6:04 p.m., Engine 231 reported fire extinguished. Units in service.

Daily activity

Frederick County logged 109 calls: 21 non-medical and 88 medical. The busiest hour was 3:00 pm, with 13 calls.

FREDERICK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Residents Turn Out to Turn In Unwanted Meds and Sharps

2026-10-30 **Source: Frederick County Health Department**

FREDERICK, MD -- On Saturday, October 24th, the Frederick County Health Department partnered with the Frederick Police Department, Maryland State Police and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) to host the "National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day".

Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., 105 cars participated and turned in 221.8 pounds of unwanted or expired medication and 7,773 sharps at the Frederick County Health Department collection site located at 350 Montevue Lane.

"We are grateful to the whole Frederick community and the many people who participated in our fall 2026 Drug Take Back Day event," said Nate Smith, Opioid Misuse Prevention Program Coordinator.

"We also thank our amazing law enforcement partners and health department staff who helped to make this event a success."

For residents who were unable to attend the "Drug Take Back Day" event and have medication to dispose, medicine drop box locations can be found at

health.frederickcountymd.gov/OMPP.



Image courtesy of Frederick County Health Department.

For information about the dangers of prescription medicine misuse and for information about monitoring, storing and disposing of medicines and syringes, please visit health.frederickcountymd.gov/OMPP or contact the Frederick County Health Department at 301-600-1755.

Read the original release

YESTERDAY AT A GLANCE

THE PREVIOUS DAY IN NUMBERS

CALLS LOGGED	MEDICAL CALLS
109	88
21 non-medical · 88 medical	Included in total calls
BUSIEST HOUR	**WEATHER**
3:00 pm	73° / 38°
13 calls logged	Sunny

ACTIVITY SCORE 54/100 — ACTIVE

INCIDENT BREAKDOWN

Fire & building alarms	1
Fire & rescue	7
Hazards & investigations	4
Rescue & special response	1
Service & station support	1
Traffic & accidents	7

MEDICAL CALLS · 88

Advanced Life Support	53
Basic Life Support	21
Other support level	14

MIXED CALLS · 5

Already included in incident categories

Basic Life Support	5

LARGEST RESPONSE
Motorcycle Accident
6 units · N. East St / E. Ninth St (Frederick)

WHERE CALLS HAPPENED

1.	Frederick	7
2.	Urbana	3
3.	Buckeystown	1

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
115	3 p.m.
observed during the day	26 reports

TOP CORRIDOR
I-70
24 reports

Congestion	85
Crashes	10
Disabled Vehicles	10
Debris/Hazards	3
Closures	2

Measured slowdown

HERE readings on westbound I-70 near /WB East of MD 85 ranged from 7 to 26 mph between 3:28 p.m. and 5:27 p.m., versus about 65 mph free flow.

Sources: HERE and MDOT CHART.

Weather

Three-day forecast in Frederick

SATURDAY OCT 31 — High 63° • Low 42°
Mostly sunny, with a high near 63. North wind around 3 mph.

SUNDAY NOV 1 — High 64° • Low 43°
Mostly cloudy, with a high near 64. Southeast wind around 2 mph.

MONDAY NOV 2 — High 67° • Low 45°
Partly sunny, with a high near 67.

National Weather Service

Road Watch

5 road closure updates

SINCE THE PREVIOUS FREDERICK WATCH EDITION

CLEARED — FREDERICK CITY
FAIRVIEW AVE
Limited Public Access, all directions. 1 lane open. Construction. MT Laney patch paving in front of 704 Fairview Avenue lane closures

CLEARED — FREDERICK CITY
JAMES ST
Limited Public Access, all directions. 1 lane open. Construction. City of Frederick DPW road repairs lane closures

CLEARED — FREDERICK CITY
SHOOKSTOWN RD
Limited Public Access, all directions. 1 lane open. Construction. Gambrill View Development shared path construction lane and sidewalk closures

Frederick County road closure data

Today in Frederick

A quiet civic day for Saturday, Oct. 31

No major County, City or FCPS public meetings or schedule changes were found for today.

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FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT NEWSFLASH

Frederick County Rural Legacy Program Receives $1.522 Million State Grant

2026-10-30 **Source: Frederick County Government**

FREDERICK, Md. – The Maryland Board of Public Works has awarded $1.522 million to support Frederick County's two Rural Legacy Areas as part of the Fiscal Year 2027 Rural Legacy Program.

The State awarded $21.08 million statewide, reinforcing Maryland's continued commitment to protecting agricultural, forestry, historic, and environmental resources.

Maryland's Rural Legacy Program provides the focus and funding necessary to protect and preserve large, contiguous tracts of rich agricultural and forested land.

The program partners with local governments and land trust sponsors across the state, working with willing property owners to acquire conservation easements and permanently protect vital landscapes.

To date, 8,442 acres have been permanently preserved in Frederick County through the Rural Legacy Program.

Across all preservation programs combined, the County has permanently protected 79,062 acres, a major milestone reflecting strong partnerships and landowner engagement.

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This year's award comes as Frederick County advances efforts to strengthen and expand its preservation footprint.

In 2025, the County Council adopted a resolution supporting the expansion of the Carrollton Manor Rural Legacy Area, identifying an additional 6,632 acres of farmland and natural, historic, and cultural resources suitable for inclusion.

The Board of Public Works approved the expansion, bringing the Carrollton Manor Rural Legacy Area up to 38,838 acres.

"Frederick County's rural landscapes are central to our identity, economy, and quality of life," said Katie Stevens, Director of the Office of Agriculture.

"This funding will help preserve the working farms, forests, and natural resources that make our county unique while expanding opportunities for landowners.

We appreciate the State's continued partnership and remain committed to protecting these valuable resources and ensuring a strong future for agriculture in Frederick County."

The County celebrates this expansion, which enhances agricultural viability, protects sensitive ecosystems, and ensures that Frederick's rural landscapes like the Sugarloaf Treasured Landscape area remain defining features of the community for future generations.



Image courtesy of Frederick County Government.

By expanding opportunities for voluntary easements and preserving large contiguous areas, the County continues its progress toward the long-term land preservation goal to permanently protect 160,000 acres.

Information about the Rural Legacy program and other County agricultural preservation programs is available on the Office of Agriculture website.

For additional details, contact Shannon O'Neil, Program Manager, at 301-600-1411 or via e-mail at SONeil@FrederickCountyMD.gov.

Read the original release

FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT NEWSFLASH

Paving Operations on November 3

2026-10-30 **Source: Frederick County Government**

FREDERICK, Md. – The Frederick County Pavement Management Program will have crews working on Tuesday, November 3 at the locations listed below.

None of the roadways will be fully closed. A one-lane road closure will be in place and monitored with a flagging operation.

Crews will work with residents to enter and exit their properties but may be delayed. Residents who use these roadways should allow an additional 10 to 15 minutes for travel.

Paving crews will be working on:

• Gapland Road • Linganore Woods Drive • Linganore Woods Circle • Linganore Woods Lane • Adamstown Commons Subdivision

Shoulder back up repair crews will be working on:

• Stottlemyer Road



Illustration: Frederick Watch

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COMMUNITY · TECHFREDERICK

10-Year Anniversary Celebration

Recurring event series

Source: techFrederick

Celebrating 10 Years of techfrederick In 2026, techfrederick proudly celebrates 10 years of building, connecting, and championing Frederick County's technology community.

What began as a vision to unite local tech leaders has grown into a thriving network of innovators, educators, entrepreneurs, students, and advocates working together to shape the future of our region.

Over the past decade, we've launched impactful programs, strengthened workforce pathways, supported policy conversations, and created meaningful opportunities for connection. Now it's time to celebrate!

Our 10-Year Anniversary Celebration will bring together the people who made this milestone possible — our members, partners, sponsors, students, volunteers, and community leaders.

The evening will feature: Networking with Frederick's tech and business community Networking with Frederick's tech and business community Reflections on the past decade Reflections on the past decade A look ahead at what's next for techfrederick A look ahead at what's next for techfrederick Special recognitions and moments of celebration Special recognitions and moments of celebration This event isn't just about looking back.

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It's about honoring the relationships, innovation, and momentum that will carry us into the next decade.

To register, go to techfrederick.org/events.

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COVERING **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026**

The Day's Run Log

Complete call activity for Friday, October 30. Excludes medical calls.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **1:44 am**

Vehicle Accident - Bls

MONTEVUE LN / ROSEMONT AVE (FREDERICK)

UNITS: A18, E11

1:46 am E11, A18 on the scene; single vehicle off the roadway. Checking on occupants.

1:55 am A18 obtained patient refusal. Units clearing the scene.

PUBLIC SAFETY **8:01 am**

Unknown Odor Inside

800 block EDEN CT (FREDERICKTOWNE VILLAGE)

UNITS: PE23, E33, R3

8:04 am PE23 on the scene, Split-level residence. Nothing evident. Investigating.

8:11 am PE23 reports odor attributed to a skunk. Good intent call. Units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **10:30 am**

Vehicle Accident- Bls

I-270NB / DR PERRY RD (URBANA)

UNITS: MCA735, TT23

10:34 am TT23 on the scene, 2 vehicle rear-end collision, one occupant for evaluation.

11:01 am MCA735 transporting one patient to the hospital.

ALARMS **10:35 am**

Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/ Mobile Home)

4600 block FELDSPAR RD (MIDDLETOWN)

UNITS: E121

10:40 am Frederick ECC advises the alarm company received the proper passcode. E121 in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **10:42 am**

Vehicle Accident - Bls

GRANT PL / ROSEMONT AVE (FREDERICK)

UNITS: A19, E11

FIRE & RESCUE **11:38 am**

Outside Fire

9300 block PENROSE ST (CENTERVILLE)

UNITS: E231

11:52 am E231 reports a small outside rubbish fire has been extinguished. E231 in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **11:43 am**

Vehicle Accident - Bls

600 block RESEARCH CT — ASTRA ZENECA (CENTERGATE)

UNITS: A318, PE311

11:45 pm Frederick ECC advises responding units that call was result of a cell phone that was dropped, triggering the ACN. Units in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY **12:44 pm**

Flooding Condition

2100 block CHESTNUT LN

UNITS: E11

TRAFFIC & ROADS **12:59 pm**

Vehicle Accident - Bls (Automatic Crash Notification)

S. RENN RD / BALLENGER CREEK PIKE

UNITS: A318, PE311

1:02 pm Frederick ECC advises responding units the FCSO located a cell phone laying in the roadway that triggered the ACN. Fire/Rescue in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **1:59 pm**

Motorcycle Accident

N. EAST ST / E. NINTH ST (FREDERICK)

UNITS: A29, ALS2, R2, E501, EMS902, C2

2:01 pm ALS2 in the area, attempting to locate.

2:03 pm C2 reports units checked the area. Nothing found.

FIRE & RESCUE **2:07 pm**

Vehicle Fire - Entrapment

5700 block BUCKEYSTOWN PIKE — COMMON MARKET (EVERGREEN SQUARE)

UNITS: PE311, R3, A37, ALS4, BC901, EMS902

2:11 pm BC901, A37, R3, SAF901 on the scene, no active fire. Investigating.

2:12 pm BC901 reports no fire, airbag deployed. A37 evaluating one patient. Holding A37, R3, BC901. Other units in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY **2:08 pm**

Unit Transfer To Other Station

FIRST block OF E. BALTIMORE ST — STATION 5 (TANEYTOWN VFC)

UNITS: E61

FIRE & RESCUE **2:50 pm**

Brush Fire

9500 block EYLER CT (WALKERSVILLE)

UNITS: E111, C11

2:55 pm C11 in the area, attempting to locate.

2:57 pm E111 located a small fire extinguished by the homeowner. E111 wetting down the area.

PUBLIC SAFETY **2:58 pm**

Wires Down Or Arcing

GREEN VALLEY RD / RENNER RD (JOHNSVILLE)

UNITS: E172

3:03 pm E172 in the area, investigating.

3:07 pm E172 located a telephone line down, no hazards to the public. Utility company notified.

PUBLIC SAFETY **3:39 pm**

Bicycle Accident - Bls

S. MARKET ST / E. SOUTH ST (FREDERICK)

UNITS: A37, PE23

3:39 pm A38 came upon incident while transporting a patient to the hospital. Units enroute to evaluate bicyclist.

3:50 pm A37 transporting a patient with non-life-threatening injuries to the hospital.

FIRE & RESCUE **4:29 pm**

Vehicle Fire

US-15SB / W. SEVENTH ST (FREDERICK)

UNITS: E11, E33

4:46 pm E11 on the scene, single vehicle in the median on US-15SB at the ramp from Motter Ave to W. 7th St. Holding E11 on the scene, E33 in service.

4:48 pm E11 reports vehicle overheated, no fire involved.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **4:30 pm**

Vehicle Accident - Bls

US-15SB / ROSEMONT AVE (FREDERICK)

UNITS: A38, E11

4:36 pm E11 on the scene, 2 vehicles involved in the median on US-15SB just prior to the exit for Rosemont Ave.

4:37 pm E11 reports collision is property damage, no injuries. Units in service.

FIRE & RESCUE **5:07 pm**

Outside Fire

1000 block GREENWALL PL — WESTWINDS APTS

UNITS: E11

5:11 pm E11 in the area, investigating.

5:16 pm E11 reports mattress on fire in the woods has been extinguished.

FIRE & RESCUE **5:30 pm**

Outside Fire

3400 block CAMPUS DR — URBANA HIGH SCHOOL

UNITS: E231, BR235

5:34 pm E231 on the scene, investigating.

5:39 pm E231 reports a brush fire to the rear of the stadium, approx. 50x50-ft area. In process of extinguishing perimeter.

6:04 pm E231 reports fire extinguished. Units in service.

FIRE & RESCUE **6:20 pm**

Brush Fire

21400 block KEADLE RD (BOONSBORO)

UNITS: E82, BR85, K21

PUBLIC SAFETY **7:15 pm**

Gas Leak Inside

3700 block SINGLETON TER (URBANA)

UNITS: PE251, TT23



PUBLIC SERVICE NOTICE

Missing: Leonard Ross (MD) - Leonard Ross, Age Now: 17, Missing: 10/26/2026. Missing From ELKTON, MD. ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION SHOULD CONTACT: Cecil County Sheriff's Office (Maryland) 1-410-996-5500. #PleaseShare http://www.missingkids.org/poster/NCMC/2106627/1

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FREDERICK, MARYLAND

7-Day Weather

National Weather Service

FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
Oct 30	Oct 31	Nov 1	Nov 2	Nov 3	Nov 4	Nov 5
73° / 38°	63° / 42°	64° / 43°	67° / 45°	70° / 52°	71° / 58°	71° / 58°
Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Sunny then Slight Chance Rain Showers	Rain Showers Likely
ISSUE DAY	1% precip	2% precip	4% precip	5% precip	42% precip	61% precip

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