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COVERAGE PERIOD **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2026** *News and incidents from the previous day*

# Tractor-trailer fire spreads beside I-270 in Urbana

*Northbound lanes were stopped as crews extinguished the truck and adjacent field fire; hazardous-materials operations continued until the afternoon.*

**By The Frederick Watch Desk**

A tractor-trailer fire in the median of I-270 northbound south of Route 80 spread into an adjacent cornfield Wednesday, stopping northbound traffic and bringing hazardous-materials crews to Urbana. The response began at 11:36 a.m. near Bennett Creek. At 11:44 a.m., Chief 23 found the tractor cab detached from the trailer and fully involved in fire, then established command. An ambulance and an advanced life support resource were requested at 11:48 a.m. for one person with burns to the hands.

Engine 231 reported at 11:55 a.m. that the bulk of the truck fire had been knocked down while Tiller Truck 23 handled a brush fire ahead of the scene. At 11:58 a.m., Montgomery County Paramedic Engine 735 reported approximately 1 acre burning in a cornfield adjacent to I-270. The patient was evaluated and refused transport. The brush fire was fully extinguished at 12:46 p.m., and both fires were reported extinguished at 12:56 p.m. Northbound I-270 remained closed while fuel tanks cooled before pump-off operations could begin. The left lane reopened at 1:22 p.m., and Engine 231 reported at 2:04 p.m. that hazardous-materials crews had completed the fuel pump-off and the remaining fire and rescue units were clearing.

### Two vehicles collide in Walkersville

Earlier Wednesday, a two-vehicle collision at Woodsboro Pike and Glade Boulevard in Walkersville prompted a response at 7:19 a.m. At 7:21 a.m., Engine 111 was on the scene with two vehicles involved and was checking on the occupants. The engine requested another ambulance at 7:22 a.m., but canceled that request at 7:27 a.m. Ambulance 249 evaluated one patient, who refused transport, and units began clearing at 7:43 a.m.

### Jordan Valley Way odor investigated

A reported gas odor inside a residence in the 8300 block of Jordan Valley Way brought Engine 291, Engine 11 and Rescue Squad 2 at 8:30 a.m. Engine 11 began investigating at 8:34 a.m. By 8:45 a.m., Engine 291 had obtained negative meter readings throughout the residence, and the units returned to service.

### Occupant reported out after Rosemont rollover

Units were dispatched to a reported rollover in the 1600 block of Rosemont Avenue in Frederick at 8:43 a.m. EMS Supervisor 902 reached the area near Schley Avenue and the ramps for US-15 at 8:45 a.m., finding a vehicle on its side and its occupants apparently out. At 8:46 a.m., EMS Supervisor 902 reported that the vehicle's single occupant was out. Ambulance 19, Engine 501 and EMS Supervisor 902 remained while the other units were released.

### Furnace gas line secured

At a New Market home in the 100 block of Dorseys Chance North, a reported gas odor at 10:06 a.m. was traced to the gas line serving the furnace. Engine 153 arrived at 10:11 a.m. to find nothing evident from the two-story, single-family residence and began taking interior meter readings. At 10:15 a.m., the gas was secured, the homeowners were to contact the gas company for repairs, and the units returned to service.

### Pedestrian transported from Monocacy Boulevard

A pedestrian was reported struck at Monocacy Boulevard and Progress Court at 11:35 a.m. EMS Supervisor 902 found the patient upright and walking at 11:37 a.m., and units remained for an evaluation. Ambulance 249 transported the patient, who had non-life-threatening injuries, to the hospital at 11:52 a.m.

### Patient removed after Tatum Court crash

A two-vehicle crash at Tatum Court and Waverley Drive at 4:20 p.m. required responders to open a vehicle door and remove a patient. Engine 11 requested another ambulance at 4:24 p.m., followed by a rescue squad for the door operation at 4:25 p.m. and an advanced life support resource at 4:26 p.m. The door operation was completed and the patient was removed at 4:37 p.m. A third ambulance was requested at 4:40 p.m. Medic 19 transported a patient with serious injuries to the hospital at 4:45 p.m., and Ambulance 38 transported a patient with non-life-threatening injuries at 4:52 p.m.

### Patient transported from I-270 crash

Another collision was reported on I-270 northbound at 4:44 p.m. Ambulance 238 located the crash closer to mile marker 22 and found a single vehicle on the shoulder at 4:52 p.m. Engine 231 retained Ambulance 238 and Engine 231 while the other units returned to service. Ambulance 238 transported one patient to the hospital at 5:01 p.m.



*COMMERCIAL VEHICLE FIRE, I-270NB/ 24MM, IAO BENNETT CREEK (URBANA). Photo credit: Jaden Gonzales, Sarah Boyer.*

### Two-vehicle crash on US-15

On US-15 southbound near West Patrick Street in Frederick, a response began at 5:41 p.m. Engine 11 found two vehicles between Route 40 and the exit for US-15/340 at 5:45 p.m. Ambulance 18, Rescue Squad 2 and Engine 11 remained on the call while the other assigned units were released at 5:46 p.m.

### Sand truck requested for hydraulic-fluid spill

Engine 153 responded to Old National Pike and Bye Alley at 8:44 a.m. and found a hydraulic line from a construction company in the roadway. Hazmat 33 was released at 8:48 a.m., and Engine 153 requested a sand truck from the County Highway Department to mitigate the spilled hydraulic fluid.

### Open stove knob traced as gas-odor source

A gas-odor response was dispatched to a multi-family dwelling in the 300 block of West Fifth Street at 4:06 p.m. At 4:13 p.m., Paramedic Engine 23 reported that a homeowner had returned home and noticed a strong gas odor. The source was traced to a stove knob that was slightly open. Paramedic Engine 23 and Rescue Squad 2 remained for ventilation.

### No hazard found after late-night odor report

A reported unknown odor brought Engine 231, Paramedic Engine 251 and Tiller Truck 23 to the 3400 block of Flatwoods Drive at 11:35 p.m. Engine 231 found normal conditions at the three-story, middle-of-the-row townhouse and investigated. All floors were metered, and no hazards were found.

## THE PREVIOUS DAY IN NUMBERS
## YESTERDAY AT A GLANCE

| CALLS LOGGED | MEDICAL CALLS |
|---|---|
| **110** | **84** |
| 26 non-medical · 84 medical | Included in total calls |
| **BUSIEST HOUR** | **WEATHER** |
| **12:00 pm** | **68° / 47°** |
| 11 calls logged | Partly Cloudy |

ACTIVITY SCORE **55**/100 — ACTIVE

▲ INCIDENT BREAKDOWN

| | |
|---|---|
| Fire & building alarms | 5 |
| Fire & rescue | 3 |
| Hazards & investigations | 5 |
| Rescue & special response | 1 |
| Service & station support | 1 |
| Traffic & accidents | 11 |

MEDICAL CALLS · 84

| | |
|---|---|
| Advanced Life Support | 46 |
| Basic Life Support | 21 |
| Other support level | 17 |

MIXED CALLS · 9
Already included in incident categories

| | |
|---|---|
| Advanced Life Support | 1 |
| Basic Life Support | 8 |

LARGEST RESPONSE
**Commercial Vehicle Fire**
11 units · I-270Nb/ 24Mm, Iao Bennett Creek (Urbana)

WHERE CALLS HAPPENED

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Frederick | 5 |
| 2. | Urbana | 3 |
| 3. | New Market | 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 |
|---|---|
| **85** | **3 p.m.** |
| observed during the day | 16 reports |

TOP CORRIDOR
**I-270**
15 reports

| | |
|---|---|
| Congestion | 54 |
| Crashes | 7 |
| Disabled Vehicles | 5 |
| Roadwork | 4 |
| Closures | 4 |
| Debris/Hazards | 3 |

### Measured slowdown

*HERE readings on westbound I-70 near New Design Road ranged from 7 to 26 mph between 3:28 p.m. and 4:58 p.m., versus about 64 mph free flow.*

*Sources: HERE and MDOT CHART.*

Weather

## Three-day forecast in Frederick

**THURSDAY NOV 12** — High 60° • Low 40°
A chance of rain between 7am and 8am, then a chance of rain and patchy fog. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 60. West wind 1 to 8 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%. New rainfall amounts less than a tenth of an inch possible.
Rain chance 50%

**FRIDAY NOV 13** — High 50° • Low 32°
A slight chance of rain before 1pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 50. Northwest wind 10 to 14 mph, with gusts as high as 21 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%. New rainfall amounts less than a tenth of an inch possible.
Rain chance 20%

**SATURDAY NOV 14** — High 50° • Low 33°
Mostly sunny, with a high near 50.

*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
**COLUMBUS AVE**
Limited Public Access, all directions. 1 lane open. Construction. Potomac Edison overhead utility work lane and sidewalk closures

*Frederick County road closure data*

Today in Frederick

## 3 things to know for Thursday, Nov. 12

COUNTY — 10 AM
**Floor & Décor Grand Opening**
Frederick County holds Floor & Décor Grand Opening.

CITY — 6 PM
**Historic Preservation Commission**
The City of Frederick's Historic Preservation Commission meets at New Location Beginning March 2026: Municipal Annex – Conference Room C and watch online here . 140 W Patrick Street Frederick, MD 21701.

CITY — 6 PM
**City Council Work Session**
The City of Frederick's City Council Work Session meets at City Hall Boardroom, Channel 99, and watch online here ..

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# 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.

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

*techFrederick logo*

Whether you've been with us since the beginning or recently joined the community, this celebration is for you. Together, we'll mark 10 years of impact — and set the stage for what's ahead.

We can't wait to celebrate with you!

**To register, go to techfrederick.org/events.**

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## The Day's Run Log

*Complete call activity for Wednesday, November 11. Excludes medical calls.*

TRAFFIC & ROADS **2:35 am**

### Check Up After Accident - Police On Scene

**LIME KILN WAY / LIME KILN RD**

**UNITS:** A319, PE311

ALARMS **3:25 am**

### Commercial Fire Alarm

**700 block ACROPOLIS WAY — PROSPECT HALL APARTMENTS**

**UNITS:** PE311, TW1

TRAFFIC & ROADS **3:49 am**

### Vehicle Accident - BLS

**RT340 / KEEP TRYST RD**

**UNITS:** R19

ALARMS **6:57 am**

### Commercial Fire Alarm

**FIRST block OF S. WISNER ST (FREDERICK)**

**UNITS:** E33, TT4

TRAFFIC & ROADS **7:19 am**

### Vehicle Accident - BLS

**WOODSBORO PIKE / GLADE BLVD (WALKERSVILLE)**

**UNITS:** A249, A169, E111

**7:21 am** E111 on the scene, 2 vehicles involved. Checking on occupants.

**7:22 am** E111 requesting additional ambulance.

**7:27 am** E111 cancelling request for additional ambulance.

**7:43 am** A249 evaluated one patient who refused transport. Units clearing the scene.

PUBLIC SAFETY **8:30 am**

### Gas Odor Inside

**8300 block JORDAN VALLEY WAY**

**UNITS:** E291, E11, R2

**8:34 am** E11 on the scene, investigating.

**8:45 am** E291 reports negative meter readings throughout the residence. Units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **8:43 am**

### Vehicle Accident - Rollover

**1600 block ROSEMONT AVE — SHEETZ (FREDERICK)**

**UNITS:** A19, ALS2, R2, E501, C1, BC902, EMS902

**8:45 am** EMS902 on the scene, near the intersection of Schley Ave and ramps for US-15. Vehicle on its side, occupants appear to be out.

**8:46 am** EMS902 reports a single occupant is out of the vehicle. Holding A19, E501, EMS902. Other responding units in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY **8:44 am**

### Small Fuel Spill (50-200 Gal)

**OLD NATIONAL PIKE / BYE ALY (NEW MARKET)**

**UNITS:** E153, HM33

**8:47 am** E153 on the scene, lone hydraulic line from a construction company in the roadway.

**8:48 am** E153 placing HM33 in service. Requesting sand truck from the County Highway Department to mitigate area of spilled hydraulic fluid.

PUBLIC SAFETY **9:24 am**

### Gas Odor Outside

**10400 block REGINA CT (GREEN VALLEY)**

**UNITS:** E231

**9:31 am** E231 in the area, investigating.

**9:39 am** E231 checked the area, nothing found.

PUBLIC SAFETY **10:06 am**

### Gas Odor Inside

**100 block DORSEYS CHANCE N (NEW MARKET)**

**UNITS:** E153, PE251, CCR1

**10:11 am** E153 on the scene, 2-story single-family residence. Nothing evident.

**10:12 am** E153 performing interior meter readings.

**10:15 am** E153 isolated issue to gas line to the furnace. Gas has been secured. Homeowners to contact the gas company for repairs. Units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **11:35 am**

### Pedestrian Struck - ALS

**MONOCACY BLVD / PROGRESS CT**

**UNITS:** A249, PE23, E111, EMS902, C11-F

**11:37 am** EMS902 on the scene, patient is upright and walking.

**11:38 am** EMS902 holding units for patient evaluation.

**11:52 am** A249 transporting a patient with non-life-threatening injuries to the hospital.

FIRE & RESCUE **11:36 am**

### Commercial Vehicle Fire

**I-270NB/ 24MM, IAO BENNETT CREEK (URBANA)**

**UNITS:** E231, MCPE735, TT23, K23, MCK709, A238, ALS23, EMS902, HM33, HMSU33, C23

**11:41 am** E231 in the area, requesting Tanker and TT23 to respond.

**11:44 am** C23 on the scene, in the median. Tractor cab detached from the trailer, fully-involved. C23 establishing command.

**11:48 am** C23 requesting ambulance and ALS resource for one with burns to the hands.

**11:55 am** E231 reports bulk of truck fire is knocked. TT23 is handling brush fire ahead of the scene. C23 requesting additional units to check 9800 Block of Dr. Perry Rd for possible extension of the fire to the adjacent trees / farm field.

**11:58 am** MCPE735 reports approx. 1-acre of fire in a cornfield adjacent to I-270. C23 requesting additional Engine Company and Brush Truck to the 9800 Block of Dr. Perry Rd.

**12:00 pm** C23 requesting HazMat resources to contain leaking fluid.

**12:11 pm** HM33, HMSU33 on scene to perform fuel / fluid containment and pump-off operations.

**12:22 pm** A238, ALS23 evaluated patient who refused transport.

**12:35 pm** C23 reports crews continue to operate on the scenes; HazMat team controlling fluid and fuel pump-off. Brush fire team controlling fire that extended to property adjacent to the original vehicle fire.

**12:46 pm** MCPE735 reports Brush fire has been fully extinguished. 12:56 pm Vehicle fire and resulting brush fire have been extinguished. Hazardous materials crew on scene to perform fuel pump-off from the truck that burned. Crews have to wait for fuel tanks to cool down before pump-off can begin. I-270NB remains closed.

**2:04 pm** E231 repots HazMat resources have completed fuel pump-off operations. Remaining Fire/Rescue units clearing the scene.

FIRE & RESCUE **12:00 pm**

### Brush Fire

**9800 block DOCTOR PERRY RD (URBANA)**

**UNITS:** BR235, E251, C23-B

**12:00 pm** Units alerted for the Brush fire as a result of the vehicle fire on I-270NB near Bennett Creek.

**12:06 pm** MCE735, E231 reports brush fire is under control. Need assistance from BR235, E251 crews to hot hot spots, burning trees.

**12:46 pm** MCPE735 reports brush fire fully extinguished.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **12:05 pm**

### Vehicle Accident - BLS (Automatic Crash Notification)

**1000 block MONOCACY BLVD, IAO TREATMENT PLANT**

**UNITS:** A29, R2

**12:09 pm** A29 in the area, attempting to locate.

**12:11 pm** A29 checked the area, nothing found. Units in service.

FIRE & RESCUE **12:13 pm**

### Brush Fire

**10900 block PUTMAN RD (LEWISTOWN)**

**UNITS:** BR106, E102

**12:23 pm** E102, BR106 on the scene.

**12:31 pm** BR106, E102 crews in process of extinguishing fire.

ALARMS **3:25 pm**

### Commercial Fire Alarm

**100 block N. MARKET ST (FREDERICK)**

**UNITS:** E33, TW4

**3:27 pm** 3:53 pm: Frederick ECC advises responding units that the business representative called-in and reported an accidental alarm. E33 continuing non-emergency to verify. TT4 in service.

ALARMS **3:49 pm**

### Commercial Fire Alarm

**500 block SILO HILL PKWY — SLEEP INN & SUITES (EMMITSBURG)**

**UNITS:** E61, TW6

**3:53 pm** Frederick ECC advises responding units that the proper alarm passcode was received.

PUBLIC SAFETY **4:06 pm**

### Gas Odor Inside

**300 block W. FIFTH ST (FREDERICK)**

**UNITS:** PE23, E33, R2

**4:09 pm** PE23 on the scene, multi-family dwelling. Nothing evident. Investigating.

**4:13 pm** PE23 reports homeowner returned home and noticed strong odor of gas. Source traced to knob on the stove slightly open. Holding PE23, R2 for ventilation.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **4:20 pm**

### Vehicle Accident - ALS

**TATUM CT / WAVERLEY DR**

**UNITS:** A19, A18, A38, ALS4, R2, E11, C1, EMS902, BC903

**4:24 pm** E11 on scene, 2 vehicles involved. Checking on occupants.

**4:24 pm** E11 requesting additional ambulance.

**4:25 pm** E11 requesting Rescue Squad for a door-pop to remove patient.

**4:26 pm** E11 requesting ALS resource.

**4:37 pm** E11 reports door-pop completed, patient has been removed from vehicle.

**4:40 pm** E11 requesting third ambulance.

**4:45 pm** M19 transporting a patient with serious injuries to the hospital.

**4:52 pm** A38 transporting a patient with non-life-threatening injuries to the hospital.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **4:44 pm**

### Vehicle Accident - BLS

**I-270NB / 24MM**

**UNITS:** A238, A259, R14, E231, PE251, TT23

**4:49 pm** A238 in the area, reports accident is northbound closer to MM22.

**4:52 pm** A238 on the scene, single vehicle on the shoulder.

**4:56 pm** E231 holding A238, E231. Other responding units in service.

**5:01 pm** A238 transporting one patient to the hospital.

PUBLIC SAFETY **4:56 pm**

### Unit Transfer To Other Station

**26300 block RIDGE RD — STATION 13 (DAMASCUS)**

**UNITS:** E153

TRAFFIC & ROADS **5:41 pm**

### Vehicle Accident - BLS

**US-15SB / W. PATRICK ST (FREDERICK)**

**UNITS:** A18, A37, R2, E11, E33

**5:45 pm** E11 on the scene, 2 vehicles involved between Rte. 40 and the exit for US-15/340.

**5:46 pm** E11 holding A18, R2, E11. Other units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **8:49 pm**

### Vehicle Accident - BLS (Automatic Crash Notification)

**10100 block WOODSBORO PIKE**

**UNITS:** A169, E162

**8:53 pm** E162 checked Rte. 194 between Woodsboro and Daysville Rd, nothing found.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **8:55 pm**

### Vehicle Accident - BLS

**I-70WB / 38MM**

**UNITS:** E82, A89, ALS8

**8:57 pm** A89 on the scene, 2 vehicles involved. Checking on occupants

**9:01 pm** A89 obtained patient refusal. Units clearing the scene when ready.

ALARMS **10:21 pm**

### Commercial Fire Alarm

**600 block HIMES AVE — OVERLOOK APTS**

**UNITS:** E11, TW4

**10:30 pm** E11 investigated. No hazards present. Units in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY **11:35 pm**

### Unknown Odor Inside

**3400 block FLATWOODS DR (URBANA)**

**UNITS:** E231, PE251, TT23

**11:39 pm** E231 on the scene, 3-story middle of the row townhouse. Normal conditions. Investigating.

**11:56 pm** E231 reports all floors of the residence were metered, no hazards found. All units in service.

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## 7-Day Weather

National Weather Service

| WED | THU | FRI | SAT | SUN | MON | TUE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nov 11 | Nov 12 | Nov 13 | Nov 14 | Nov 15 | Nov 16 | Nov 17 |
| 68° / 47° | 60° / 40° | 50° / 32° | 50° / 33° | 52° / 32° | 53° / 31° | 54° / 29° |
| Partly Cloudy | Chance Light Rain | Slight Chance Light Rain | Mostly Sunny | Mostly Sunny | Mostly Sunny | Mostly Sunny |
| ISSUE DAY | 53% precip | 20% precip | 1% precip | 0% precip | 0% precip | 1% precip |


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