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COVERAGE PERIOD **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2026** *News and incidents from the previous day*

Two patients removed from vehicle after Buckeystown Pike rollover

One patient was transported to a hospital; the second refused transport.

By The Frederick Watch Desk

A reported rollover on Buckeystown Pike led to the removal of patients from a vehicle and one transport to a hospital Monday afternoon. The response began at 1:27 p.m. in the 5600 block of Buckeystown Pike near Waffle House. Rescue Squad 2 reported at 1:31 p.m. that a vehicle was on its side in a ditch, with the occupants still inside and believed to be confined but not trapped. Battalion Chief 901 established command at 1:31 p.m. and requested an additional ambulance.

The assignment included Ambulances 319 and 38, Paramedic Engines 23 and 311, Rescue Squad 2, Battalion Chief 901 and EMS Supervisor 902. Battalion Chief 901 reported at 1:45 p.m. that the first patient had been removed from the vehicle. At 1:47 p.m., the chief repeated that the second patient had been removed. Ambulance 319 was transporting one patient to the hospital at 2:00 p.m.; the second patient refused transport.

Early US-15 accident response

Earlier Monday, a reported vehicle accident brought a response to US-15 and Route 26 at 1:12 a.m. Frederick ECC advised the responding units at 1:14 a.m. that the caller's phone location was on the ramp from Route 26 to southbound US-15. Paramedic Engine 23 and Ambulance 28 were on the scene at 1:16 a.m. and checking on the occupants. Ambulance 28 was transporting a patient with non-life-threatening injuries to FHH at 1:30 a.m. as the remaining units cleared the scene.

Lines cleared from Quebec School Road

A report of wires down or arcing sent Chief 7 to the 2200 block of Quebec School Road in the Middletown area at 8:29 a.m. The chief was in the area investigating at 8:42 a.m. and located communications lines down in the 2300 block at 8:49 a.m. The lines had been moved from the roadway, and the utility company was notified.

Patient transported from Clemson Corner

Police were already on the scene when Ambulance 247 and Engine 111 were dispatched at 2:22 p.m. to check on a patient after an accident



Representative image; not from a reported incident.

in the 7800 block of Wormans Mill Road at Lowe's in Clemson Corner. Ambulance 247 was transporting the patient to FHH at 2:28 p.m.

Pedestrian transport underway

In Frederick, a reported pedestrian collision at North Bentz and West Second streets prompted a response at 2:58 p.m. from Ambulance 28, ALS4, Engine 23 and EMS Supervisor 901. Rescue Squad 2 reported from the scene at 3:00 p.m. and confirmed that a pedestrian was down in the roadway. M28 was transporting the patient to the hospital at 3:21 p.m.

Engine checks smoke report near Musket Ridge

Engine 82 was dispatched at 7:04 a.m. to investigate a report of smoke in the 3500 block of Brethren Church Road at Musket Ridge Golf Club. Frederick ECC advised at 7:05 a.m. that there was a permitted controlled burn in the area, and Engine 82 proceeded non-emergency to investigate.

Vehicle accident reported on Woodsboro Pike

A vehicle accident was reported at 10:54 p.m. in the 9900 block of Woodsboro Pike. The incident listed Ambulance 169, ALS17, Rescue Squad 24, Engine 162 and EMS Supervisor 902.

FREDERICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Fatal Pedestrian Collision Under Investigation

2026-11-16 **Source: Frederick County Sheriff's Office**

FREDERICK, Md. (November 16, 2026) –On Saturday, November 14, 2026, at approximately 5:32 a.m., deputies with the Frederick County Sheriff's Office responded to a pedestrian struck on southbound Urbana Pike, south of Lowes Lane, in Frederick.

The preliminary investigation revealed that a vehicle traveling southbound on Urbana Pike struck a pedestrian who was attempting to cross the roadway.

The pedestrian, identified as Melissa Robertson, 45, of Frederick, Maryland, sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The driver of the vehicle remained at the scene and cooperated with investigators.

The collision remains under investigation by the Frederick County Sheriff's Office Traffic Unit.

Anyone with additional information is asked to contact FCSO DFC Reggio at 301-600-1046.



Image courtesy of Frederick County Sheriff's Office.

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THE PREVIOUS DAY IN NUMBERS

YESTERDAY AT A GLANCE

CALLS LOGGED **86** — 18 non-medical · 68 medical	MEDICAL CALLS **68** — Included in total calls
BUSIEST HOUR **10:00 am** — 7 calls logged	WEATHER **57° / 30°** — Sunny

ACTIVITY SCORE **43**/100 — MODERATE

▲ INCIDENT BREAKDOWN

Fire & building alarms	3
Hazards & investigations	3
Rescue & special response	2
Service & station support	1
Traffic & accidents	9

MEDICAL CALLS · 68

Advanced Life Support	36
Basic Life Support	22
Other support level	10

MIXED CALLS · 5
Already included in incident categories

Advanced Life Support	2
Basic Life Support	3

LARGEST RESPONSE
Vehicle Accident - Rollover
7 units · 5600 Block Buckeystown Pike — Waffle House

WHERE CALLS HAPPENED

1.	Frederick	3
2.	Woodsboro	2
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 **69** observed during the day

PEAK TRAFFIC HOUR **4 p.m.** 17 reports

TOP CORRIDOR **I-70** 16 reports

Congestion	51
Roadwork	8
Disabled Vehicles	6
Crashes	2
Debris/Hazards	1

Measured slowdown

HERE readings on westbound I-70 near New Design Road ranged from 12 to 14 mph between 4:28 p.m. and 5:29 p.m., versus about 64 mph free flow.

Sources: HERE and MDOT CHART.

Weather

Three-day forecast in Frederick

TUESDAY NOV 17 — High 59° • Low 33°
Sunny, with a high near 59. Northwest wind around 2 mph.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18 — High 64° • Low 35°
Sunny, with a high near 64. Northwest wind around 2 mph.

THURSDAY NOV 19 — High 66° • Low 38°
Sunny, with a high near 66.

National Weather Service

Road Watch

1 road closure update

SINCE THE PREVIOUS FREDERICK WATCH EDITION

NEW — FREDERICK CITY
HILLCREST DR
Limited Public Access, all directions. 1 lane open. Construction. MT Laney mill and overlay asphalt repairs night time lane closures

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.

Frederick County road closure data

Today in Frederick

3 things to know for Tuesday, Nov. 17

COUNTY — 5:30 PM
Council Legislative Day
The Frederick County Council holds its legislative session.

CITY — 6:30 PM–7:30 PM
Sustainability Committee - Virtual Meeting
Sustainability Committee meets virtually. To listen to this meeting, please call: 1-929-229-5669, conference ID 323978246#.

COUNTY — 11:15 AM–2:30 PM
Bridge @ Middletown
Frederick County holds Bridge @ Middletown at Middletown 50+ Community Center.

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FREDERICK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Department looking to contact owner of a dog

2026-11-16 **Source: Frederick County Health Department**

What you need to know:

The Frederick County Health Department is asking for the public's help to find a dog and its owner.

What happened?

At approximately 10:40 a.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2026, a man was bitten on the thigh while walking on the sidewalk near Dutch's Daughter in Frederick.
The bite occurred as he passed a man walking a leashed dog. The man walking the dog left with the dog before contact information could be exchanged.

The man with the dog is described as approximately 5 feet 7 inches tall with a heavy build.
He was wearing a bluish-gray shirt with "Security" printed on the back, black work pants, and boots. The dog is described as a black-and-white dog resembling a Border Collie.

What you should do:

If you own the dog, witnessed the bite, or have information that could help identify the dog or its owner, call Frederick County Animal Control at 301-600-1544.

What happens next?

If Animal Control locates the dog, it can arrange a 10-day observation period.
The Health Department will use the information available to assess whether rabies preventive treatment is recommended for the person who was bitten.

General Actions to Take:

If a person or pet is bitten or scratched by an animal:

Get the owner's name, address, and phone number, then call Animal Control at 301-600-1544.

If the animal is wildlife, consult your pet's veterinarian (if applicable) and call Environmental Health Services at 301-600-1717.



Image courtesy of Frederick County Health Department.

If you have been exposed to an animal confirmed or suspected of having rabies, call Community Health Services at 301-600-3342.

For general rabies inquiries, call Environmental Health Services at 301-600-1717.

Visit Health.FrederickCountyMD.gov/Rabies for more information.

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CITY OF FREDERICK NEWS

City of Frederick Earns Highest Bond Rating from Moody's, Keeps AAA Rating from Fitch

2026-11-16 **Source: City of Frederick**

The City of Frederick has received the highest credit rating possible from Moody's Ratings, which raised the City's rating from Aa1 to AAA, the top of its scale.
It is the City's second AAA rating. Moody's said the upgrade reflects the City's strong financial position, responsible financial management, growing financial reserves, and ability to handle its long-term obligations.

Fitch Ratings also reaffirmed the City's AAA bond rating, the highest rating Fitch gives. The City now holds the top rating from two of the three major national rating agencies.
S&P Global Ratings assigned an AA+ rating to the City's new bonds and affirmed its existing AA+ rating, with a stable outlook.

A top-tier bond rating provides the City with greater access to favorable borrowing rates when financing capital improvement projects.
By potentially reducing the cost of borrowing, the City can direct more taxpayer dollars toward priorities such as road improvements, parks, public facilities, and other essential infrastructure investments.

In its November 13 announcement, Moody's said three key factors led to the upgrade: significant growth in reserves, reduced long-term obligations, and strong financial management.
Moody's also pointed to Frederick's growing economy, helped by Fort Detrick, and the many new homes and businesses planned or under construction.

Moody's noted that at the end of fiscal year 2025, the City's reserves reached 87% of its yearly revenue.
This reflects the City's consistent approach to careful budgeting and keeping money available for unexpected needs. Moody's also noted that the City has lowered its long-term obligations while also building up its reserves.

S&P Global Ratings pointed to many of the same strengths and highlighted the City's long-term capital planning.

The City plans to sell $35.45 million in bonds in 2026 to pay for public improvement projects. These include City infrastructure, stormwater, and water and sewer improvements.



Image courtesy of City of Frederick.

The ratings show the importance of continued financial stewardship as Frederick grows and the City plans for the infrastructure and services needed to support its residents and businesses.

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CITY OF FREDERICK NEWS

The City of Frederick Launches City of Frederick 311: A New Way to Connect with City Services

2026-11-16 **Source: City of Frederick**

The City of Frederick is introducing City of Frederick 311, a new online platform designed to help residents connect with City services and submit eligible non-emergency service requests.

The platform is part of the City's ongoing efforts to improve communication, strengthen resident engagement, and make it easier for community members to access City services and receive feedback on their concerns.

Through City of Frederick 311, residents can access available service request categories and provide information to help the appropriate City department review and address their concerns.

"Connecting residents with the information and services they need is an important part of building a responsive and engaged community," said Mayor Michael O'Connor.

"City of Frederick 311 is another opportunity to make it easier for residents to communicate with the City and help us better understand the needs of our neighborhoods."

Residents can access City of Frederick 311 by visiting cityoffrederickmd.gov/report.

Once on the platform, residents can select an available service category, provide details about their concern, and submit their request for review by the appropriate City team.

The City encourages residents to provide clear descriptions and accurate locations when submitting requests to help staff determine the appropriate next steps.

Response and resolution times may vary depending on the nature of the request and the department responsible.

As part of the rollout, the City will share educational resources and instructions through its website, social media channels, and neighborhood engagement networks to help residents learn how to use the platform.

Residents should note that City of Frederick 311 is intended for eligible non-emergency service requests and is not a substitute for emergency services. In an emergency, call 911.

For urgent City service concerns, residents should continue to use the City's designated contact methods.

The City welcomes resident feedback as the community becomes familiar with the platform.

Questions for City of Frederick 311, contact the Office of Public Affairs at publicaffairs@cityoffrederickmd.gov For more information and to access the platform, please visit: cityoffrederickmd.gov/report.

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Image courtesy of City of Frederick.

COMMUNITY · TECHFREDERICK

The techfrederick Leadership Conversation

Event series overview · No upcoming date listed **Source: techFrederick**

The techfrederick Leadership Conversation is our signature annual event, presented by Edgewater Federal Solutions, bringing nationally recognized technology leaders to Frederick for an intimate and engaging discussion of leadership, innovation, and the future of technology.

Each year, this special evening features a prominent voice from the worlds of technology, government, cybersecurity, research, or innovation, sharing personal insights and experiences from leading at the highest levels of complex organizations.

Presented in a conversational fireside format, the event offers a rare opportunity to hear directly from leaders who are shaping the systems, policies, and technologies that impact our world.

More than just a lecture, the Leadership Conversation is designed to spark meaningful dialogue, encourage collaboration, and connect Frederick's growing technology community with leaders operating on the national and global stage.

Attendees include technology professionals, entrepreneurs, business leaders, educators, students, and community members who are interested in the evolving role of technology in our economy and society.

Check upcoming dates and event details at techfrederick.org/events.

View the event details

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COVERING **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2026**

The Day's Run Log

Complete call activity for Monday, November 16. Excludes medical calls.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **1:12 am**

Vehicle Accident - BLS

US-15NB / RT26

UNITS: A28, A299, R2, PE23, E291, BC902

1:14 am Frederick ECC advises responding units that caller's phone location is on the ramp from Rte. 26 to US-15SB.

1:16 am PE23, A28 on scene; checking on occupant(s). PE23 holding A28, PE23, E291. A299, R2 in service.

1:30 am A28 transporting a patient with non-life-threatening injuries to FHH. Remaining units clearing the scene.

PUBLIC SAFETY **7:04 am**

Outside Investigation Of Smoke

3500 block BRETHREN CHURCH RD — MUSKET RIDGE GOLF CLUB

UNITS: E82

7:05 am Frederick ECC advises there is a permitted controlled burn in the area. E82 proceeding non-emergency to investigate.

PUBLIC SAFETY **8:29 am**

Wires Down Or Arcing

2200 block QUEBEC SCHOOL RD, IAO // BY THE GRAY FARM HOUSE AT TOP OF RD ON RIGHT SIDE (MIDDLETOWN)

UNITS: C7

8:42 am C7 in the area, investigating.

8:49 am C7 located communications lines down in the 2300 Block of Quebec School Rd. Lines have been moved from the roadway. Utility company notified.

ALARMS **9:46 am**

Commercial Fire Alarm

200 block MONROE AVE — R W WARNER INC (FREDERICK)

UNITS: E33, TW4

9:49 am Frederick ECC advises responding units that the alarm company received the proper passcode. Units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **9:51 am**

Vehicle Accident - BLS

E. THIRTEENTH ST / N. MARKET ST (FREDERICK)

UNITS: A37, R2

ALARMS **12:21 pm**

Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/ Mobile Home)

4100 block LARSON LN

UNITS: PE251

12:28 pm Frederick ECC advises PE251 that the alarm company received the proper passcode.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **1:27 pm**

Vehicle Accident - Rollover

5600 block BUCKEYSTOWN PIKE — WAFFLE HOUSE

UNITS: A319, A38, PE23, R2, PE311, BC901, EMS902

1:31 pm R2 on the scene, vehicle on its side in a ditch. Occupants still inside, believed to be confined, not trapped.

1:31 pm BC901 on the scene, establishing command. Requesting additional ambulance.

1:45 pm BC901 reports first patient has been removed from the vehicle.

1:47 pm BC901 repeats second patient had been removed.

2:00 pm A319 transporting one patient to the hospital. Second patient refused transport.

ALARMS **1:38 pm**

Commercial Fire Alarm

1100 block YOUNG PL

UNITS: E291, TW4

TRAFFIC & ROADS **2:22 pm**

Check Up After Accident - Police On Scene

7800 block WORMANS MILL RD — LOWES (CLEMSON CORNER)

UNITS: A247, E111

2:28 pm A247 transporting patient to FHH.

PUBLIC SAFETY **2:31 pm**

Service Call

2100 block WAYSIDE DR — ECHO GLEN CONDOS

UNITS: E11

TRAFFIC & ROADS **2:58 pm**

Pedestrian Struck - ALS

N. BENTZ ST / W. SECOND ST (FREDERICK)

UNITS: A28, ALS4, E23, EMS901

3:00 pm R2 on scene, confirming pedestrian down in the roadway.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **2:58 pm**

Pedestrian Struck - ALS *(continued)*

N. BENTZ ST / W. SECOND ST (FREDERICK)

UNITS: A28, ALS4, E23, EMS901

3:21 pm M28 transporting patient to the hospital.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **4:24 pm**

Check Up After Accident - Police On Scene

4800 block OLD BARTHOLOWS RD

UNITS: A159, E153

TRAFFIC & ROADS **6:03 pm**

Check Up After Accident - Police On Scene

WOODSBORO PIKE / CHALLEDON DR

UNITS: E111, A247, ALS29

TRAFFIC & ROADS **6:11 pm**

Vehicle Accident - BLS

22600 block CLARKSBURG RD

UNITS: A238

PUBLIC SAFETY **7:33 pm**

Appliance Malfunction

5900 block KRANTZ DR (JEFFERSON TECHNOLOGY PRK)

UNITS: PE311, E11, TW1

PUBLIC SAFETY **9:06 pm**

Gas Odor Inside

4000 block LOMAR DR

UNITS: E153

PUBLIC SAFETY **9:12 pm**

Elevator Malfunction

400 block W. SEVENTH ST — FHH

UNITS: R2, PE23

TRAFFIC & ROADS **10:54 pm**

Vehicle Accident - ALS

9900 block WOODSBORO PIKE

UNITS: A169, ALS17, R24, E162, EMS902

FREDERICK, MARYLAND

7-Day Weather

National Weather Service

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Nov 16	Nov 17	Nov 18	Nov 19	Nov 20	Nov 21	Nov 22
57° / 30°	59° / 33°	64° / 35°	66° / 38°	67° / 39°	65° / 44°	65° / 46°
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Chance Light Rain
OBSERVED	ISSUE DAY	0% precip	0% precip	0% precip	19% precip	25% precip

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