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COVERAGE PERIOD **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2026** *News and incidents from the previous day*

I-70 Crash Draws 10 Units; One Taken to Hospital

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

By The Frederick Watch Desk

A reported crash on I-70 westbound near Exit 59 near Route 144 in Linganore / Ijamsville brought a response from ten units at 1:49 p.m. At 1:54 p.m., Paramedic Engine 311 responding EB in the area, reports crash is I-70WB just east of Linganore Rd; single vehicle on its wheels. Appears that occupants are out. At 1:58 p.m., Ambulance 339 began evaluating one patient. Holding Ambulance 339, Engine 153. Other units in service. At 2:21 p.m., Ambulance 339 was transporting a patient with non-life-threatening injuries to the hospital. Remaining units clearing the scene.

Pedestrian Seriously Injured in Thurmont

Crews responded to a reported pedestrian struck at 15800 block Eylers Valley Road — Eylers Valley Fisheries in Thurmont at 5:16 p.m. At 5:23 p.m., Ambulance 309 arrived. assessing injuries. At 5:42 p.m., Medic 309 was transporting a patient with serious injuries to Meritus Medical Center.

Fuel spill at Sugarloaf Pkwy — Atlantic Grill in Urbana

Crews responded to a reported fuel spill at 3500 block Sugarloaf Pkwy — Atlantic Grill in Urbana at 10:09 a.m. At 10:12 a.m., Engine 231 arrived. Engine 231 began investigating. At 10:22 a.m., Engine 231 reported a small leak from a motorcycle. Absorbent applied to spill. Engine 231 in service.

Two-vehicle crash draws three units to Saint Anthony Road in Emmitsburg

A two-vehicle crash on Saint Anthony Road near Motters Station Road in Emmitsburg drew three units at 1:45 p.m. At 1:52 p.m., Engine 61 arrived to find Two vehicles were involved. Updated location: St. Anthony's Rd / Old Emmitsburg Rd. Engine 61 began checking on the occupants. At 2:09 p.m., Ambulance 229 was transporting a patient with non-life-threatening injuries to Gettysburg Hospital.

Motorcycle accident at Fingerboard Road in Urbana

A reported crash on Fingerboard Road near Worthington Boulevard in Urbana brought a response from six units at 4:38 p.m. At 4:40 p.m., Engine 231 arrived. passenger vehicle vs. motorcycle; appears that all occupants are up and walking. At 4:43 p.m., Engine 231 repots one patient for evaluation. Ambulance 238, Advanced Life Support 23 and Engine 231 remained on the call. Other units in service.

Two-vehicle crash draws six units to I-270 in Urbana

A two-vehicle crash on I-270 southbound near 25MM, Iao Bennett Creek in Urbana



Representative image; not from a reported incident.

drew six units at 5:06 p.m. At 5:14 p.m., Engine 231 arrived to find Two vehicles were involved. Ambulance 259, Montgomery County Ambulance 734, Engine 231 and Tiller Truck 23 remained on the call. Other units in service. At 5:28 p.m., Ambulance 259 obtained 2 patient refusals. Remaining Fire/Rescue units clearing the scene. At 5:31 p.m., Engine 231 reported Two vehicles were involved in a rear-end collision, no injuries. MSP / CHART notified. At 5:35 p.m., Engine 231 reported there is now a collision in the NB lanes adjacent to the incident on the SB side. Engine 231 crew checking on occupants.

Electrical vehicle fire at Coronet Court in Ballenger Creek

Crews responded to a reported electrical vehicle fire at 5300 block Coronet Court in Ballenger Creek at 5:15 p.m. At 5:18 p.m., Paramedic Engine 311 arrived. 3-wheel ATV. Fire has been extinguished. Paramedic Engine 311 remained on the call. Engine 33 in service.

Vehicle accident - high mechanism at Greenfield Drive in Jefferson Technology Park

A reported crash on 6000 block Greenfield Drive in Jefferson Technology Park brought a response from seven units at 11:13 p.m. At 11:17 p.m., C15-C arrived. investigating a single vehicle. At 11:18 p.m., C15-C reported a single vehicle hit the corner of a trailer. Property damage collision only. No fire department services needed.

Daily activity

Frederick County logged 108 calls: 25 non-medical and 83 medical. The busiest hour was 10:00 am, with 11 calls.

THE PREVIOUS DAY IN NUMBERS
YESTERDAY AT A GLANCE

CALLS LOGGED	MEDICAL CALLS
108	**83**
25 non-medical · 83 medical	Included in total calls
BUSIEST HOUR	**WEATHER**
10:00 am	**61° / 27°**
11 calls logged	Sunny

ACTIVITY SCORE 54/100 — **ACTIVE**

▲ INCIDENT BREAKDOWN

Fire & building alarms	7
Fire & rescue	3
Hazards & investigations	5
Rescue & special response	2
Traffic & accidents	8

MEDICAL CALLS · 83

Advanced Life Support	43
Basic Life Support	26
Other support level	14

MIXED CALLS · 5
Already included in incident categories

Advanced Life Support	1
Basic Life Support	4

LARGEST RESPONSE
Vehicle Accident - High Mechanism - ALS
10 units · I-70Wb / Exit 59 / Rt 144 (Linganore / Ijamsville)

WHERE CALLS HAPPENED

1.	Frederick	3
2.	Urbana	3
3.	Emmitsburg	2

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

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Yesterday on the Roads

TRAFFIC OBSERVATIONS	PEAK TRAFFIC HOUR
107	**5 p.m.**
observed during the day	25 reports

TOP CORRIDOR
I-70
22 reports

Congestion	79
Crashes	10
Disabled Vehicles	7
Debris/Hazards	3
Roadwork	2
Closures	1

Measured slowdown

HERE readings on southbound I-270 near Park Mills Road ranged from 6 to 32 mph between 5:28 p.m. and 6:28 p.m., versus about 64 mph free flow.

Sources: HERE and MDOT CHART.

Weather

Three-day forecast in Frederick

WEDNESDAY NOV 18 — High 63° • Low 35°
Sunny, with a high near 63. Southeast wind around 2 mph.

THURSDAY NOV 19 — High 65° • Low 37°
Sunny, with a high near 65. Southwest wind around 2 mph.

FRIDAY NOV 20 — High 68° • Low 40°
Sunny, with a high near 68.

National Weather Service

Road Watch

3 road closure updates

SINCE THE PREVIOUS FREDERICK WATCH EDITION

NEW — FREDERICK CITY
ICE ST
Closed, all directions. All lanes closed. Construction. MT Laney asphalt repairs road closed to traffic with detour

NEW — FREDERICK CITY
THOMAS JOHNSON DR
Limited Public Access, all directions. 1 lane open. Construction. Lamberts Cable underground fiber installation for Verizon lane and sidewalk closures

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

Frederick County road closure data

Today in Frederick

3 things to know for Wednesday, Nov. 18

FCPS — 3 PM
BOE Meeting
The FCPS BOE meets.

COUNTY — 9:30 AM
Planning Commission
Frederick County's Planning Commission meets at Winchester Hall - First Floor Hearing Room.

FCPS — 9:30 AM
Policy Committee Meeting
The FCPS Policy Committee meets.

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FREDERICK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Department Celebrates World AIDS Day by Offering Free HIV Testing All Week

2026-11-17 **Source: Frederick County Health Department**

The Frederick County Health Department (FCHD) will offer HIV testing and education from November 30 – December 4, 2026 to commemorate World AIDS Day.

All tests are done free and confidentially, with no appointment required.

Testing will take place at our Golden Mile location (1100 West Patrick Street Unit H) on Monday November 30 from 8 AM – 4 PM and on Wednesday, December 2 from 3-7 PM, and at our main location (350 Montevue Lane) from 9 AM – 3 PM on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Everyone who gets tested will receive a gift card while supplies last.

"Knowing your HIV status is an important first step in prevention and care." said Crystal Vignali, HIV program manager for the Frederick County Health Department.

"We encourage everyone ages 13 to 64 to get tested for HIV at least once as part of their routine healthcare."

This year, the national theme for World AIDS Day is, "Ending AIDS starts with access." The Frederick County Health Department's HIV team promotes this theme every day.

They often partner with local community organizations to provide free and confidential testing at events like Frederick Pride.

They have also expanded testing services by going to our Golden Mile location every Monday, and providing late hours testing on the first Wednesday of each month.

The Frederick County Health Department offers walk-in testing on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 AM - 3 PM at our main office location. Testing can also be done by appointment by calling 301-600-3117.

All tests are free and confidential. For more information about HIV services in Frederick County visit Health.FrederickCountyMD.gov/HIV.

Read the original release



Image courtesy of Frederick County Health Department.

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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.

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

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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

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The Day's Run Log

Complete call activity for Tuesday, November 17. Excludes medical calls.

TRAFFIC & ROADS — 6:04 am
Vehicle Accident - BLS
COPPERMINE RD / NEW WINDSOR RD
UNITS: A179, E172

TRAFFIC & ROADS — 6:17 am
Vehicle Accident - BLS
I70WB / 65MM, I70WB / 65MM
UNITS: PE251, E153, A159

PUBLIC SAFETY — 6:44 am
Wires Down Or Arcing
1500 block W. PATRICK ST(P) — USA SMOKE
UNITS: E121

6:51 am E121 on scene, confirming power line on the corner of the building is actively arcing.

6:54 am E121 requesting power company. Confirming a transformer is actively arcing.

7:47 am E121 reports power has been secured. E121 in service.

ALARMS — 7:46 am
Commercial Fire Alarm
5600 block BUCKEYSTOWN PIKE — LOWES (EVERGREEN POINT)
UNITS: PE311, TW4

7:50 am PE311 on scene, single-story commercial building. Nothing evident. Investigating.

7:55 am PE311 reports no hazards present. Alarm system reset.

ALARMS — 9:29 am
Commercial Fire Alarm
5100 block PEGASUS CT — BRIGHT EYES DAYCARE (CENTER AT MONOCACY)
UNITS: PE311, TW4

9:30 am Frederick ECC advises responding units that the alarm company received the proper passcode. Units in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY — 10:09 am
Fuel Spill
3500 block SUGARLOAF PKWY — ATLANTIC GRILL (URBANA)
UNITS: E231

10:12 am E231 on scene, investigating.

10:22 am E231 reports a small leak from a motorcycle. Absorbent applied to spill. E231 in service.

ALARMS — 10:48 am
Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/ Mobile Home)
1300 block DOGWOOD DR
UNITS: PE23

ALARMS — 10:56 am
Commercial Fire Alarm
7100 block FERN CT — MIDDLETOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
UNITS: E121

11:00 am E121 on scene, 2-story religious and educational facility. Normal exterior conditions. Building appears to be evacuated.

11:01 am E121 made contact with building representative who states alarm is accidental due to construction activities.

ALARMS — 11:38 am
Commercial Fire Alarm
100 block CREAMERY CT — EMMITSBURG GLASS CO
UNITS: E61, TW6

11:42 am Frederick ECC advises responding units that the proper alarm passcode was received. TW6 continuing non-emergency to verify.

ALARMS — 12:35 pm
Commercial Fire Alarm
100 block BAUGHMANS LN — REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (FREDERICK)
UNITS: E11, TW4

12:35 pm E11 on scene, investigating. Holding E11, TW4 in service.

ALARMS — 12:35 pm
Commercial Fire Alarm *(continued)*
100 block BAUGHMANS LN — REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (FREDERICK)
UNITS: E11, TW4

12:40 pm E11 in process of resetting the alarm system.

PUBLIC SAFETY — 12:49 pm
Flooding Condition
7400 block SHOCKLEY DR — SHOCKLEY HONDA
UNITS: PE311

12:57 pm PE311 on scene, investigating.

1:03 pm PE311 requesting County Water / Sewer Department to respond, issue related to service from the County. No fire department services needed. PE311 in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS — 1:45 pm
Vehicle Accident - BLS
SAINT ANTHONY RD / MOTTERS STATION RD (EMMITSBURG)
UNITS: A229, E61, A308

1:52 pm E61 on the scene, 2 vehicles involved. Updated location: St. Anthony's Rd / Old Emmitsburg Rd. Checking on occupants.

2:09 pm A229 transporting a patient with non-life-threatening injuries to Gettysburg Hospital.

TRAFFIC & ROADS — 1:49 pm
Vehicle Accident - High Mechanism - ALS
I-70WB / EXIT 59 / RT 144 (LINGANORE / IJAMSVILLE)
UNITS: A339, A38, ALS4, R2, E33, PE311, E153, C15-B, BC902, EMS901

1:54 pm PE311 responding EB in the area, reports crash is I-70WB just east of Linganore Rd; single vehicle on its wheels. Appears that occupants are out.

1:56 pm A339 on scene, checking on occupants. C15-B on scene, establishing command.

1:58 pm A339 evaluating one patient. Holding A339, E153. Other units in service.

2:21 pm A339 transporting a patient with non-life-threatening injuries to the hospital. Remaining units clearing the scene.

ALARMS — 1:56 pm
Commercial Fire Alarm
100 block S. MARKET ST — PERMONT SUPPORTING HOUSING (FREDERICK)
UNITS: PE23, TW4

1:57 pm TW4 on scene, normal conditions. TW4 remaining on scene to reset the alarm system, PE23 in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY — 4:15 pm
Outside Investigation Of Smoke
US-15NB / RT77 (THURMONT)
UNITS: BR106, PE102

4:20 pm Units in the area, investigating.

4:21 pm PE102 on scene in the 100 Block of Mountain Rd.

4:22 pm PE102 placing BR106 in service.

4:26 pm PE102 reports homeowner burning brush, advised of proper procedures. PE102 in service.

FIRE & RESCUE — 4:23 pm
Outside Fire
OLD BARTHOLOWS RD / LYNNE BURKE RD
UNITS: PE251

4:29 pm PE251 in the area, investigating.

4:33 pm PE251 investigated the area, nothing found. Frederick ECC advises call originated from CSX personnel in the area. PE251 continuing to investigate along train tracks.

4:41 pm PE251 checked the area, nothing found.

TRAFFIC & ROADS — 4:38 pm
Motorcycle Accident
FINGERBOARD RD / WORTHINGTON BLVD (URBANA)
UNITS: A238, ALS23, R2, E231, TT23, EMS902

4:40 pm E231 on scene, passenger vehicle vs. motorcycle; appears that all occupants are up and walking.

TRAFFIC & ROADS — 4:38 pm
Motorcycle Accident *(continued)*
FINGERBOARD RD / WORTHINGTON BLVD (URBANA)
UNITS: A238, ALS23, R2, E231, TT23, EMS902

4:43 pm E231 repots one patient for evaluation. Holding A238, ALS23, E231. Other units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS — 5:06 pm
Vehicle Accident - BLS
I-270SB / 25MM, IAO BENNETT CREEK (URBANA)
UNITS: A259, MCA734, MCPE735, R2, E231, TT23

5:14 pm E231 on scene, 2 vehicles involved. Holding A259, MCA734, E231, TT23. Other units in service.

5:28 pm A259 obtained 2 patient refusals. Remaining Fire/Rescue units clearing the scene.

5:31 pm E231 reports 2 vehicles involved in a rear-end collision, no injuries. MSP / CHART notified.

5:35 pm E231 reports there is now a collision in the NB lanes adjacent to the incident on the SB side. E231 crew checking on occupants.

FIRE & RESCUE — 5:15 pm
Electrical Vehicle Fire
5300 block CORONET CT (BALLENGER CREEK)
UNITS: PE311, E33

5:18 pm PE311 on scene, 3-wheel ATV. Fire has been extinguished. Holding PE311. E33 in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS — 5:16 pm
Pedestrian Struck - ALS
15800 block EYLERS VALLEY RD — EYLERS VALLEY FISHERIES (THURMONT)
UNITS: A309, ALS30, PE102, EMS902

5:23 pm A309 on scene, assessing injuries.

5:42 pm M309 transporting a patient with serious injuries to Meritus Medical Center.

FIRE & RESCUE — 5:29 pm
Brush Fire
US-15SB / 3.2MM
UNITS: E61, A68

PUBLIC SAFETY — 5:49 pm
Electrical Hazard - Investigation
300 block N. MARKET ST (FREDERICK)
UNITS: E33

5:59 pm E33 reports that occupant in an apartment states an occupant in a neighboring apartment was messing with the breaker panel, which is causing an electric field that can be felt throughout the apartment. E33 spoke with occupant who indicates that it is an ongoing issue. E33 in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY — 7:31 pm
Gas Leak Inside
10900 block LOUIS DETRICK LN (MONROVIA)
UNITS: PE251, E231, TT23

7:34 pm PE251 on the scene, investigating.

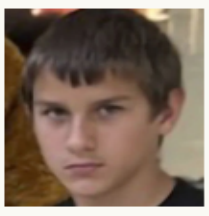
7:41 pm PE251 reports normal conditions on the interior. Units in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY — 8:13 pm
Fuel Spill
I-70EB / 36MM
UNITS: E82

TRAFFIC & ROADS — 11:13 pm
Vehicle Accident - High Mechanism - ALS
6000 block GREENFIELD DR (JEFFERSON TECHNOLOGY PARK)
UNITS: A19, R2, E11, PE311, C15-C, BC903, EMS901

11:17 pm C15-C on the scene, investigating a single vehicle.

11:18 pm C15-C reports a single vehicle hit the corner of a trailer. Property damage collision only. No fire department services needed.



PUBLIC SERVICE NOTICE

MISSING CHILD — Baltimore, Maryland

Jason McCauley, 12, has been missing from Baltimore since November 16, 2026.

Have information? Contact Baltimore City Police Department at 410-396-2488.

Please share to help others recognize Jason McCauley.

Official NCMEC poster:
https://www.missingkids.org/poster/NCMC/2109145/1

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PUBLIC SERVICE NOTICE

MISSING CHILD — Suitland, Maryland

Maxwel Tegwi, 14, has been missing from Suitland since September 8, 2025.

Have information? Contact New Carrollton Police Department at 301-352-1200.

Please share to help others recognize Maxwel Tegwi.

Official NCMEC poster:
https://www.missingkids.org/poster/NCMC/2107811/1

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FREDERICK, MARYLAND

7-Day Weather

National Weather Service

TUE Nov 17	WED Nov 18	THU Nov 19	FRI Nov 20	SAT Nov 21	SUN Nov 22	MON Nov 23
61° / 27°	63° / 35°	65° / 37°	68° / 40°	65° / 46°	64° / 48°	59° / 37°
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Chance Light Rain	Mostly Sunny
OBSERVED	ISSUE DAY	0% precip	0% precip	13% precip	28% precip	5% precip

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