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COVERAGE PERIOD **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2026** *News and incidents from the previous day*

Mountain rescue at Crystal Fountain Road

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

By The Frederick Watch Desk

Crews responded to a reported mountain rescue at 8800 block Crystal Fountain Road at 3:56 p.m. At 4:00 p.m., Frederick ECC reported that that the FCSO are in the area of the last known thing from the group's cell phone. FCSO have an access point, however, terrain is too rugged for them to effect a search. Frederick ECC advises that the group report that no one in their party is injured, but they are lost. And the temperature in the area is dropping. At 4:35 p.m., Tower 6 reported they are in the verbal contact with the lost party, estimate the distance is less than 1/10 of a mile. At 4:47 p.m., Crews report they have made contact with the lost individuals, and plan to walk out with them the way they came in.

Vehicle accident at I-70 in Frederick

A reported crash on I-70 westbound near Exit 52 in Frederick brought a response from five units at 7:55 a.m. At 8:00 a.m., Engine 33 reported vehicle vs. deer. Ambulance 38, Rescue Squad 2 and Engine 33 remained on the call. Other units in service. At 8:12 a.m., Ambulance 38 evaluated one patient who refused transport. Remaining units clearing the scene.

Two-vehicle crash draws three units to Route 80 in Urbana

A two-vehicle crash on Route 80 near I-270 in Urbana drew three units at 11:37 a.m. At 11:39 a.m., Ambulance 238 arrived. Two vehicles were involved in a rear-end collision on Rte. 80 at the ramp for I-270. Ambulance 238 began checking on the occupants. At 11:41 a.m., Engine 231 reported occupants of both vehicles are out. At 11:47 a.m., Engine 231 reported vehicles involved have been relocated to the nearby park-n-ride lot. Ambulance 238 evaluating one patient for transport.

Outside fire at S. Seton Ave — Emmitsburg Community Center

Crews responded to a reported outside fire at 300 block S. Seton Ave — Emmitsburg Community Center at 12:16 p.m. At 12:19 p.m., Brush 65 arrived. Brush 65 began investigating. At 12:23 p.m., Brush 65 located a cigarette receptacle that was smoking. Fire has been extinguished. Brush 65 in service.

Gas odor inside at Clarendon Ter in Wellington Trace

A reported gas odor brought three units to 4900 block Clarendon Ter in Wellington Trace at 12:48 p.m. At 12:53 p.m., Paramedic Engine 311 arrived. of a 3-story back-to-back middle of the row townhome. Normal conditions. Paramedic Engine 311 began investigating. At



Representative image; not from a reported incident.

1:01 p.m., Paramedic Engine 311 reported normal meter readings on all levels of the residence. Units returned to service.

Two-vehicle crash draws four units to Gas House Pike

A two-vehicle crash on 9800 block Gas House Pike drew four units at 6:08 p.m. At 6:18 p.m., Ambulance 247 arrived. vehicle in the roadway with its hazards on. Occupant is out. Ambulance 247 checking on injuries. At 6:20 p.m., Rescue Squad 24 reported Two vehicles were involved in a rear-end collision. Ambulance 247 evaluating 2 patients. At 6:24 p.m., Ambulance 247 evaluated 3 patients. All refusing transport.

Vehicle accident at Ramp From Us-15Sb To Rt77 in Thurmont

A reported crash on Ramp From US-15 southbound To Route 77 in Thurmont brought a response from three units at 7:21 p.m. At 7:25 p.m., Rescue Squad 10 arrived. single vehicle in a ditch off the roadway. Rescue Squad 10 began checking on the occupants. At 7:35 p.m., Ambulance 229 evaluated one patient who refused transport.

Two-vehicle crash draws two units to Shookstown Road in Golden Mile

A two-vehicle crash on Shookstown Road near Baughmans Ln, Iao in Golden Mile drew two units at 11:47 p.m. At 11:49 p.m., Ambulance 19 arrived to find Two vehicles were involved. Ambulance 19 began checking on the occupants.

Daily activity

Frederick County logged 104 calls: 25 non-medical and 79 medical. The busiest hour was 12:00 pm, with 9 calls.

THE PREVIOUS DAY IN NUMBERS

YESTERDAY AT A GLANCE

CALLS LOGGED	MEDICAL CALLS
104	79
25 non-medical · 79 medical	Included in total calls
BUSIEST HOUR	**WEATHER**
12:00 pm	66° / 27°
9 calls logged	Sunny

ACTIVITY SCORE 52/100 — ACTIVE

▲ INCIDENT BREAKDOWN

Fire & building alarms	8
Fire & rescue	3
Hazards & investigations	3
Rescue & special response	4
Service & station support	1
Traffic & accidents	6

MEDICAL CALLS · 79

Advanced Life Support	45
Basic Life Support	27
Other support level	7

MIXED CALLS · 6

Already included in incident categories

Basic Life Support	5
Other support level	1

LARGEST RESPONSE

Mountain Rescue

17 units · 8800 Block Crystal Fountain Rd

WHERE CALLS HAPPENED

1.	Frederick	6
2.	Urbana	4
3.	Emmitsburg	2

ABOUT THIS EDITION

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

FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT NEWSFLASH

County Seeks Input on Reducing Disaster Risks

2026-11-18 **Source: Frederick County Government**

FREDERICK, Md. – The Frederick County Division of Emergency Management is updating the County's Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Plan to identify ways to address local risks and reduce the impacts of disasters and changing climate conditions.

The plan looks at hazards such as flooding, severe storms, hurricanes, tornadoes, extreme temperatures, and other threats that can affect the safety and well-being of the community.

Planning ahead can make a difference. Identifying risks and addressing them before disaster strikes can help save lives, prevent damage, protect important community resources, reduce disruptions, and limit the costs of recovery.

The updated plan will help guide these efforts and identify projects and other actions to address risks across Frederick County.

An approved plan also makes the County eligible for funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to support projects that reduce disaster risks and protect the community.

Public input is a critical part of updating the plan. Feedback from the community helps identify areas of concern, determine which risks need the most attention, and shape priorities for future projects.

A short online survey is available through December 11 at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/HMP.

Read the original release

Yesterday on the Roads

TRAFFIC OBSERVATIONS	PEAK TRAFFIC HOUR
115	4 p.m.
observed during the day	24 reports

TOP CORRIDOR

I-70

32 reports

Congestion	85
Disabled Vehicles	10
Roadwork	9
Crashes	4
Debris/Hazards	3
Closures	1

Measured slowdown

HERE readings on westbound I-70 near New Design Road ranged from 8 to 29 mph between 3:29 p.m. and 5:58 p.m., versus about 64 mph free flow.

Sources: HERE and MDOT CHART.

Weather

Three-day forecast in Frederick

THURSDAY NOV 19 — **High 65° • Low 37°**

Sunny. High near 65, with temperatures falling to around 58 in the afternoon. Southwest wind around 2 mph.

FRIDAY NOV 20 — **High 68° • Low 39°**

Sunny, with a high near 68. Northwest wind around 2 mph.

SATURDAY NOV 21 — **High 65° • Low 44°**

Mostly sunny, with a high near 65.

National Weather Service

Road Watch

1 road closure update

SINCE THE PREVIOUS FREDERICK WATCH EDITION

CLEARED — FREDERICK CITY

W CHURCH ST

Limited Public Access, all directions. 1 lane open. Construction. Bullit Proof roofing work in front of 22 West Church Street lane and sidewalk closures

ONGOING — FREDERICK CITY

ICE ST

Closed, all directions. All lanes closed. Construction. MT Laney asphalt repairs road closed to traffic with detour

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 Thursday, Nov. 19

CITY — 6 PM

Historic Preservation Commission - Special Public Hearing

The City of Frederick's Historic Preservation Commission - Special Public Hearing meets at Municipal Annex Conference Room C or online ..

COUNTY — 5:30 PM–9 PM

The Community Foundation Community Catalyst - Report to the Community

Frederick County holds The Community Foundation Community Catalyst - Report to the Community.

CITY — 12:30 PM

Community Action Board of Directors Meeting

The City of Frederick's Community Action Board of Directors Meeting meets.

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10-Year Anniversary Celebration

Event series overview · No upcoming date listed **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

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!

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

View the event details

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COVERING **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2026**

The Day's Run Log

Complete call activity for Wednesday, November 18. Excludes medical calls.

FIRE & RESCUE — **12:42 am**

Vehicle Fire

US-15NB / RT26 (FREDERICK)

UNITS: PE23, E291

ALARMS — **6:09 am**

Commercial Fire Alarm

8400 block PROGRESS DR — WELCOX INN

UNITS: E111, Q11, TW4

TRAFFIC & ROADS — **6:09 am**

Vehicle Accident - BLS

I-270SB / RT80 (URBANA)

UNITS: A238, A259, ALS23, E231, R2, PE251, TT23, EMS901

PUBLIC SAFETY — **7:16 am**

Washdown - Non Emergency Response

RT194 / GLADE BLVD, RT194 / GLADE BLVD

UNITS: E111

TRAFFIC & ROADS — **7:20 am**

Check Up After Accident - Police On Scene

RT194 / GLADE BLVD

UNITS: A247

TRAFFIC & ROADS — **7:55 am**

Vehicle Accident - BLS

I-70WB / EXIT 52 (FREDERICK)

UNITS: A38, A129, R2, E33, E121

8:00 am E33 on the scene, single vehicle on the shoulder. Checking on occupant(s).

8:00 am E33 reports vehicle vs. deer. Holding A38, R2, E33. Other units in service.

8:12 am A38 evaluated one patient who refused transport. Remaining units clearing the scene.

ALARMS — **8:38 am**

Commercial Fire Alarm

100 block S. MARKET ST — COMMUNITY ACTION CENTER (FREDERICK)

UNITS: E33, TW4

8:39 am E33 on the scene, 2-story structure, nothing evident. No active alarms.

8:46 am E33 investigated, reports occupant was smoking on second floor. Units in service.

ALARMS — **8:58 am**

Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/ Mobile Home)

100 block SMITHFIELD DR (MIDDLETOWN)

UNITS: E73

9:08 am Frederick ECC advises that the alarm company has received the proper passcode. E73 in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY — **10:46 am**

Gas Leak Inside

1300 block N. MAIN ST (MT. AIRY)

UNITS: E153

ALARMS — **10:51 am**

Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/ Mobile Home)

17300 block N. SETON AVE (EMMITSBURG)

UNITS: E61

TRAFFIC & ROADS — **11:37 am**

Vehicle Accident - BLS

RT80 / I-270 (URBANA)

UNITS: A238, E231, TT23

11:39 am A238 on scene, 2 vehicles involved in a rear-end collision on Rte. 80 at the ramp for I-270. Checking on occupants.

11:41 am E231 reports occupants of both vehicles are out.

11:47 am E231 reports vehicles involved have been relocated to the nearby park-n-ride lot. A238 evaluating one patient for transport.

PUBLIC SAFETY — **12:04 pm**

Elevator Malfunction

FIRST block OF W. COLLEGE TER — THE TERRACE APARTMENTS (FREDERICK)

UNITS: TW4

FIRE & RESCUE — **12:16 pm**

Outside Fire

300 block S. SETON AVE — EMMITSBURG COMMUNITY CENTER

UNITS: BR65

12:19 pm BR65 on the scene, investigating.

12:23 pm BR65 located a cigarette receptacle that was smoking. Fire has been extinguished. BR65 in service.

ALARMS — **12:43 pm**

Commercial Fire Alarm

5600 block URBANA PIKE — CARMAX

UNITS: E33, TT23

12:49 pm Frederick ECC advises responding units that the alarm company received the proper passcode. Units in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY — **12:48 pm**

Gas Odor Inside

4900 block CLARENDON TER (WELLINGTON TRACE)

UNITS: PE311, E33, TW4

12:53 pm PE311 on the scene of a 3-story back-to-back middle of the row townhome. Normal conditions. Investigating.

12:57 pm PE311 placing E33 in service.

1:01 pm PE311 reports normal meter readings on all levels of the residence. Units in service.

ALARMS — **12:53 pm**

Commercial Fire Alarm

8400 block PROGRESS DR

UNITS: E111

12:54 pm E111 placing Q11 in service; crews ran same call for the same address earlier. E111 continuing.

1:15 pm E111 reports a malfunctioning alarm. Building representative notified. E111 in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY — **12:55 pm**

Gas Odor Outside

200 block W. PATRICK ST — WAY STATION (FREDERICK)

UNITS: R2

1:04 pm R2 traced odor to a roofing crew sealing a roof in the 200 Block of W. Patrick St. R2 in service.

ALARMS — **1:45 pm**

Commercial Fire Alarm

5600 block BUCKEYSTOWN PIKE — SAMS CLUB GAS STATION

UNITS: PE311, TW4

1:52 pm Frederick ECC advises responding units that the proper alarm passcode was received. Units in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY — **2:21 pm**

Fuel Odor Inside

8700 block PETE WILES RD (MIDDLETOWN)

UNITS: E82, E73, TW7, K7, TW4, K21

PUBLIC SAFETY — **3:56 pm**

Mountain Rescue

8800 block CRYSTAL FOUNTAIN RD

UNITS: E61, E132, U6, FRE193, TW6, TR29, EMSUTV30, EMSUTV31, ACEMSUTV22, A69, R10, ACE23, ALS30, C6-B, BC902, SAF901, EMS902

4:00 pm Frederick ECC reports that the FCSO are in the area of the last known thing from the group's cell phone. FCSO have an access point, however, terrain is too rugged for them to effect a search. Frederick ECC advises that the group report that no one in their party is injured, but they are lost. And the temperature in the area is dropping.

4:07 pm C6-B on the scene, establishing command. C6-B advisers incoming units that the access point is back a long residential driveway. Access will be limited to UTVs.

4:15 pm C6-B requesting additional UTV resource.

4:35 pm TW6 reports they are in the verbal contact with the lost party, estimate the distance is less than 1/10 of a mile.

4:39 pm TW6 crew have made visual contact with the lost party. Will make an assessment and report back.

4:47 pm Crews report they have made contact with the lost individuals, and plan to walk out with them the way they came in.

PUBLIC SAFETY — **4:25 pm**

Unit Transfer To Other Station

FIRST block OF W, MAIN ST — STATION 6 (VIGILANT HOSE COMPANY)

UNITS: E111

ALARMS — **5:38 pm**

Commercial Fire Alarm

3500 block SUGARLOAF PKWY — GIANT FOOD (URBANA TOWN CENTER)

UNITS: E231, TT23

5:40 pm E231 on the scene, normal conditions. Investigating.

5:42 pm E231 made contact with building representative who states it was an accidental alarm. System has been reset. Units in service.

FIRE & RESCUE — **5:42 pm**

Illegal Open Burning - Non Emergency Response

UTICA MILLS CIR / OLD FREDERICK RD

UNITS: E111

TRAFFIC & ROADS — **6:08 pm**

Vehicle Accident - BLS

9800 block GAS HOUSE PIKE

UNITS: A247, R24, EK114, Q11

6:18 pm A247 on scene, vehicle in the roadway with its hazards on. Occupant is out. A247 checking on injuries.

6:19 pm R24 on the scene, establishing command.

6:20 pm R24 reports 2 vehicles involved in a rear-end collision. A247 evaluating 2 patients.

6:24 pm A247 evaluated 3 patients. All refusing transport.

TRAFFIC & ROADS — **7:21 pm**

Vehicle Accident - BLS

RAMP FROM US-15SB TO RT77 (THURMONT)

UNITS: A229, R10, A308

7:25 pm R10 on scene, single vehicle in a ditch off the roadway. Checking on occupants.

7:35 pm A229 evaluated one patient who refused transport.

TRAFFIC & ROADS — **11:47 pm**

Vehicle Accident - BLS

SHOOKSTOWN RD / BAUGHMANS LN, IAO (GOLDEN MILE)

UNITS: A19, E11

11:49 pm A19 on the scene, 2 vehicles involved. Checking on occupants.



PUBLIC SERVICE NOTICE

🟡 MISSING CHILD — Hagerstown, Maryland

Anthony Myers, 17, has been missing from Hagerstown since November 4, 2026.

📞 Have information? Contact Hagerstown Police Department at 301-790-3700.

Please share to help others recognize Anthony Myers.

Official NCMEC poster:
https://www.missingkids.org/poster/NCMC/2107910/1

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FREDERICK, MARYLAND

7-Day Weather

National Weather Service

WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
Nov 18	Nov 19	Nov 20	Nov 21	Nov 22	Nov 23	Nov 24
66° / 27°	65° / 37°	68° / 39°	65° / 44°	63° / 49°	62° / 37°	51° / 30°
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Chance Light Rain	Slight Chance Light Rain then Partly Sunny	Sunny
OBSERVED	ISSUE DAY	0% precip	10% precip	28% precip	17% precip	3% precip

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