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COVERAGE PERIOD **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2026** *News and incidents from the previous day*

Large outside fire at Tower Rd — Tower Road Radio Tower

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

By The Frederick Watch Desk

Crews responded to a reported large outside fire at 14000 block Tower Road — Tower Road Radio Tower at 4:35 p.m. At 4:43 p.m., C21-C was in the area, investigating. At 4:48 p.m., C21-C arrived. C21-C established command. C21-C requested Fire-Police to shut down Tower Rd. At 4:49 p.m., Paramedic Engine 102 arrived. Paramedic Engine 102 reported fire is approx. 30-yards wide, 30-yards deep with a few spots further in. At 4:53 p.m., Paramedic Engine 102 made contact with property owner who indicates they were burning materials, fire became uncontained. At 4:55 p.m., C21-C reported crews continue to contain and extinguish approx. 1/2-acre of fire. At 6:16 p.m., C21-C reported forestry Service is on scene, conducting survey of scene. At 6:43 p.m., C21-C reported fire confirmed extinguished. Units clearing the scene when ready.

Gas leak inside at Bowmans Farm Rd — Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration in Frederick

Crews responded to a reported gas leak inside at 1600 block Bowmans Farm Road — Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration in Frederick at 12:35 p.m. At 12:36 p.m., C15-C arrived. single-story commercial building. C15-C found nothing evident. Building does not appear to be evacuated. At 12:38 p.m., C15-C reported occupants complaining of an odor in the female bathroom. Also there is a trouble alarm on the alarm system. At 12:47 p.m., Paramedic Engine 23 performed a lap of the building, no gas meters found. Engine 33 to check rooftop units, will also investigate floor drain trap not having water. At 12:49 p.m., Engine 33 reported no gas service to the building. Issue traced to the floor drain trap in the bathroom not having water.

Atv accident at Mussetter Road in Ijamsville

A reported crash on 4800 block Mussetter Road in Ijamsville brought a response from ten units at 1:37 p.m. At 1:44 p.m., Ambulance 259, Paramedic Engine 251, Engine 152 and Engine 153 remained on the call. Other responding units returned to service. At 1:55 p.m., Ambulance 259, Medic from Paramedic Engine 251 evaluating, stabilizing patient; preparing for transport. At 2:06 p.m., Medic 259 was transporting pediatric patient to Johns Hopkins Children's Center.

Hazardous materials incident at Heather Ridge Dr — Ambertown Condos in Frederick

Crews responded to a reported hazardous materials incident at 800 block Heather Ridge Drive — Ambertown Condos in Frederick at 1:44 p.m. At 1:49 p.m., Battalion Chief 902 arrived and assumed command. At 1:52 p.m., Engine 291 reported odor traced to wet paint on the handrails. Battalion Chief 902 continuing to hold Engine 291, other units in service.

Chimney fire at Emerson Burrier Road

Crews responded to a reported chimney fire at 7800 block Emerson Burrier Road at 2:40 p.m. At 2:40 p.m., Units alerted for a pellet stove smoking in the basement. At 2:51 p.m., Rescue Engine 171 and CCT1 for ventilation of the residence remained on the call. Other units in service.

Mountain rescue at Lat: < 39.6237> Long: < -77.4545> Cunningham Falls Park Road in Thurmont

Crews responded to a reported mountain rescue at Lat: < 39.6237> Long: < -77.4545> Cunningham Falls Park Road near US-15 in Thurmont at 5:34 p.m. At 5:34 p.m., dispatchers advised responding crews that last location



Representative image; not from a reported incident.

of callers is in the area of Catoctin Hollow Rd / Old Misery Trail. At 5:39 p.m., Battalion Chief 902 advises Frederick ECC to have caller hold their position while Fire/Rescue crews are enroute. At 5:46 p.m., Rescue Squad 10, Engine 61, Ambulance 309, Advanced Life Support 30 and EMS ATV/UTV 30 remained on the call. Other responding units returned to service. At 5:53 p.m., Rescue Squad 10, Advanced Life Support 30 have made contact with lost hikers. No injuries reported. Rescue Squad 10, Advanced Life Support 30 leading hikers out to safety.

Vehicle accident at Mountville Road in Adamstown

A reported crash on Mountville Road near Ballenger Creek Pike in Adamstown brought a response from four units at 5:55 p.m. At 6:20 p.m., Ambulance 149 was transporting one patient to the hospital. At 6:23 p.m., Ambulance 18 was transporting second patient to the hospital.

Commercial fire alarm at Buckeystown Pike — Buckeystown Vet Clinic

Crews responded to a reported commercial fire alarm at 3800 block Buckeystown Pike — Buckeystown Vet Clinic at 6:20 p.m. At 6:21 p.m., dispatchers advised responding crews that FCSO are enroute due to multiple police alarms received from the location. At 6:40 p.m., Tiller Truck 4 investigating a gas detector alarm on first floor. Tiller Truck 4 requesting Frederick ECC to contact building representative to obtain information. At 6:45 p.m., Truck 4 reported negative meter readings. Units clearing the scene.

House fire at E. Second Street in Frederick

Crews responded to a reported house fire at E. Second Street near Chapel Aly in Frederick at 11:45 p.m. At 11:46 p.m., dispatchers advised responding crews that the updated address is E. Second St / Chapel Alley. At 11:48 p.m., Engine 33, Tiller Truck 4 on scene, investigating. Engine 33 establishing command. At 11:50 p.m., Engine 33, Tiller Truck 4 have a noticeable odor and light smoke in the area, condition to investigate along E. Second / Chapel Alley as well as to the rear of addresses to the rear of the 100 Block of E. Patrick St. At 11:53 p.m., Engine 33 reported nothing found to the south of the area toward Church St. Engine 33 indicates smell of burning rubber. At 11:54 p.m., Rescue Squad 2 reported a vehicle performed a "burnout" on Chapel Alley, which is the source of the odor and smoke. Battalion Chief 901 placing all units in service.

Daily activity

Frederick County logged 96 calls: 24 non-medical and 72 medical. The busiest hour was 4:00 pm, with 9 calls.

THE PREVIOUS DAY IN NUMBERS
YESTERDAY AT A GLANCE

CALLS LOGGED	MEDICAL CALLS
96	**72**
24 non-medical · 72 medical	Included in total calls
BUSIEST HOUR	**WEATHER**
4:00 pm	**67° / 47°**
9 calls logged	Mostly Cloudy

ACTIVITY SCORE 48/100 — ACTIVE

INCIDENT BREAKDOWN

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

MEDICAL CALLS · 72

Advanced Life Support	42
Basic Life Support	18
Other support level	12

MIXED CALLS · 7

Already included in incident categories

Basic Life Support	7

LARGEST RESPONSE

Mountain Rescue

17 units · Lat: < 39.6237> Long: < -77.4545> Cunningham Falls Park Rd / Us-15 (Thurmont)

WHERE CALLS HAPPENED

1.	Frederick	5
2.	Adamstown	2
3.	Thurmont	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
51	**8 p.m.**
observed during the day	9 reports

TOP CORRIDOR

I-70

17 reports

Congestion	21
Crashes	7
Closures	6
Disabled Vehicles	5
Roadwork	2
Debris/Hazards	2

Sources: HERE and MDOT CHART.

Weather

Three-day forecast in Frederick

SUNDAY NOV 22 — **High 62° • Low 50°**

Rain after 7am. Cloudy, with a high near 62. North wind 2 to 6 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch possible.

Rain chance 80%

MONDAY NOV 23 — **High 65° • Low 32°**

Mostly sunny, with a high near 65. West wind 2 to 12 mph.

TUESDAY NOV 24 — **High 51° • Low 24°**

Sunny, with a high near 51.

National Weather Service

Road Watch

Road closures active today

NO NEWLY LISTED OR CHANGED CLOSURES SINCE THE PREVIOUS FREDERICK WATCH EDITION

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.

ONGOING — FREDERICK CITY

CHAMBERLAIN DR

Limited Public Access, all directions. 1 lane open. Construction. O'leary Asphalt road work lane and sidewalk closures

Frederick County road closure data

Today in Frederick

A quiet civic day for Sunday, Nov. 22

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

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FREDERICK WATCH

Crash reports ran higher on days with rain around Frederick

2026-11-21 **Source: Frederick Watch**

Frederick Municipal Airport reported rain before dawn on Nov. 5. At about 5:53 a.m., Maryland DOT logged a crash on eastbound I-70 at the I-270 interchange.

It was the only crash report that fell within the 14 wet half-hours The Frederick Watch examined.

Across the six dates with sampled rain, Maryland DOT logged 47 crash reports on the Frederick-area roads covered by its traffic feed.

That was about 45% above a combined baseline of 32.5 reports, calculated by matching each date to the average for the same weekday when the airport did not report rain.

Five of the six dates were above their weekday average, and one tied. The largest gap was Nov. 5, with 11 reports against a Thursday average of six.

Only one crash was reported during the 14 wet half-hours used in our traffic speed study. No crashes were reported during 41 dry half-hours matched by weekday and time.

Most of the sampled wet periods were overnight or early in the morning. The airport provides one point of reference for weather, and conditions can vary across the area.

The sample is too small to tell whether crashes were more frequent while rain was falling.

The traffic readings did show a slowdown at some checkpoints.

Westbound I-70 near New Design Road ran about 6 mph slower during the sampled wet periods than during comparable dry periods, the largest slowdown among the checkpoints we measured.



Image courtesy of Frederick Watch.

COMMUNITY · TECHFREDERICK

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.

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

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

View the event details

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COVERING **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2026**

The Day's Run Log

Complete call activity for Saturday, November 21. Excludes medical calls.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **8:58 am**

Vehicle Accident - BLS

7000 block BALTIMORE NATIONAL PIKE — MOUNTAIN MOTORS (BRADDOCK HEIGHTS)

UNITS: A129, E121

9:03 am A129 on the scene, single vehicle on the side of the roadway. Checking on occupant(s).

9:05 am E121 reports the accident is property damage only, no injuries. Units in service.

ALARMS **9:39 am**

Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/ Mobile Home)

3200 block SUNRISE CT

UNITS: E281

9:42 am Frederick ECC reports they received the proper alarm passcode from the alarm company. E281 in service.

ALARMS **10:13 am**

Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/ Mobile Home)

5500 block YOUNG FAMILY TRL W (ADAMSTOWN)

UNITS: E141

10:16 am E141 on the scene, 2-story single-family residential. Nothing evident.

10:18 am E141 reports accidental alarm. E141 in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY **12:35 pm**

Gas Leak Inside

1600 block BOWMANS FARM RD — MARYLAND MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION (FREDERICK)

UNITS: E33, PE23, R2, C15-C

12:36 pm C15-C on scene, single-story commercial building. Nothing evident. Building does not appear to be evacuated.

12:38 pm C15-C reports occupants complaining of an odor in the female bathroom. Also there is a trouble alarm on the alarm system.

12:41 pm C15-C establishing command.

12:47 pm PE23 performed a lap of the building, no gas meters found. E33 to check rooftop units, will also investigate floor drain trap not having water.

12:49 pm E33 reports no gas service to the building. Issue traced to the floor drain trap in the bathroom not having water.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **1:37 pm**

Atv Accident

4800 block MUSSETTER RD (IJAMSVILLE)

UNITS: E152, E153, R2, A259, PE251, BR156, C15-C, BC901, EMS901, EMS902

1:41 pm C15-C on scene, establishing command.

1:44 pm C15-C holding A259, PE251, E152, E153. Other responding units in service.

1:55 pm A259, Medic from PE251 evaluating, stabilizing patient; preparing for transport.

2:06 pm M259 transporting pediatric patient to Johns Hopkins Children's Center.

PUBLIC SAFETY **1:44 pm**

Hazardous Materials Incident

800 block HEATHER RIDGE DR — AMBERTOWN CONDOS (FREDERICK)

UNITS: E291, PE23, R24, HM50, HM33, E121, A28, A19, ALS2, BC902, SAF901, EMS900

1:47 pm E291 on the scene, 3-story apartment building, nothing evident. E291 establishing command.

1:49 pm BC902 on scene, assuming command. E291 crew assuming role of investigative group.

1:52 pm E291 reports odor traced to wet paint on the handrails. BC902 continuing to hold E291, other units in service.

FIRE & RESCUE **2:40 pm**

Chimney Fire

7800 block EMERSON BURRIER RD

UNITS: RE171, E153, CCT1, K17, CCK1, A179, BC902

2:40 pm Units alerted for a pellet stove smoking in the basement.

2:51 pm RE171 holding RE171, CCT1 for ventilation of the residence. Other units in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY **2:50 pm**

Outside Investigation Of Smoke

JIMTOWN RD / LONG RD (THURMONT)

UNITS: PE102, BR106

2:54 pm PE102 reports a permitted controlled burn. Property owners are attending to the fire.

PUBLIC SAFETY **4:33 pm**

Gas Odor Inside

FIRST block OF WAVERLEY DR — ELMWOOD TERRACE APARTMENTS

UNITS: E11, E121, TT4, BC903

4:37 pm E11 on the scene, 3-story garden apartment building. Nothing evident. Investigating.

PUBLIC SAFETY **4:33 pm**

Gas Odor Inside *(continued)*

FIRST block OF WAVERLEY DR — ELMWOOD TERRACE APARTMENTS

UNITS: E11, E121, TT4, BC903

4:39 pm BC903 on the scene, establishing command. E11 leading investigative group.

4:47 pm BC903 reports crews investigated, nothing found. Units in service.

FIRE & RESCUE **4:35 pm**

Large Outside Fire

14000 block TOWER RD — TOWER ROAD RADIO TOWER

UNITS: PE102, K21, K10, BR216, E212, BR106, SU51, R10, C21-C, BC902

4:43 pm C21-C in the area, investigating.

4:48 pm C21-C on the scene, establishing command. Requesting Fire-Police to shut down Tower Rd.

4:49 pm PE102 on scene, reports fire is approx. 30-yards wide, 30-yards deep with a few spots further in.

4:51 pm PE102, SU51 report they have fire contained on back side; PE102 requesting additional manpower with brush rakes to assist with containment.

4:52 pm C21-C appointing PE102 as Fire-Tac Supervisor; along with crews from BR106, BR216, and SU51.

4:53 pm PE102 made contact with property owner who indicates they were burning materials, fire became uncontained.

4:55 pm C21-C reports crews continue to contain and extinguish approx. 1/2-acre of fire.

6:16 pm C21-C reports Forestry Service is on scene, conducting survey of scene.

6:43 pm C21-C reports fire confirmed extinguished. Units clearing the scene when ready.

PUBLIC SAFETY **4:37 pm**

Outside Investigation Of Smoke

TENNISON DR / CLARENDON DR (BALLENGER CREEK)

UNITS: E311

4:40 pm PE311 in the area, investigating.

4:48 pm PE311 located 2 smoldering stumps to the rear of a residence on Lambert Dr. in process of extinguishing.

4:58 pm PE311 extinguished stumps, informed homeowner of proper procedures. PE311 in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY **4:45 pm**

Mountain Rescue

SANDYHOOK RD / MARYLAND HEIGHTS

UNITS: E52, A196

TRAFFIC & ROADS **5:19 pm**

Vehicle Accident - BLS (Automatic Crash Notification)

I-70WB / RT40A (BRADDOCK)

UNITS: A129, A89, E121, E82, RE74

5:25 pm A129, E121 in the area, attempting to locate.

5:27 pm A89, E82 report nothing found on I-70EB.

5:31 pm E121 reports nothing found in either direction on I-70. Units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **5:25 pm**

Vehicle Accident - BLS

RAMP FROM RT85 TO I-270SB (FREDERICK)

UNITS: A37, PE311

5:28 pm PE311 on the scene, several vehicles involved. Checking on occupants.

5:32 pm PE311 obtained a patient refusal. PE311 remaining on scene to clean up debris.

ALARMS **5:34 pm**

Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/ Mobile Home)

3300 block PURPLE SAGE MEWS (URBANA)

UNITS: E231

PUBLIC SAFETY **5:34 pm**

Mountain Rescue

LAT: < 39.6237> LONG: < -77.4545> CUNNINGHAM FALLS PARK RD / US-15 (THURMONT)

UNITS: E61, U13, WCE71, R10, TR29, A299, EMSUTV30, A309, ALS30, E221, E511, E162, E91, WCSUP77, BC902, SAF901, EMS902

5:34 pm Frederick ECC advises responding units that last location of caller(s) is in the area of Catoctin Hollow Rd / Old Misery Trail.

5:39 pm BC902 advises Frederick ECC to have caller hold their position while Fire/Rescue crews are enroute.

5:42 pm BC902 on scene, establishing command.

5:44 pm BC902 appointing R10, ALS30 crew as Recon Group; crew headed up the trail to locate lost subject(s).

PUBLIC SAFETY **5:34 pm**

Mountain Rescue *(continued)*

LAT: < 39.6237> LONG: < -77.4545> CUNNINGHAM FALLS PARK RD / US-15 (THURMONT)

UNITS: E61, U13, WCE71, R10, TR29, A299, EMSUTV30, A309, ALS30, E221, E511, E162, E91, WCSUP77, BC902, SAF901, EMS902

5:45 pm R10 have eyes on subject(s) flash light. Recommend BC902 reduce all incoming units to non-emergency response. R10 believes they will be able to walk hikers out.

5:46 pm BC902 holding R10, E61, A309, ALS30, EMSUTV30. Other responding units in service.

5:53 pm R10, ALS30 have made contact with lost hikers. No injuries reported. R10, ALS30 leading hikers out to safety.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **5:55 pm**

Vehicle Accident - BLS

MOUNTVILLE RD / BALLENGER CREEK PIKE (ADAMSTOWN)

UNITS: A149, A18, R14, C14

5:58 pm A149 on scene, single vehicle in the intersection; one occupant still inside the vehicle.

6:02 pm C14 requesting additional ambulance.

6:20 pm A149 transporting one patient to the hospital.

6:23 pm A18 transporting second patient to the hospital.

PUBLIC SAFETY **6:05 pm**

Gas Odor Inside

1300 block TANEY AVE POTOMAC COMMONS APTS (FREDERICK)

UNITS: E501, PE23, TW1, BC901

6:10 pm E501 on scene, investigating.

6:17 pm E501 reports crews checked all floors of the apartment, nothing found. Units in service.

ALARMS **6:20 pm**

Commercial Fire Alarm

3800 block BUCKEYSTOWN PIKE — BUCKEYSTOWN VET CLINIC

UNITS: E33, TT4

6:21 pm Frederick ECC advises responding units that FCSO are enroute due to multiple police alarms received from the location.

6:30 pm TT4 on scene, nothing evident. FCSO also on scene.

6:40 pm TT4 investigating a gas detector alarm on first floor. TT4 requesting Frederick ECC to contact building representative to obtain information.

6:45 pm T4 reports negative meter readings. Units clearing the scene.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **6:31 pm**

Vehicle Accident - BLS

8000 block LIBERTY RD — POPEYES

UNITS: A249, E111

TRAFFIC & ROADS **6:57 pm**

Vehicle Accident - BLS

I-270SB / DOCTOR PERRY RD (URBANA)

UNITS: A238, MCA735, PE251, MCPE735, R2, TT23

7:02 pm E231 on the scene, 2 vehicles involved. Appears that all occupants are out.

7:04 pm E231 reports one patient for evaluation. Holding A238, E231, TT23. Other units in service.

ALARMS **7:05 pm**

Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/ Mobile Home)

2400 block WAYSIDE CT (GREENLEAF)

UNITS: E11

7:10 pm E11 on the scene, 2-story residential. Nothing evident. Investigating.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **7:36 pm**

Vehicle Accident - BLS

GAS HOUSE PIKE / MCKAIG RD

UNITS: A179, RE171, C17-C

FIRE & RESCUE **11:45 pm**

House Fire

E. SECOND ST / CHAPEL ALY (FREDERICK)

UNITS: E33, PE23, E11, E501, PE311, R2, TT4, Q11, A37, ALS31, BC901, BC902, SAF901

11:46 pm Frederick ECC advises responding units that the updated address is E. Second St / Chapel Alley.

11:48 pm E33, TT4 on scene, investigating. E33 establishing command.

11:50 pm E33, TT4 have a noticeable odor and light smoke in the area, condition to investigate along E. Second / Chapel Alley as well as to the rear of addresses to the rear of the 100 Block of E. Patrick St.

11:51 pm BC901 on scene, assuming command.

11:53 pm E33 reports nothing found to the south of the area toward Church St. E33 indicates smell of burning rubber.

11:54 pm R2 reports a vehicle performed a "burn-out" on Chapel Alley, which is the source of the odor and smoke. BC901 placing all units in service.

FREDERICK, MARYLAND

7-Day Weather

National Weather Service

SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Nov 21	Nov 22	Nov 23	Nov 24	Nov 25	Nov 26	Nov 27
67° / 47°	62° / 50°	65° / 32°	51° / 24°	49° / 38°	50° / 37°	55° / 35°
Mostly Cloudy	Light Rain	Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Light Rain Likely	Chance Light Rain
OBSERVED	ISSUE DAY	2% precip	0% precip	61% precip	72% precip	28% precip

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