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COVERAGE PERIOD **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2026** *News and incidents from the previous day*

Vehicle accident at US-15

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

By The Frederick Watch Desk

A reported crash on US-15 northbound near Biggs Ford Road brought a response from nine units at 11:31 a.m. At 11:40 a.m., Engine 291 arrived. in a field at US-15NB / Biggs Ford Rd. Engine 291 requesting an advanced life support resource for patient suffering medical emergency, placing Rescue Squad 2 in service. At 11:40 a.m., Ambulance 229 and placing Ambulance 299 in service remained on the call. At 11:54 a.m., Medic 229 was transporting a critical patient to FHH.

Vehicle accident - entrapment at Parsonage Lane

A reported crash on 9800 block Parsonage Ln brought a response from seven units at 7:00 a.m. At 7:07 a.m., Carroll County Medic 109 arrived. single vehicle involved. No entrapment. Carroll County Medic 109 and Rescue Engine 171 remained on the call. At 7:18 a.m., Carroll County Medic 109 evaluated one patient who refused transport. Units returned to service.

Gas odor inside at W. Patrick St — Sterling Optical in Frederick Towne Mall / District 40

A reported gas odor brought four units to 1300 block W. Patrick Street — Sterling Optical in Frederick Towne Mall / District 40 at 11:35 a.m. At 11:41 a.m., Engine 11 investigated report of an intermittent odor outside. At 11:41 a.m., Engine 11 confirmed that leak at the manifold outside of the building. Engine 11 requested gas company. At 11:42 a.m., Engine 33, Tiller Truck 4 performing meter readings for presence of gas at adjacent businesses as precaution. At 11:48 a.m., Engine 11 reported Engine 33, Tiller Truck 4 crews have negative meter readings on businesses checked thus far.

Pedestrian struck at Whiskey Rd — Whiskey Creek Golf Maintenance Bldg in Monrovia

Crews responded to a reported pedestrian struck at 10500 block Whiskey Road — Whiskey Creek Golf Maintenance Bldg in Monrovia at 11:58 a.m. At 12:04 p.m., Paramedic Engine 251 arrived. Paramedic Engine 251 confirmed that pedestrian struck, appears to be minor in nature. At 12:05 p.m., Ambulance 259 and Paramedic Engine 251 remained on the call. Other units in service. At 12:21 p.m., Ambulance 259 was transporting patient to FHH.

Small building fire at Manor Woods Road in Asamstown

Crews responded to a reported small building fire at 5600 block Manor Woods



Representative image; not from a reported incident.

Road in Asamstown at 12:13 p.m. At 12:19 p.m., Engine 141 reported fire appears to have been extinguished prior to arrival of fire department. Engine 141 and Paramedic Engine 311 to check for extension remained on the call.

Two-vehicle crash draws seven units to Presidents Court

A two-vehicle crash on Presidents Court near Corporate Drive drew seven units at 1:29 p.m. At 1:32 p.m., Safety 901 arrived to find Two vehicles were involved. Appears that occupants are out. At 1:33 p.m., Safety 901 reported no entrapment, 2 patients for evaluation.

Vehicle accident triggered by an automatic crash notification at Garfield Road

A reported crash on 3900 block Garfield Road brought a response from three units at 3:35 p.m. At 3:40 p.m., Engine 212 located an iPhone laying in the roadway. No vehicles around. Units returned to service.

Light smoke conditions at Harpers Way in Christophers Crossing

Crews responded to a reported light smoke conditions at 200 block Harpers Way in Christophers Crossing at 5:57 p.m. At 6:02 p.m., Engine 291 clearing Engine 501, holding Tower 1 for ventilation. At 6:10 p.m., Engine 291 requested an advanced life support resource.

Daily activity

Frederick County logged 115 calls: 20 non-medical and 95 medical. The busiest hour was 11:00 am, with 12 calls.

THE PREVIOUS DAY IN NUMBERS

YESTERDAY AT A GLANCE

CALLS LOGGED	MEDICAL CALLS
115	95
20 non-medical · 95 medical	Included in total calls
BUSIEST HOUR	**WEATHER**
11:00 am	63° / 34°
12 calls logged	Partly Cloudy

ACTIVITY SCORE **58**/100 — ACTIVE

▲ INCIDENT BREAKDOWN

Fire & building alarms	7
Fire & rescue	2
Hazards & investigations	4
Traffic & accidents	7

MEDICAL CALLS · 95

Advanced Life Support	53
Basic Life Support	28
Other support level	14

MIXED CALLS · 5
Already included in incident categories

Advanced Life Support	1
Basic Life Support	4

LARGEST RESPONSE
Vehicle Accident - BLS
9 units · Us-15Nb / Biggs Ford Rd

WHERE CALLS HAPPENED

1.	Frederick	6
2.	Brunswick	1
3.	Middletown	1

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

COMMUNITY · TECHFREDERICK

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.

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

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

Yesterday on the Roads

TRAFFIC OBSERVATIONS	PEAK TRAFFIC HOUR
110	3 p.m.
observed during the day	35 reports

TOP CORRIDOR
US-40
23 reports

Congestion	84
Disabled Vehicles	11
Crashes	4
Roadwork	3
Closures	1

Measured slowdown

HERE readings on westbound I-70 near New Design Road ranged from 7 to 29 mph between 2:58 p.m. and 5:58 p.m., versus about 64 mph free flow.

Sources: HERE and MDOT CHART.

Weather

Three-day forecast in Frederick

TUESDAY NOV 24 — **High 51° • Low 24°**
Sunny, with a high near 51. North wind 3 to 9 mph.

WEDNESDAY NOV 25 — **High 52° • Low 39°**
Mostly sunny, with a high near 52. Northeast wind 3 to 9 mph.

THURSDAY NOV 26 — **High 58° • Low 44°**
Rain. Cloudy, with a high near 58. Chance of precipitation is 100%.
Rain chance 100%

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

3 things to know for Tuesday, Nov. 24

FCPS — ALL DAY
2-hour early dismissal
FCPS lists 2-hour early dismissal on today's district calendar.

COUNTY — 5:30 PM
Council Workshop
Frederick County's Council Workshop meets at First Floor Hearing Room.

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

Behavioral health care shouldn't depend on your ZIP code

2026-11-23

Source: Frederick County Health Department

For someone living in Emmitsburg, getting behavioral health care in Frederick can mean a 50-mile round trip.

That distance changes what access means. An appointment may be available. A provider may have an opening. A program may exist.

But getting there still requires time, transportation and the ability to make that trip, sometimes repeatedly.

Frederick County covers a large and varied geographic area, and where someone lives can affect how easily they get help.

For residents in our rural communities, distance is part of the equation.
Other barriers are harder to see: knowing where to go, understanding what services are available, trusting the person or organization offering help, and navigating a behavioral health system that can be complicated even for those of us who work in it.

Having a service somewhere in Frederick County does not mean every resident has equal access to it.

When we evaluate behavioral health services, we often look at how many programs and providers are available and how many people they can serve.
Those numbers tell us about the resources we have, but they don't tell us how difficult it may be for someone to get the help they need.

That question has led us to think differently about how we serve rural communities.
Instead of always expecting people to come to the system, we can bring more of the system into the communities where they live.

Our rural behavioral health work will reach communities throughout Frederick County. It will require us to work differently in different places because rural Frederick County is not one community with one set of needs.

Emmitsburg and Brunswick are two examples of how that work is beginning to take shape.

In northern Frederick County, we are partnering with the Frederick County Transformation Collaborative, which is creating a community health center in Emmitsburg.

A peer recovery support specialist will work from that location, helping residents connect with behavioral health resources and support.
Having someone physically present in the community gives residents a local point of contact and another way into care.

Peers are particularly valuable in this role.

Their lived experience gives them an understanding of what it can be like to need help, seek treatment and navigate systems that are not always easy to understand.
They can help people sort through options, make connections and figure out what comes next.

Our work in Brunswick will look different. Two peers will work in the community and develop close relationships with local law enforcement, community organizations and people who are already trusted in Brunswick.

Those local relationships are important throughout our rural work.

In some communities, a trusted connection may be a health care provider or first responder.
In others, it may be a church, faith leader, food pantry, community organization or neighbor who has spent years helping people find resources.

Faith communities in particular have long been places where people turn during difficult periods in their lives, including times when they may never walk through the door of a behavioral health clinic.

We want to work with those existing networks rather than arrive with a program and assume we know what a community needs.
The people who live and work in these communities know their strengths, their gaps and the informal ways people already take care of one another. Public health should learn from that.

These relationships can become part of the behavioral health system itself.

A police officer who knows the local peer has someone to contact when a resident needs support. A pastor who is worried about a member of the congregation can know where to turn.
A community organization can make a personal connection instead of simply giving someone another phone number.

Over time, residents can become familiar with the people there to help.

This matters because behavioral health care can be complicated to navigate, even for those of us who work in it. There are different providers, eligibility requirements, levels of care and funding streams.

When someone is already struggling, asking that person to figure out the system on their own creates another barrier to getting help.

We have spent years working to increase the availability of behavioral health services, and we need to continue doing that. But availability and access are not the same thing.
A program can exist without being equally accessible to every resident.

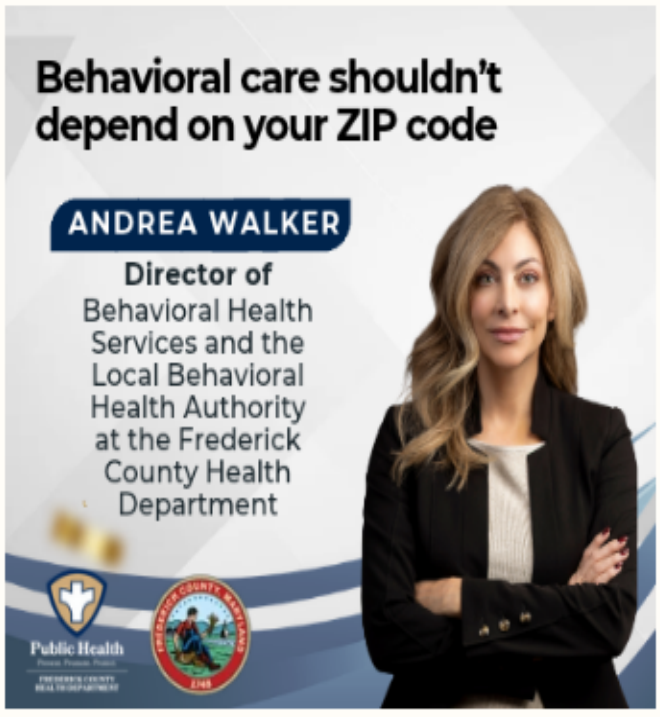

Image courtesy of Frederick County Health Department.

The work ahead gives us an opportunity to try approaches that are more local and learn from them.

We want to know whether having peers working within rural communities makes it easier for residents to connect with care.
We want to understand which partnerships are most useful, where the remaining gaps are and what residents tell us they need.

What we learn in places such as Emmitsburg and Brunswick can inform our work across rural Frederick County.

Ultimately, the measure of access is not whether we can point to a service on a map. It is whether the person who needs that service can actually reach it.

Where someone lives should not determine whether they can get behavioral health care.
If we want that to be true in practice, we have to understand the communities we serve, work with the people who already know them and be willing to bring care closer to home.

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Read the original release

COVERING **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2026**

The Day's Run Log

Complete call activity for Monday, November 23. Excludes medical calls.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **6:52 am**

Vehicle Accident - BLS

FREDERICK RD / LYNWOOD FARM CT (HYATTSTOWN)

UNITS: A238

TRAFFIC & ROADS **7:00 am**

Vehicle Accident - Entrapment

9800 block PARSONAGE LN

UNITS: CCM109, RE171, CCE101, CCR8, CCC10-1, BC901, EMS902

7:07 am CCM109 on scene, single vehicle involved. No entrapment. Holding CCM109, RE171.

7:18 am CCM109 evaluated one patient who refused transport. Units in service.

ALARMS **8:21 am**

Commercial Fire Alarm

1500 block FREEDMAN DR — FORT DETRICK BLDG 1520

UNITS: E501, TW1

8:23 am BC950 on the scene, 2-story commercial building. Nothing evident, building evacuated.

8:27 am E501 reports an elevator malfunction. Elevator has been reset. Units in service.

FIRE & RESCUE **8:33 am**

Vehicle Fire

500 block W. SOUTH ST — THE JUNCTION APARTMENTS (FREDERICK)

UNITS: E33

8:36 am E33 on scene, no active fire. Investigating.

8:46 am E33 located a napkin smoldering in the center console. Napkin removed. E33 in service.

ALARMS **10:04 am**

Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/ Mobile Home)

1200 block BEECHWOOD DR (FREDERICK)

UNITS: PE23

10:07 am Frederick ECC reports the proper alarm passcode has been received. PE23 in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY **11:29 am**

Smoke Or Co Detector Malfunction

FIRST block OF E. FIFTH ST (FREDERICK)

UNITS: PE23

TRAFFIC & ROADS **11:31 am**

Vehicle Accident - BLS

US-15NB / BIGGS FORD RD

UNITS: A299, A229, ALS29, R24, R2, E291, E111, E221, C11

11:37 am A299 in the area, attempting to locate.

11:40 am E291 on the scene, in a field at US-15NB / Biggs Ford Rd. E291 requesting ALS resource for patient suffering medical emergency, placing R2 in service.

11:40 am E291 holding A229, placing A299 in service.

11:54 am M229 transporting a critical patient to FHH.

PUBLIC SAFETY **11:35 am**

Gas Odor Inside

1300 block W. PATRICK ST — STERLING OPTICAL (FREDERICK TOWNE MALL / DISTRICT 40)

UNITS: E11, E33, TT4, BC903

11:41 am E11 investigated report of an intermittent odor outside.

11:41 am E11 confirming leak at the manifold outside of the building. Requesting gas company.

11:42 am E33, TT4 performing meter readings for presence of gas at adjacent businesses as precaution.

11:48 am E11 reports E33, TT4 crews have negative meter readings on businesses checked thus far.

ALARMS **11:40 am**

Commercial Fire Alarm

FIRST block OF S. CHURCH ST — CHRIST REFORMED CHURCH (MIDDLETOWN)

UNITS: E73, TW7

11:42 am E73 on the scene, normal exterior conditions. Investigating.

11:43 am E73 reports normal conditions on interior. In process of resetting alarm system.

11:47 am E73 reports alarm system has been reset. E73 in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **11:58 am**

Pedestrian Struck - ALS

10500 block WHISKEY RD — WHISKEY CREEK GOLF MAINTENANCE BLDG (MONROVIA)

UNITS: A259, PE251, EMS901, BC901

12:04 pm PE251 on scene, confirming pedestrian struck, appears to be minor in nature.

12:05 pm PE251 holding A259, PE251. Other units in service.

12:21 pm A259 transporting patient to FHH.

FIRE & RESCUE **12:13 pm**

Small Building Fire

5600 block MANOR WOODS RD (ASAMSTOWN)

UNITS: E141, PE311, R20, EK204, A149, BC901

12:18 pm E141 on the scene, small 10x12 shed. Workers on-site currently pulling contents out of shed.

12:19 pm E141 reports fire appears to have been extinguished prior to arrival of fire department. Holding E141, PE311 to check for extension.

PUBLIC SAFETY **12:47 pm**

Wires Down Or Arcing

6800 block PICNIC WOODS RD

UNITS: E73

12:54 pm E73 on the scene, investigating.

12:56 pm E73 confirms phone lines are down, out of the roadway; no hazards to motorists. Utility company notified. E73 in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **1:29 pm**

Vehicle Accident - Entrapment

PRESIDENTS CT / CORPORATE DR

UNITS: A37, ALS4, R2, E33, BC903, EMS901, SAF901

1:32 pm SAF901 on scene, 2 vehicles involved. Appears that occupants are out.

1:33 pm SAF901 reports no entrapment, 2 patients for evaluation.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **3:35 pm**

Vehicle Accident - BLS (Automatic Crash Notification)

3900 block GARFIELD RD

UNITS: A89, WCM791, E212

3:39 pm E212 in the area, attempting to locate.

3:40 pm E212 located an iPhone laying in the roadway. No vehicles around. Units in service.

ALARMS **3:48 pm**

Commercial Fire Alarm

FIRST block OF N. MARKET ST — ISABELLAS TAVERNA & TAPAS BAR (FREDERICK)

UNITS: E33, TT4

3:50 pm E33 on scene, nothing evident. Investigating.

3:51 pm E33 placing TT4 in service.

3:54 pm E33 reports contractor working on the system. Alarm system has been reset. E33 in service.

ALARMS **5:42 pm**

Commercial Fire Alarm

1200 block MAPLE TERRACE LN — MAPLE TERRACE APTS (BRUNSWICK)

UNITS: PE52

PUBLIC SAFETY **5:57 pm**

Light Smoke Conditions

200 block HARPERS WAY (CHRISTOPHERS CROSSING)

UNITS: E291, E501, TW1, A18, ALS29

5:59 pm E291 on the scene, 3-story middle of the group townhouse. Nothing evident.

6:02 pm E291 clearing E501, holding TW1 for ventilation.

6:03 pm E291 requesting ambulance for check up after smoke inhalation.

6:10 pm E291 requesting ALS resource.

ALARMS **6:47 pm**

Commercial Fire Alarm

2100 block PAXTON TER

UNITS: E11, TT4

6:49 pm Frederick ECC advises responding units that the proper alarm passcode has been received. Units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **7:15 pm**

Vehicle Accident - BLS

I-270NB BETWEEN RT121 / RT109

UNITS: E231, A239

7:22 pm E231 responding SB, reports 4 vehicles stopped on right shoulder just prior to the exit for Rte. 109 (Hyattstown).

7:26 pm MCTW735 holding A239, MCTW735. Other unit in service.

ALARMS **11:17 pm**

Commercial Fire Alarm

500 block PATTON CIR — BUCKINGHAM CONDOS

UNITS: PE311, TW1

11:23 pm PE311 on the scene, 3-story condominium. Nothing evident.

11:26 pm PE311 placing TW1 in service. PE311 in process of resetting the alarm system.



PUBLIC SERVICE NOTICE

🟡 MISSING CHILD — Catonsville, Maryland

Makayla Marcus, 16, has been missing from Catonsville since November 20, 2026.

📞 Have information? Contact Baltimore County Police Department at 410-887-2214.

Please share to help others recognize Makayla Marcus.

Official NCMEC poster:
https://www.missingkids.org/poster/NCMC/2109788/1

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FREDERICK, MARYLAND

7-Day Weather

National Weather Service

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Nov 23	Nov 24	Nov 25	Nov 26	Nov 27	Nov 28	Nov 29
63° / 34°	51° / 24°	52° / 39°	58° / 44°	55° / 38°	55° / 35°	58° / 37°
Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Rain	Chance Light Rain	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny
OBSERVED	ISSUE DAY	31% precip	99% precip	49% precip	2% precip	10% precip

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