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COVERAGE PERIOD **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2026** *News and incidents from the previous day*

Patient extricated after two-vehicle crash on Jefferson Pike

One patient was taken to Meritus Medical Center with serious injuries; another was transported to FHH with non-life-threatening injuries.

By The Frederick Watch Desk

A patient was extricated after a two-vehicle crash Wednesday afternoon in the 5000 block of Jefferson Pike in Jefferson. The response began at 1:47 p.m. At 1:52 p.m., Ambulance 209 reported that two vehicles were involved and said the occupants appeared to be out. TRNBC900 established command, then reported at 1:54 p.m. that one occupant was trapped.

TRNBC900 requested another ambulance at 1:55 p.m. and reported the extrication complete at 1:56 p.m. Ambulance 129 transported one patient with non-life-threatening injuries to FHH at 2:11 p.m. Medic 209 left for Meritus Medical Center at 2:13 p.m. with a patient with serious injuries. The assignment also included Rescue Squad 20, Engine 201, Ambulance 209, ALS20, Chief 20, Battalion Chief 903 and EMS901.

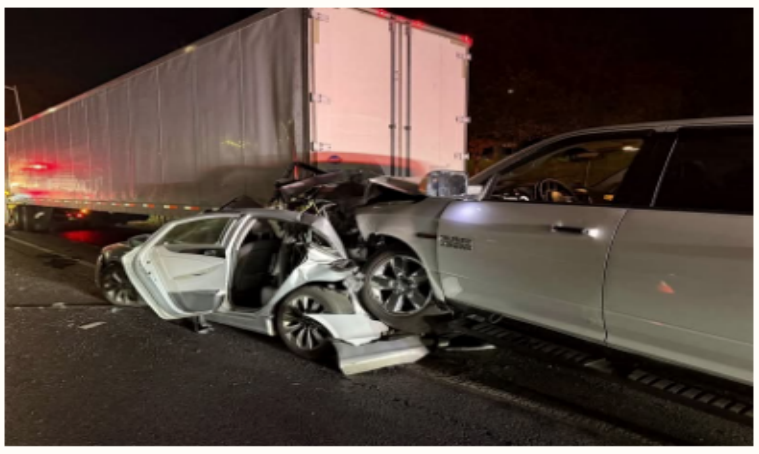
US-15 crash spills diesel fuel

A separate crash at 3:32 a.m. brought an emergency and hazardous-materials response to southbound US-15 at South Jefferson Street in Frederick. Engine 11 reached the scene at 3:37 a.m. and found that a vehicle had struck the rear of a tractor-trailer just north of South Jefferson Street. At 3:44 a.m., Ambulances 19 and 38 were each evaluating one patient. Ambulance 38 requested an advanced life support resource at 3:51 a.m.

Medic 19 transported a patient with serious injuries to Meritus Medical Hospital at 3:52 a.m. Medic 38 took the second patient to FHH at 4:17 a.m. The collision also left fluid leaking across the roadway, prompting a request at 3:44 a.m. for a State Highway Administration sand truck. Engine 11 requested hazardous-materials resources at 3:46 a.m. to remove diesel fuel from a saddle tank or tanks on the truck. At 4:25 a.m., Hazmat 33 and Hazmat Support Unit 33 had completed the fuel pump-off operation, and Engine 11 was awaiting the sand truck.

Barn-fire call was controlled burn

A call initially classified as a barn fire in the 2300 block of New Design Road at Chuck Wade Sod Farm was determined to be a controlled burn. At 12:01 p.m., Frederick ECC reported that a controlled burn was on file for the area, but contact had not been made with the property owner to verify it. The box-alarm dispatch was held while Chief 14 went to the scene and confirmed a large controlled burn. Chief 14 kept Engine 141 at the location, while all other units were placed in service.



VEHICLE ACCIDENT - ALS, US-15SB / S. JEFFERSON ST (FREDERICK). Photo credit: Frederick County Fire/Rescue.

Shed fire knocked down

Firefighters also responded at 9:07 p.m. to a small-building fire in the 14600 block of Stottlemyer Road. WCC7 found a 12-by-15 shed with fire showing at 9:11 p.m. and established command. At 9:12 p.m., WCC7 reported that no exposures were threatened. Engine 512 was setting up to extinguish the fire at 9:15 p.m. By 9:22 p.m., the bulk of the fire had been knocked down, and a crew was conducting overhaul.

Patient evaluated after Mountville Road collision

A tractor-trailer and an SUV were involved in a reported crash at 4:22 p.m. in the 5500 block of Mountville Road. Rescue Squad 14 reached the scene at 4:24 p.m. and began checking on the occupants. Ambulance 319 was evaluating one patient at 4:27 p.m.

No hazard found after Logan Street gas odor

An indoor gas odor was reported at 11:22 a.m. in the 500 block of Logan Street. Rescue Squad 2 reached the two-story split-level residence at 11:29 a.m., found normal conditions and began investigating. At 11:46 a.m., the unit reported that no hazards were present.

Fire department services not needed at pedestrian call

Emergency units were dispatched at 12:37 p.m. for a reported pedestrian struck in the 3600 block of Buckeystown Pike. Rescue Squad 14 reached the location at 12:42 p.m. and reported that no fire department services were needed. The units were then placed in service.

THE PREVIOUS DAY IN NUMBERS

YESTERDAY AT A GLANCE

CALLS LOGGED	MEDICAL CALLS
84	**67**
17 non-medical · 67 medical	Included in total calls
BUSIEST HOUR	**WEATHER**
12:00 pm	**50° / 43°**
9 calls logged	Cloudy

ACTIVITY SCORE **42**/100 — MODERATE

▲ INCIDENT BREAKDOWN

Fire & building alarms	5
Fire & rescue	3
Hazards & investigations	3
Traffic & accidents	6

MEDICAL CALLS · 67

Advanced Life Support	32
Basic Life Support	26
Other support level	9

MIXED CALLS · 3
Already included in incident categories

Advanced Life Support	2
Basic Life Support	1

LARGEST RESPONSE
Barn Fire
17 units · 2300 Block New Design Rd — Chuck Wade Sod Farm

WHERE CALLS HAPPENED

1.	Frederick	5
2.	Jefferson	2
3.	Adamstown	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	PEAK TRAFFIC HOUR
43 observed during the day	**5 p.m.** 6 reports

TOP CORRIDOR
I-70
16 reports

Disabled Vehicles	14
Crashes	10
Congestion	8
Closures	3
Debris/Hazards	3

Measured slowdown

HERE readings on westbound I-70 near /WB East of MD 85 ranged from 7 to 38 mph between 11:28 a.m. and 3:29 p.m., versus about 65 mph free flow.

Sources: HERE and MDOT CHART.

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Weather

Three-day forecast in Frederick

THURSDAY NOV 26 — **High 50° • Low 46°**
Rain. Cloudy, with a high near 50. Northeast wind 22 to 26 mph, with gusts as high as 49 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New rainfall amounts between 1 and 2 inches possible.
Rain chance 100%

FRIDAY NOV 27 — **High 52° • Low 40°**
A chance of rain showers before 1pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 52. Southwest wind around 17 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%. New rainfall amounts less than a tenth of an inch possible.
Rain chance 40%

SATURDAY NOV 28 — **High 55° • Low 34°**
Mostly sunny, with a high near 55.

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

1 thing to know for Thursday, Nov. 26

FCPS — ALL DAY
Schools and offices closed
FCPS schools and offices are closed today.

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FREDERICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

FCSO Announces Retirement of Lt. Colonel Jeff Eyler, Law Enforcement Bureau Chief

2026-11-25 **Source: Frederick County Sheriff's Office**

FREDERICK, Md. (November 25, 2026) –The Frederick County Sheriff's Office announces the retirement of Lt. Colonel Jeff Eyler, Law Enforcement Bureau Chief, following a distinguished career dedicated to serving the citizens of Frederick County.

Lt. Colonel Eyler began his career with the Frederick County Sheriff's Office in October 2002 as a Deputy Sheriff assigned to Patrol Operations.

Throughout the years, he served the agency in a variety of capacities, including as a K-9 handler, while steadily advancing through the ranks and taking on increasing leadership responsibilities.

Over more than two decades of service, he rose to become the Sheriff's Office's Law Enforcement Bureau Chief, one of the agency's highest-ranking leadership positions.

As Law Enforcement Bureau Chief, Lt. Colonel Eyler served as a key member of the Sheriff's Office executive leadership team, helping guide the agency's operations, personnel, and public safety initiatives.

Throughout his career, he built strong partnerships with law enforcement agencies, community organizations, county leaders, and residents across Frederick County, fostering collaboration and strengthening relationships in support of public safety.

His experience, sound judgment, and dedication to the profession earned him the respect of both his colleagues and law enforcement partners throughout the region.

Lt. Colonel Eyler's commitment to professional excellence was further demonstrated through his graduation from the prestigious 285th Session of the FBI National Academy, one of the world's premier leadership and training programs for law enforcement executives.

The experience enhanced his leadership capabilities and reflected his dedication to professional development and excellence in policing.

"Lt. Colonel Eyler has been a dedicated and reliable member of my senior command staff who has helped shape the direction and professionalism of the Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Bureau," said Sheriff Chuck Jenkins.

"It has been a pleasure to watch a young man progress through a career to which he was fully committed, promote him through the ranks, and see him excel at the highest levels.

His ability to solve problems and make sound decisions speaks to the strong leadership qualities he developed throughout his career.

Jeff has been a positive role model for those serving under his command and supervision at every rank.

He has been an important part of the foundation that helped guide the transition of leadership from one generation of law enforcement professionals to the next.

Jeff will be greatly missed within the Sheriff's Office, and his outstanding service to the citizens of Frederick County will not be forgotten.

I wish Jeff and his family nothing but the very best in retirement and in whatever the future may hold."



Image courtesy of Frederick County Sheriff's Office.

As he begins this next chapter, the Frederick County Sheriff's Office extends its sincere appreciation to Lt. Colonel Eyler for his years of dedicated service and countless contributions to the agency.

His leadership, mentorship, and commitment to public service have helped shape the Sheriff's Office and will leave a lasting legacy for future generations.

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FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT NEWSFLASH

Public Invited to Grand Opening of Utica Connection Trail on December 1

2026-11-25 **Source: Frederick County Government**

FREDERICK, Md. – Members of the public are invited to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Utica Connection Trail on Tuesday, December 1 at 11 a.m.

The ceremony will take place at Utica District Park, 10200-B Old Frederick Road, Frederick, MD 21701. Attendees are encouraged to bring bicycles to join an inaugural trail ride following the ceremony.

The event will feature remarks from County Executive Jessica Fitzwater, Parks and Recreation Division Director Jeremy Kortright, County Council Member Jerry Donald, and members of Frederick County's biking community.

The new Utica Connection Trail will create a paved connection between Utica District Park and Utica Road, providing a safer route for cyclists and pedestrians while opening an additional access point to one of Frederick County's most popular parks.

The northern end of the trail will connect directly to the historic Utica Covered Bridge— linking recreation, transportation, history, and open space to improve visitors' experience.

Utica District Park is one of Frederick County's most heavily used parks, welcoming hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. The park already includes more than six miles of paved and natural-surface trails.

The project reflects recommendations from the County's Bikeways and Trails Plan and supports the vision outlined in the Livable Frederick Master Plan, which calls for stronger connections between parks, neighborhoods, trails, and community destinations.

These connections promote active transportation, improve public health, expand recreation opportunities, and enhance residents' overall quality of life.

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CITY OF FREDERICK NEWS

City Offices Closed and Service Schedules Adjusted for Thanksgiving

2026-11-25 **Source: City of Frederick**

The City of Frederick offices will be closed on Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27, 2026, in observance of Thanksgiving. Some services and facility operations will be affected.
Residents are encouraged to review the following schedule changes before the holiday.

There will be NO yard waste collection for NAC 8 on Thursday, November 26, 2026, or NAC's 1 and 5 on Friday, November 27, 2026.

The Department of Housing and Human Services, including the food bank and Community Health Center, will be closed on Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27, 2026.

The Community Table will operate on its normal schedule.

The Talley Recreation Center will be closed on Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27, 2026.

Free parking on the street and in the garage (Starting Thanksgiving morning through 6:00am Monday Morning)

ParkMobile is FREE (it will not allow you to pay during free periods)

The Parking office will be closed 12/21 from 11:30 - 14:30 for holiday celebration.

All continuing weekends through New Years parking is free Saturday 7am - Monday 6am



Image courtesy of City of Frederick.

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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.

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

View the event details

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COVERING **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2026**

The Day's Run Log

Complete call activity for Wednesday, November 25. Excludes medical calls.

ALARMS **1:45 am**

Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/ Mobile Home)

11200 block COUNTRY CLUB RD

UNITS: E153

PUBLIC SAFETY **2:17 am**

Unknown Odor Inside

9800 block CROSSFIELD RD (FUNKSTOWN)

UNITS: R8

TRAFFIC & ROADS **3:32 am**

Vehicle Accident - ALS

US-15SB / S. JEFFERSON ST (FREDERICK)

UNITS: A19, A38, ALS4, ALS2, E11, E33, R2, HM33, HMSU33, EMS901

3:37 am E11 on scene, US-15SB just north of S. Jefferson St; vehicle into the rear of a tractor trailer.

3:44 am A19, A38 each evaluating one patient. Requesting sand truck from State Highway Administration to contain leaking fluid that has spilled across the roadway.

3:46 am E11 requesting HazMat resources to pump-off diesel fuel from truck's saddle tank(s).

3:51 am A38 requesting ALS resource.

3:52 am M19 transporting a patient with serious injuries to Meritus Medical Hospital.

4:17 am M38 transporting second patient to FHH.

4:25 am E11 reports HM33, HMSU33 have completed fuel pump-off operations. E11 awaiting arrival of sand truck.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **7:01 am**

Check Up After Accident - Police On Scene

1200 block STALEY AVE (FREDERICK)

UNITS: A28, E23

PUBLIC SAFETY **7:12 am**

Gas Odor Outside

7800 block OAK LEAF CT

UNITS: E172

7:19 am E172 in the area, investigating.

7:30 am E172 investigated, nothing found.

ALARMS **9:46 am**

Commercial Fire Alarm

8400 block PROGRESS DR

UNITS: E111, Q11, TT4

9:53 am Frederick ECC advises responding units that the proper alarm passcode was received. Units in service.

ALARMS **11:15 am**

Commercial Fire Alarm

200 block S. MARKET ST (FREDERICK)

UNITS: E33, TT4

11:16 am E33 on the scene, 3-story middle of the row residence. Nothing evident. Investigating.

PUBLIC SAFETY **11:22 am**

Gas Odor Inside

500 block LOGAN ST (FREDERICK)

UNITS: PE311, E11, R2

11:29 am R2 on the scene, 2-story split-level residence. Normal conditions. Investigating.

11:46 am R2 investigated, no hazards present. Units in service.

FIRE & RESCUE **12:01 pm**

Barn Fire

2300 block NEW DESIGN RD — CHUCK WADE SOD FARM

UNITS: E141, E281, PE311, E201, E33, R20, TT4, TW1, K23, EK204, K1, A149, ALS31, C14, BC903, BC901, SAF901

12:01 pm Frederick ECC reports they have a controlled burn on file in the area, held off on dispatching the Box Alarm but were unable to make contact with property owner of the controlled burn to verify.

12:01 pm C14 on the scene, confirms a large controlled burn. C14 holding E141. All other units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **12:37 pm**

Pedestrian Struck - ALS

3600 block BUCKEYSTOWN PIKE

UNITS: A149, ALS31, R14, EMS902

12:42 pm R14 on the scene, no fire department services needed. Units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **1:47 pm**

Vehicle Accident - Entrapment

5000 block JEFFERSON PIKE (JEFFERSON)

UNITS: A209, A129, ALS20, R20, E201, C20, BC903, EMS901, TRNBC900

1:52 pm A209 on the scene, 2 vehicles involved. Occupants appear to be out. TRNBC900 on the scene, establishing command.

1:54 pm TRNBC900 reports one occupant trapped.

1:55 pm TRNBC900 requesting additional ambulance.

1:56 pm TRNBC900 reports extrication of trapped patient completed.

2:11 pm A129 transporting one patient with non-life-threatening injuries to FHH.

2:13 pm M209 transporting a patient with serious injuries to Meritus Medical Center.

ALARMS **4:11 pm**

Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/ Mobile Home)

6600 block CORBEL WAY (BALLENGER CREEK)

UNITS: PE311

4:16 pm PE311 on the scene, 2-story single-family; nothing evident.

4:18 pm PE311 reports accidental activation. PE311 in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **4:22 pm**

Vehicle Accident - BLS

5500 block MOUNTVILLE RD (ADAMSTOWN)

UNITS: A319, R14

4:24 pm R14 on the scene, tractor trailer vs. SUV. Checking on occupants.

4:27 pm A319 evaluating one patient.

TRAFFIC & ROADS **5:08 pm**

Check Up After Accident - Police On Scene

S. JEFFERSON ST @ US-15 / CATOCTIN MOUNTAIN HWY

UNITS: A38, E33

FIRE & RESCUE **9:07 pm**

Small Building Fire

14600 block STOTTLEMYER RD

UNITS: PE102, WCE71, R10, K21, K10, E212, E512, A309, WCM791, WCC7

9:11 pm WCC7 on the scene, 12x15 shed with fire showing. WCC7 establishing command.

9:12 pm WCC7 reports no exposures threatened.

9:15 pm E512 on scene, in process of setting up to extinguish fire.

9:22 pm E512 reports bulk of fire has been knocked. WCC7 reports crew in process of overhaul.

ALARMS **10:09 pm**

Commercial Fire Alarm

3400 block WORTHINGTON BLVD — FHH IMMEDIATE CARE (URBANA)

UNITS: E231, TT23

10:13 pm TT23 on scene, 2-story medical building. Nothing evident.

FIRE & RESCUE **11:10 pm**

Transformer Fire

400 block BIGGS AVE (FREDERICK)

UNITS: E11

FREDERICK, MARYLAND

7-Day Weather

National Weather Service

WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
Nov 25	Nov 26	Nov 27	Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 1
50° / 43°	50° / 46°	52° / 40°	55° / 34°	58° / 44°	55° / 30°	52° / 31°
Cloudy	Rain	Chance Rain Showers	Mostly Sunny	Partly Sunny	Light Rain Likely then Partly Sunny	Mostly Sunny
OBSERVED	ISSUE DAY	38% precip	1% precip	78% precip	71% precip	5% precip

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