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Update: Tropical Depression Ida Hits Frederick County

(Frederick, September 1, 2021) – Tropical Depression Ida entered Frederick County in the early morning hours of Wednesday, September 1, 2021 bringing with it torrential rains, tornado and flash flood warnings. As of 8:30pm Frederick County Fire and Rescue units have been dispatched to 22 water rescue calls, 56 flooding conditions service calls, and 13 vehicle accidents. *One* of the water rescues involved *an* FCPS school bus as they were transporting student’s home after the school day. All students and the driver involved were successfully rescued, evaluated, and have made it safely to their homes. *2 additional dispatches came in for bus incidents however there was no immediate danger and service was not needed by fire department personnel.* The details of those incidents are below:

- 2:59pm | Water Rescue involving Bus | IAO Hessong Bridge Rd and Blacks Mill Rd | 10 students and 1 Driver | all successfully rescued
- 3:07pm | Water Rescue involving Bus | IAO Hiney Rd and Legore Rd | *FCDFRS assisted the driver with maneuvering out of a flood area.*
- 3:49pm | Water Rescue involving Bus | IAO New Design Rd and Mountville Rd | *dispatched; no FCDFRS services needed*

Mutual Aide units from Howard, Carroll, Washington, Adams, and Montgomery counties as well as personnel from the Frederick County Sheriff’s Office, Maryland State Police, and Frederick City Police assisted with the safe retrieval of all vehicle occupants.

Currently there are 83 road closures in Frederick County to include Frederick City due to flooding or construction. Road closures can be found at www.frederickcountymd.gov/roadsclosed

We encourage residents and visitors to avoid travel as Tropical Depression Ida continues to move through Frederick County.

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Photos of the incident can be found on Facebook and Twitter @FCDFRS

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