



NCR WATCH DESK

SUNRISE BRIEF, FEBRUARY 18, 2020

I. WEATHER

- **Today:** Rain likely, mainly after 4PM. Chance of precipitation is 60%. High 57°. Low 40°.



II. DEVELOPMENTS OF NOTE

National Capital Region

- **Arlington County:** The Heights Building, which hosts two schools and administrative offices, will be closed today due to an accidental break in a sprinkler line caused by a contactor. Families will be notified by 6PM today regarding the operating status for Wednesday, February 19. [Link](#)
- **District of Columbia:** FEMS responded to a fatal fire in the 4800 block of 10 Street NE at two-story duplex. The fire was discovered by a unit going to obtain fuel.



Firefighters respond to a fire (Source: DC Fire and EMS)

- **Charles County:** All southbound lanes of US-301/Crain Highway at Mitchell Road were closed for five hours overnight due to a motor vehicle collision. All lanes have reopened.
- **Montgomery County:** All westbound lanes of I-495 prior to exit 29/University Blvd/MD-193 were closed for several hours overnight due to a multi-vehicle accident. All lanes have reopened.
- **NCR:** Employees of regional Giant and Safeway stores plan for a potential strike over wages, healthcare, and work pensions. A rally and press conference to announce the date for a potential strike vote is scheduled for tomorrow, February 19. [Link](#)

United States

- **Arizona:** A White Mountain Apache police officer was shot and killed while responding to reports of shots fired at a casino in Pinetop-Lakeside, 180 miles east of Phoenix. The officer and the suspect engaged in a violent physical altercation when the officer was shot. A second officer arrived and shot the male suspect. This is the state's eleventh officer-involved shooting this year. [Link](#)

III. COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

- **Overview:** Johns Hopkins University's Center for Systems Science and Engineering reports 73,336 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 1,874 deaths as of 2/18/2020 at 6:03AM. [Link](#)
- **Japan:** Officials are preparing to start clinical trials using HIV treatment for COVID-19. [Link](#)
- **Global:** The World Health Organization developed guidance documents for managing public health events at Points of Entry and mass gatherings. [Link](#)