



## MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORT

### Thunderbolt Fire Rescue – Mission Statement

At Thunderbolt Fire Rescue, our mission is to **protect lives, property, and the environment** through dedicated service, rapid response, and professional excellence.

We are committed to serving the citizens and visitors of our community with **honor, integrity, and compassion**—providing fire suppression, emergency medical care, public education, and disaster response.

Through continuous training, teamwork, and community engagement, we strive to deliver the highest level of service, ensuring safety and resilience for all.

### Thunderbolt Fire Rescue – Vision Statement

Our vision is to be a **leader in emergency services**, recognized for our **excellence, innovation, and commitment** to community safety.

We strive to build a department that is **highly trained, well-equipped, and deeply trusted**, always prepared to meet the evolving needs of the people we serve.

Through proactive outreach, progressive training, and a culture of respect and accountability, we aim to inspire **confidence, pride, and partnership** within our community.

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Chief of Thunderbolt Fire Department

# Thunderbolt Fire Rescue

## Monthly Report – January

Mayor and Council Members,

Please find below a summary of Fire Rescue activities and accomplishments for the month of **January**.

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### Emergency Response Activity

During the month of January, Thunderbolt Fire Rescue responded to a total of **28 calls for service**, including:

- **17 Medical Emergencies**
- **8 Fire Calls**
- **3 Motor Vehicle Collisions**

Our personnel continue to provide rapid, professional response to both fire suppression and emergency medical incidents throughout the community.

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### Training Activities

Ongoing training remains a top priority to ensure operational readiness and firefighter safety. January training included:

- **Assessment and treatment of patients with major trauma**
- **Defensive driving strategies for emergency vehicle operators**
- **Building construction and fire behavior (“Reading a Building”)**
- **Vehicle extrication techniques**

Additionally, our department partnered with the **Savannah Fire Department** during a hands-on **vehicle extrication class sponsored by Milwaukee Tool**. This training enhanced our members’ proficiency with modern rescue tools and reinforced interagency cooperation.

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### Equipment & Operations

In January, we completed **annual hose testing** on all fire apparatus hose loads as well as reserve hose stored at the station. Only **one section of hose failed testing** and was removed from service.

Rather than disposing of outdated hose, the department donated it to the **Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens**, where it will be repurposed in the construction of a new monkey habitat. It’s great to see retired equipment supporting a creative and educational cause.

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## Community Support

Thunderbolt Fire Rescue would also like to recognize **Starbucks** for their generous support. Starbucks has donated a **year's supply of coffee** to the firehouse for 2026. Their contribution helps support morale and is greatly appreciated by our firefighters and staff.

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Thunderbolt Fire Rescue remains committed to providing high-quality emergency services, maintaining strong training standards, and fostering positive partnerships within and beyond our community.

Respectfully submitted,

**Chief Boyles**

Thunderbolt Fire Rescue