



Thunderbolt Fire Rescue – Mission Statement

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

Committed to serving the citizens and the 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.



MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORT

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Thunderbolt Fire Rescue

Monthly Report – April 2026

Overview:

For the month of April, Thunderbolt Fire Rescue continued to provide professional and timely emergency services to the Town of Thunderbolt. Below is a summary of call volume, training, and departmental activities.

Call Volume:

Total Calls for April: **37**

- EMS Calls: **21**
- Fire Calls: **14**
- Motor Vehicle Collisions: **2**

Training:

Training for the month of April consisted of:

- EMS: Bleeding and Shock
- Fleet Program: Intersection Safety for Emergency Vehicle Operators

(All training continues to meet applicable Georgia standards and NFPA guidelines.)

Operations & Activities:

- Thunderbolt Fire Rescue recognized Autism Awareness Month by flying an autism awareness flag on Squad 501 throughout the month of April.
- Thunderbolt Fire Rescue and Tybee Marine Rescue Squadron signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishing a partnership for water vessel-based emergency response and recovery operations.
- In coordination with Public Works, Thunderbolt Fire Rescue assisted in deploying red bags to clearly mark out-of-service fire hydrants to improve operational awareness and safety.
- Thunderbolt Fire Rescue initiated the distribution of “File of Life” cards to residents throughout the community. This program is designed to provide first responders with immediate access to critical medical and contact information during emergencies. The cards are stored in a highly visible and standardized location, typically on a refrigerator, allowing responders to quickly identify patient history, allergies, current medications, and emergency contacts without delay. This initiative is particularly valuable for elderly residents, individuals living alone, and those who may be nonverbal or unable to communicate effectively during a medical emergency. By reducing the time needed to gather essential information, the program enhances patient care, improves decision-making in the field, and supports better overall outcomes during emergency responses.
- Thunderbolt Fire Rescue responded to assist with the Brantley County Wildfires as part of a coordinated, multi-agency response effort across the State of Georgia. The Fire Chief served in a leadership capacity as Division 6, Sector 2, overseeing operations and coordinating resources in a highly dynamic and hazardous wildfire environment. Personnel were deployed for over 24 hours, assisting with fire suppression efforts, protection of structures, and support to affected residents. This deployment reflects Thunderbolt Fire Rescue’s commitment to statewide mutual aid, interagency cooperation, and the protection of life and property beyond our immediate jurisdiction when called upon.

- A zero-tolerance burn ban remained in effect throughout April and into mid-May. Violations are subject to a first offense fine of \$500.

Fire Prevention & Community Outreach:

- Distribution of “File of Life” cards to enhance resident safety and emergency preparedness.
- Continued public awareness efforts regarding the active burn ban and associated penalties.

Closing:

Thunderbolt Fire Rescue remains committed to providing high-quality emergency response, training, and community risk reduction. We appreciate the continued support from the Town Council.