



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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Thunderbolt Fire Rescue

Monthly Report to Town Council

December 2025

For the month of **December**, Thunderbolt Fire Rescue responded to a total of **24 emergency calls**. These incidents included:

- **7 Fire Calls**
- **17 Medical Calls**

Our personnel continued to provide prompt, professional service to the residents and visitors of the Town of Thunderbolt, maintaining readiness throughout the holiday season.

The **Santa on Top of the Fire Truck** initiative held during the month of December was a **great success**. The event allowed Thunderbolt Fire Rescue to engage directly with the community, spread holiday cheer, and strengthen positive relationships with residents—especially children—throughout the town. Participation and feedback from the community were overwhelmingly positive, and the event reflected well on the department's commitment to public outreach and community involvement.

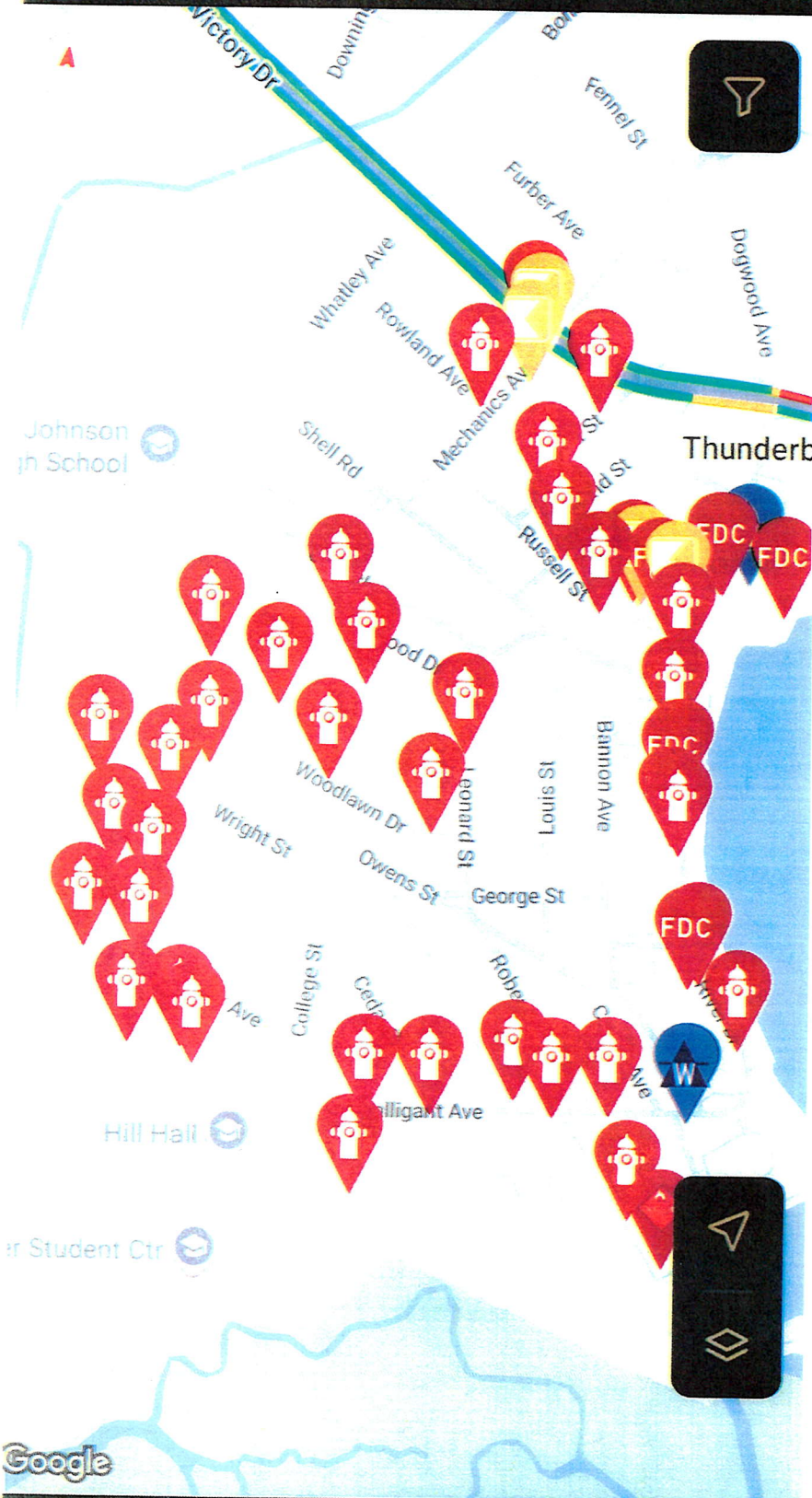
During the month of December, Thunderbolt Fire Rescue **developed and implemented a Fire Watch Authorization and Liability Waiver Form** for businesses operating with **knowingly impaired or non-functional fire alarm systems**. This form is designed in accordance with the **Georgia State Fire Code** and applicable **National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards**, including requirements for maintaining life safety during periods when a required fire protection system is out of service.

The Fire Watch process ensures that affected occupancies implement **continuous human monitoring, emergency notification procedures, and corrective action timelines** while system deficiencies are being repaired. The authorization and waiver clearly define owner and occupant responsibilities and **relieve the Town of Thunderbolt of liability** resulting from non-compliant fire alarm systems during the approved Fire Watch period. Thunderbolt Fire Rescue will continue to oversee compliance to ensure public safety and adherence to state-mandated fire protection standards.

In addition to emergency response operations, Thunderbolt Fire Rescue has made **significant progress in advancing the Active 9-1-1 application** for use within the Town of Thunderbolt. This technology will enhance situational awareness, improve response coordination, and provide real-time incident information to responding personnel. Example images have been included to demonstrate the functionality and benefits of this system.

Beginning **January 1st**, the **nationwide emergency reporting system transitioned to a new platform**. In preparation for this change, department members have actively participated in training courses to ensure compliance and accuracy in reporting. Additionally, all **annual training hours have been submitted to the State of Georgia and officially approved**.

Thunderbolt Fire Rescue will continue to train throughout the year to ensure all personnel remain **current with state training requirements and professional standards**. We appreciate the continued support of the Mayor and Town Council as we move forward with these improvements.



BREATHING PROBLEMS URGENT




GPS 32.031204, -01.033037

Notes 00:12:48 new description: RUN REPORT
 00:12:48 new units: CAD
 Incidents
 12/14/25 15:34
 DISPATCHED:15:35
 ENROUTE:15:36
 STAGED:
 AT SCENE:15:38
 DEPART SCENE:
 AT DESTINATION:
 AVAILABLE:15:47
 MILEAGE:

Nearest Markers

Tap and hold for options

-  hydrant 157 ft [Map](#)
-  hydrant 481 ft [Map](#)
-  hydrant 588 ft [Map](#)
-  hydrant 628 ft [Map](#)
-  hydrant 878 ft [Map](#)

External Links

Open Navigation



Alerts



Personnel



Map



Chat





Thunderbolt Fire and Rescue

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM RESPONSIBILITY & LIABILITY WAIVER

Business Name: _____
Business Address: _____
City / State / ZIP: _____
Business Phone: _____
Fire Alarm Company (if applicable): _____

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FIRE ALARM SYSTEM CONDITION

The undersigned business owner, operator, or authorized representative acknowledges that the fire alarm system located at the above address is **faulty, impaired, malfunctioning, disabled, or otherwise not operating as designed**, either temporarily or permanently.

The undersigned further acknowledges that they are the **owner or legally authorized representative** of the business and have full authority to execute this waiver.

ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY

The undersigned understands and agrees that:

1. **The responsibility for inspection, repair, maintenance, monitoring, and proper operation of the fire alarm system rests solely with the business owner/operator.**
 2. Thunderbolt Fire and Rescue **does not own, install, service, monitor, or maintain** the fire alarm system.
 3. Any failure of the fire alarm system to operate properly, including failure to alert occupants, monitoring agencies, or emergency responders, is **not the responsibility of Thunderbolt Fire and Rescue.**
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RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

The undersigned hereby **releases, waives, discharges, and holds harmless Thunderbolt Fire and Rescue**, its officers, employees, agents, and the Town of Thunderbolt from **any and all claims, demands, damages, losses, liabilities, or causes of action**, including injury, death, or property damage, arising out of or related to:

- A faulty, impaired, or non-functioning fire alarm system
- Failure of the alarm system to activate, transmit, or notify
- Delayed notification of emergency services due to alarm malfunction

This waiver applies **regardless of cause**, except where prohibited by law.

UNDERSTANDING OF FIRE CODE REQUIREMENTS

The undersigned understands that **Georgia Fire Code and NFPA standards require operational fire alarm systems** where mandated, and that continued impairment may result in:

This waiver **does not relieve the business from compliance** with applicable fire codes.

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

I certify that I have read and fully understand this waiver and voluntarily agree to its terms.

Printed Name: _____
Title: _____
Signature: _____
Date: _____

Fire Department Use Only

Officer Name / Badge: _____
Signature: _____
Date: _____