



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
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Incident Response Summary

In October 2025, Thunderbolt Fire Rescue responded to a total of **32 incidents**. Below is a breakdown of these calls by type:

- **Fire Calls: 13**
 - These included structural, marine, and outside fires requiring fire suppression or investigation.
- **Motor Vehicle Collisions (MVCs): 4**
 - Responses included roadway extrications, vehicle stabilization, and patient assessment.
- **Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Calls: 15**
 - Medical emergencies included trauma, cardiac, respiratory, and other priority medical complaints.

Our average response time for the month remained within acceptable operational standards, reflecting our department's continued commitment to rapid and effective emergency service delivery.

Training & Professional Development

Thunderbolt Fire Rescue placed a strong focus on personnel development during October, ensuring all members remain compliant with national standards and ready to address diverse emergencies. Training activities included:

- **NFPA 1001 – Fire Control Techniques:** scenarios emphasizing hose line management, fire behavior, and interior attack strategies.
- **Hazardous Materials Identification & Spill Prevention:** Recognizing hazardous substances, initial isolation procedures, and decontamination.
- **First Aid – Burns:** Immediate and advanced treatment techniques for thermal, electrical, and chemical burns.
- **EMS Focus Topic – Altered Mental Status (AMS):** Assessment and advanced intervention for patients experiencing confusion, seizures, hypoglycemia, or stroke.

Each training session was logged and completed per NFPA standards and departmental SOPs.

Community Relations & Fire Prevention Activities

October marked **National Fire Prevention Month**, with a special emphasis on Fire Prevention Week in the first week of the month.

- **Fire Prevention Week at Whitmarsh Day School:** Firefighters visited classrooms to educate students on home fire escape planning, stop-drop-and-roll techniques, and how to safely engage 9-1-1.

- **Business Outreach for Knox Box Program:**

Beginning this month, Thunderbolt Fire Rescue will be conducting a systematic outreach to town businesses, encouraging them to install Knox Boxes (NOx boxes). These boxes allow secure access to structures during after-hours emergencies, improving response times and reducing property damage.

Relevant literature and installation guidance will be provided to each business during the inspection process.

Operational Improvements & Equipment Updates

To better address emergency incidents on or near the water, Thunderbolt Fire Rescue will be adding a **portable fire suppression device ("firebomb")** to **Squad 501**. This tool, specifically designed for confined marine spaces and cabin areas, allows personnel to aggressively combat interior boat fires without immediate entry—enhancing both safety and fire control efficiency.

This upgrade complements our growing marine rescue focus and reinforces our readiness to support Thunderbolt's waterfront community and visiting boaters.

Conclusion

Thunderbolt Fire Rescue continues to push forward on all fronts—emergency response, training, public safety education, and equipment modernization. Our dedication remains steadfast in protecting the people, property, and waterways of the Town of Thunderbolt.

Thank you for your continued support and trust in our department.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Boyles
Thunderbolt Fire Rescue