



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 – July 2026

To: Mayor and Town Council

From: Fire Chief Odis Boyles

Reporting Period: July 2026

Emergency Response

During the month of July, Thunderbolt Fire & Rescue responded to a total of **41 calls for service**.

- **14 Fire-Related Calls**
- **1 Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Call**
- **1 Water Rescue**
- **25 EMS/Other Calls**

Department personnel continued to provide fire suppression, emergency medical response, rescue services, and other emergency assistance to the Town of Thunderbolt and surrounding areas as needed.

Training

During July, department personnel participated in a variety of fire, EMS, and driver/operator training designed to maintain proficiency, improve firefighter safety, and ensure readiness for emergency operations.

Training for the month included:

- **Driving on Roadways / Emergency Vehicle Operations**
- **NFPA 1002 – Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator Training**
- **EMS – Heat Illness and Heat-Related Emergencies**
- **Fire Extinguisher Safety**
- **NFPA 1001 – Fire Control Training**

These training activities help ensure our personnel remain prepared to safely and effectively respond to the wide variety of emergencies encountered by the department.

Equipment, Apparatus & Annual Maintenance

During July, **all department ground ladders were inspected and tested by an independent company** as part of the department's required annual testing program. Annual testing helps ensure our ladders remain safe, serviceable, and ready for emergency operations.

Additionally, **Squad 501 and Engine 501 received their annual testing, inspection, and preventative maintenance service**. Maintaining our apparatus on a regular schedule is an important part of ensuring reliability, firefighter safety, and emergency response readiness.

The department will continue to prioritize preventative maintenance and annual testing of apparatus and equipment to help identify potential problems before they affect emergency operations.

File of Life Program

Thunderbolt Fire & Rescue would also like to remind the community that **File of Life cards are available for pickup at the fire station at no charge.** File of Life cards are also carried on department fire apparatus and can be provided to residents by department personnel.

We strongly encourage anyone who has a **medical condition, takes prescription medications, has allergies, or has other important medical information** to complete and maintain a File of Life.

During a medical emergency, the File of Life can provide firefighters and EMS personnel with quick access to important information regarding a patient's medical history, medications, allergies, and emergency contacts. Having this information readily available can be especially important when a patient is unable to communicate with emergency personnel.

Residents who would like a File of Life are encouraged to stop by the fire station or ask a member of Thunderbolt Fire & Rescue.

Summary

July was another productive month for Thunderbolt Fire & Rescue. Along with responding to **41 calls for service**, department personnel continued required training, completed important annual apparatus and equipment maintenance, and continued promoting programs designed to improve the safety of our residents.

Thunderbolt Fire & Rescue remains committed to maintaining a high level of **training, preparedness, equipment readiness, and service to the citizens of the Town of Thunderbolt.**