



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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Monthly Report – August 2026

Call Volume

For the month of August, Thunderbolt Fire Department responded to a total of 28 calls for service.

- 20 EMS calls
- 7 fire calls
- 1 public service call

Monthly Training

During August, Thunderbolt Fire Department personnel continued departmental training and professional development. Training topics included:

- Fire Stream Operations
- EMS Burn Management
- Ropes and Knots
- Fire Alarm Systems

These training sessions help ensure personnel maintain proficiency in both fire suppression and emergency medical response operations.

Renegade Rescue Donation Partnership

During August, Thunderbolt Fire Department partnered with Renegade Rescue to establish the fire station as a drop-off location for donations.

This partnership provides the community with a convenient location to contribute needed items while allowing the department to continue supporting local organizations and community outreach efforts.

Fire and EMS Response-Time Review

During August, Thunderbolt Fire Department reviewed response-time data, with particular attention given to the amount of time between the Fire Department arriving on scene and the arrival of an EMS transport unit.

The review showed that Thunderbolt Fire Department's average response time is under four minutes. However, the department is experiencing an average gap of approximately 12 to 20 minutes before an EMS unit arrives.

Because Thunderbolt firefighters are frequently providing patient care during this period, the department continues to evaluate equipment that can improve patient care and reduce the physical demands placed on personnel during prolonged medical emergencies.

Request for Automated CPR Device

The response-time findings further support the department's request to obtain a LUCAS or ZOLL automated chest compression device.

During a cardiac arrest, high-quality and uninterrupted chest compressions are critical. An automated chest compression device can provide consistent compressions while allowing firefighters to perform other necessary patient-care functions during the period before EMS transport personnel arrive.

With Thunderbolt Fire Department frequently arriving well ahead of an EMS unit, this equipment would provide an additional resource for our firefighters and could significantly improve our ability to manage cardiac arrest emergencies.

The estimated cost of an automated CPR device can range from approximately \$11,000 to \$20,000, depending on the specific model and whether the department purchases a brand-new or refurbished unit. The department will evaluate both options to determine the most cost-effective solution while ensuring the equipment meets our operational and patient-care needs.

Recognition from Chatham EMS

During August, the Chief of Chatham EMS recognized Thunderbolt Fire Department and specifically recognized Thunderbolt Fire Department employees Josh Molher, Nicholas Bracken, and Todd Horn for their excellent line-of-duty service.

This recognition reflects positively on these employees and the department as a whole. Their professionalism, dedication, and quality of service demonstrate the level of care Thunderbolt Fire Department strives to provide to the citizens and visitors of the Town of Thunderbolt.

Summary

August was another productive month for Thunderbolt Fire Department. In addition to responding to 28 calls for service, personnel continued important fire and EMS training, participated in community outreach through the Renegade Rescue partnership, reviewed response-time data to identify opportunities to improve emergency medical care, and received recognition from Chatham EMS for excellent service.

The department will continue working to improve its capabilities, equipment, training, and overall level of service to the Town of Thunderbolt.