

# THUNDERBOLT POLICE DEPARTMENT



## MONTHLY REPORT - MAY 2026

Gene Harley, Chief of Police

Submitted to Matthew Walker, Town Administrator

### CHIEF'S MESSAGE

As the newly appointed Chief of Police for the Town of Thunderbolt, the month of May was focused on onboarding, relationship building, operational assessment, and establishing priorities for the future of the Department. Priorities moving forward include community policing, employee development, operational efficiency, and transparency.

### RECRUITMENT & STAFFING

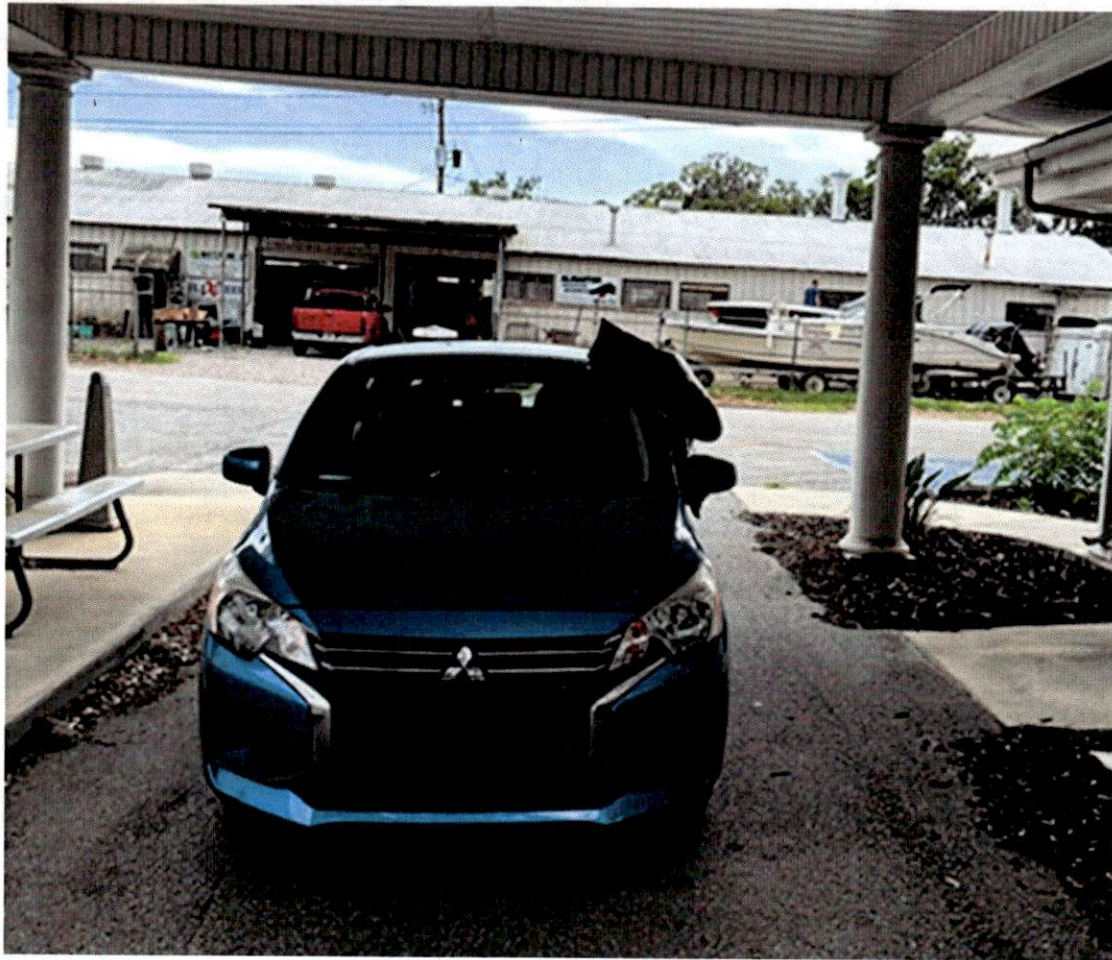
On May 22, 2026, Captain Runyon and I attended the Savannah Technical College Police Academy Graduation. During the event, we met with several graduates seeking employment opportunities. As a result, we subsequently met with a potential applicant whose application is currently under review.

### OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

The Police Department has begun working with the Municipal Court to identify opportunities to reduce officer overtime associated with court appearances on scheduled days off while improving overall efficiency.

## COMMUNITY POLICING IN ACTION

On May 27, officers assisted a resident whose vehicle window had been damaged. Officers coordinated a secure overnight parking location and increased patrol attention to the vehicle. This interaction demonstrated our commitment to community-oriented policing and strengthening relationships with residents.



## DAILY ACTIVITY REPORT (DAR)

A Daily Activity Report process has been implemented to document community contacts, citizen assistance, enforcement efforts, arrests, significant incidents, and shift priorities. This initiative improves communication, accountability, and recognition of positive employee performance.



### Thunderbolt Police Department Daily Activity Report



Name:  
Watch: Day/Night  
Date:

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#### **STREET PERSONNEL**

Sergeant – 0  
Officer – 0  
FTR – 0

#### **Shift Priorities:**

- Check your vehicle / gear / equipment
- School zones – when appropriate
- Traffic enforcement
- Residential patrols
- Business checks
- Park and playground checks
- Construction and work zones
- Finish daily paperwork before end of shift

#### **Beat Priorities:**

- Stay alert near schools, parks, ATMs
- Know your beat
- Focus on hot spots

#### **Extra Patrol:**

N/A

#### **Special Circumstances (Weather/Special Events):**

None.

The DAR also documents community engagement activities, citizen contacts, and special events, providing leadership with a daily snapshot of departmental activity.

## DEPARTMENT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Activity	Total
Incident Reports	29
Accident Reports	0
Miscellaneous Reports	3
Domestic Violence Reports	5
DUI Arrests	1
Persons Arrested	13
Felony Arrests	1
Misdemeanor Arrests	12
Agency Assists	1
Traffic Citations	114
Written Warnings	47
Animal Complaints	0

## MUNICIPAL COURT

Court Fees & Fines Collected: **\$13,804.08**

## CHIEF'S CLOSING REMARKS

It is an honor to serve as Chief of Police for the Town of Thunderbolt. I appreciate the support received from the Mayor, Council, Town Administration, employees, residents, and business community and look forward to continuing to move the Department forward.

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Crime Statistics Comparison – Year-to-Date Through May 2026

Classification	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	Trend
Homicide	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	—
Sexual Assault	X	X	X	X	X	X	2	↓
Robbery	X	X	X	X	X	X	1	↓
Aggravated Assault	X	X	X	X	X	X	3	↓
Simple Assault	2	X	1	2	X	5	6	↓
Burglary	3	X	1	X	X	4	2	↑
Larceny/Theft	5	X	1	2	X	8	33	↓
Auto Theft	X	1	X	1	X	2	2	—
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>↓</b>

May Activity / Trend Summary	April	May	Change	Trend	Notes
Incident Reports	15	29	14	↑	Increased from April
Accident Reports	3	X	-3	↓	None reported in May
Miscellaneous Reports	2	3	1	↑	Slight increase
Domestic Violence Reports	X	5	5	↑	Increase from zero
D.U.I. Arrests	X	1	1	↑	One reported in May
Persons Arrested	8	13	5	↑	1 felony / 12 misdemeanor
Traffic Citations	66	114	48	↑	Higher enforcement activity
Written Warnings	35	47	12	↑	Higher warning activity
Animal Complaints	X	X	0	—	No change
Agency Assists		1		↑	May report included 1 agency assist
Municipal Court Fees/Fines	\$15,534.25	\$13,804.08	-\$1,730.17	↓	Court collections decreased from April

Source note: Crime classification data comes from New Stats.pdf page 1. April activity data comes from the prior monthly example; May activity data comes from New Stats.pdf page 2. X indicates no activity.