



## 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.

Prepared by:

Odin Boyles

Chief of Thunderbolt Fire Department

## **Incident Response**

During the month of November, Thunderbolt Fire Rescue responded to a total of **24 incidents**, broken down as follows:

- **Technical Rescue:** 1
- **Motor Vehicle Collisions (MVCs):** 3
- **Fire Calls:** 9
- **Medical/EMS Calls:** 11

All incidents were handled professionally, with prompt response times and no major injuries to personnel. The technical rescue incident was mitigated efficiently by trained staff utilizing proper rescue procedures.

---

## **Training**

Training for the month of November focused on strengthening operational readiness across fire and EMS disciplines. Training topics included:

- **How to Read Smoke from a Building** — Recognizing smoke color, volume, velocity, and density to predict fire behavior and interior conditions
- **Flammable and Combustible Liquids** — Identification, storage hazards, and suppression considerations
- **EMS: Confined Space Awareness** — Patient care considerations and responder safety around confined-space environments

All personnel successfully completed the required monthly training hours.

---

## **Audits and Compliance**

Thunderbolt Fire Rescue underwent two separate audits during November:

- **Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) Audit:** A short audit reviewing internal procedures, documentation, and compliance
- **Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council (GFSTC) Official State Audit:** Full evaluation of personnel certifications, training records, and department compliance

We are pleased to report that **we passed both audits successfully and remain fully compliant with all State of Georgia requirements**. This accomplishment reflects the hard work and commitment of our staff to maintaining high professional standards.

---

---

## Community Outreach & Special Events

November included multiple community-focused efforts:

- Ongoing business outreach encouraging installation and proper use of **Knox Box** rapid-entry systems
- Public education on holiday fire safety, including heating equipment, decorations, and cooking safety
- Planning for December holiday activities and community engagement events

### Looking into December:

- A **Santa Mailbox** has been placed in front of the fire station for children to drop off letters. Parents may pick up the return response if desired.
  - Thunderbolt Fire Rescue will also be escorting **Santa Claus around Town on top of a firetruck** on dates **to be announced**.
  - Department participation continues for the **Ghost Pirates game on December 5th** and the **Town of Thunderbolt Holiday Party on December 12th**.
- 

## Apparatus, Equipment & Facilities

- All apparatus underwent routine weekly checks, cleaning, and preventative maintenance.
  - Minor equipment issues identified during inspections were corrected promptly.
  - All tools, SCBAs, medical bags, and hoses remain in operational readiness.
- 

## Looking Ahead

As December begins, the department remains focused on:

- Supporting holiday events and increasing community presence
  - Continuing outreach on safe decorating, space heaters, and cooking practices
  - Maintaining readiness for structure fires, winter-related hazards, and increased EMS activity
  - Advancing SOP development and internal process improvements
- 

Thank you for your continued support of Thunderbolt Fire Rescue and our commitment to protecting the residents, visitors, and businesses of the Town of Thunderbolt.

Respectfully submitted,

**Chief Boyles**

Fire Chief, Thunderbolt Fire Rescue



Ho! Ho! Ho!

Merry Christmas, my friend!

I received your wonderful letter here at the North Pole, and I want you to know that it made me smile from ear to ear. The elves and I have been very busy getting everything ready for Christmas Eve, but I always take time to read every letter from Thunderbolt's children—especially those delivered with help from the brave firefighters at the Thunderbolt Fire Department!

I'm happy to hear how well you've been doing this year. Keep being kind, helpful, and hardworking, because that's what truly puts you on my Nice List. Mrs. Claus has been checking the list twice, and I must say... you're doing a wonderful job!

The reindeer are practicing their takeoffs and landings, and they are excited to soar over Thunderbolt soon. Rudolph promised to shine his nose extra bright when we fly by your neighborhood!

Remember to keep up the good behavior at home and at school, listen to your grown-ups, and spread kindness wherever you go. And if you happen to see the firefighters around town, be sure to give them a big wave—they help keep Thunderbolt safe all year long.

I cannot wait for Christmas Eve! Keep believing in the magic of Christmas, and don't forget to go to bed early that night.

Ho! Ho! Ho!  
Merry Christmas!

 **Santa Claus**

North Pole

Delivered with holiday cheer by the **Thunderbolt Fire Department**



**GEORGIA FIREFIGHTER  
STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL**

Georgia Public Safety Training Center  
1000 Indian Springs Drive  
Forsyth, Georgia 31029-9599

**Randy Toms**  
Executive Director

Office (478) 993-4521

Chief: Boyles  
Date: 11/24/2025  
Thunderbolt FD

Hey Chief Boyles, it was a pleasure talking with you and thank you for your cooperation during your recent site review. During the site review that was conducted on 11/24/2025, we found everything to be up to date and on all your training records.

- Also continue entering the training class and hours for 2025 and beyond for your firefighters. Make sure all your Firefighter training hours are entered by the end of the year up to 24 hours.
- And make sure your Roster and your Firefighters profile on the GFSTC roster is up to date and completed.

- Your engine had all the required equipment.
- Proof of NFIRS
- Proof of workers compensation insurance received.
- Proof of Cancer Insurance received.
- Proof of Pump test received.
- Proof of PTSD

Keep up the good work and if you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to give me a call.

Wayne Feller  
**GFSTC, Compliance and Evaluation Manager**  
P. 912-253-5751  
C. 912-253-3551  
wfeller@gfstconline.org