



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 – March 2026

Emergency Response Summary

For the month of March, Thunderbolt Fire Rescue responded to a total of **25 calls for service**, broken down as follows:

- **Fire Calls: 10**
 - **EMS Calls: 15**
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Training Activities

Training for the month of March focused on enhancing both operational readiness and firefighter safety. Topics included:

- **Ventilation techniques** for structure fire operations
- **Area familiarization** in accordance with National Fire Protection Association **NFPA 1500 standards**
- **EMS basic airway skills and adjuncts** to improve patient care outcomes
- **Firefighter fitness** in alignment with National Fire Protection Association **NFPA 1500 guidelines**
- **First responder operations for hybrid vehicle incidents**, addressing emerging hazards and response considerations

Training remains a top priority to ensure all personnel stay compliant with Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council requirements and maintain a high level of service.

Operations & Department Initiatives

Throughout the month of March, the department continued several initiatives aimed at improving safety and efficiency:

- Continued efforts to ensure **residents have clearly visible address markings** to improve response times
- Ongoing **business outreach regarding Click-to-Enter systems and Knox Box access**
- Continued inspections, maintenance, and readiness checks of all apparatus and equipment
- Ongoing evaluation of response procedures and communication effectiveness

Compliance & Equipment Testing

For the month of March, all hydraulic rescue tools, including the **Jaws of Life**, were tested and **successfully passed in accordance with Georgia state standards**. This ensures all equipment remains reliable and ready for emergency operations.

Community Engagement & Public Safety

Thunderbolt Fire Rescue remains committed to public education and community involvement:

- Continued engagement with residents and businesses to promote **fire prevention and life safety practices**
- Strengthening partnerships with mutual aid agencies to enhance regional response capabilities

Closing

Thunderbolt Fire Rescue continues to operate with a strong commitment to **public safety, training, and community service**. I appreciate the continued support of the Mayor and Town Council as we work to enhance the safety and well-being of the Town of Thunderbolt.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Odis Boyles
Thunderbolt Fire Rescue