

# **THOMPSONVILLE FIRE DISTRICT #2**



## **ANNUAL REPORT**

### **2024-2025**

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## **Current Organizational Chart**

### **Fire Commissioners**

**Patrick Tallarita, Ernie Bouthiette, Patrick Crowley, Keith Pliszka, Marge Perry**

### **Fire Chief**

**David Deskis**

### **Administrative Assistant**

**Kellie Steneri**

### **Fire Marshal**

**Kevin Peritz**

### **Training Officer**

**Captain Jason Flanagan**

### **Capt. M. Richardson**

**FF D. Demur**

**FF. E. Fischl**

**FF D. Kosicki**

### **Capt. Pliszka**

**FF.T. Obrien**

**FF. N.Barone**

**FF. M.Mokrycki**

### **Capt. M. Provencher**

**FF. B.Bigda**

**FF. K.Piacentini**

**FF. S.Saveage**

### **Capt. T.Burnham**

**FF. E.Miarecki**

**FF. T.Smith**

**FF. M.Falletti**

## **Residents and Business Owners of Thompsonville Fire District #2**

On behalf of the entire Thompsonville Fire Department, I extend my deepest gratitude for your continued support and trust in our mission. Your commitment to providing the essential tax funding we rely on ensures that we are able to maintain the highest standards of professionalism, readiness, and service.

Thanks to your steadfast dedication, we continue to operate as a progressive, well-equipped, and fully trained fire service organization—one that stands ready to protect life, property, and the community we all share. Your contributions directly support the tools, technology, training, and personnel that enable us to respond quickly and effectively to emergencies of all kinds.

We understand that your financial commitment is a significant one, and we do not take that responsibility lightly. We remain firmly committed to using these resources with integrity and transparency, always focused on delivering the exceptional public safety service you deserve.

The strength of Thompsonville lies in the strong partnership between our fire department and the community we serve. Whether through tax support, community engagement, or simple words of encouragement, your involvement sustains and motivates us every day.

From all of us at Thompsonville Fire District #2—thank you for standing with us, believing in us, and helping us continue to serve with excellence.

With sincere appreciation,

**David Deskis, Fire Chief**

*David Deskis*

## **Fire Marshal Office Report**

During the period of May 1, 2024, to April 29, 2025, the Fire Marshal's office has conducted 433 inspections consisting of both residential and commercial buildings. This number represents a 79% overall completion rate for the entire district for inspectable properties. Also, during this same period the Fire Department responded to 2,275 calls for aid. This number broke down is 40% fire calls to aid and 59% emergency medical calls to aid. Out of those calls the Fire Marshal's office was called out to conduct an Origin & Cause investigation for 18 of the incidents. The Fire Marshal's office also conducted plan reviews for various construction projects and events throughout the district. These projects and events have brought in \$45,910.00 in permit related fees to the district. Each day the Fire Marshal's office continues to conduct new inspections and stay on top of currently due annual inspections along with reviewing new projects as they come in. The office has also had help from firefighters who have the deputy fire marshal designation and are provided with set hours to work monthly fire inspection rotations. The addition to these roles has helped significantly with conducting fire inspections.

Kevin A. Peritz

Fire Marshal



## **Thompsonville Fire Department**

### **Training Division Report**

**7/1/24-5/1/25**

The Training Division is responsible for providing current and up to date training for the members of the Thompsonville Fire Department, as well as its Mutual Aid partners within the Town of Enfield. The Training Division ensures that its members are trained in the standards set by various agencies including NFPA, OSHA, ISO and CTOEMS. To accomplish this, the Training Division utilizes multiple different methods to accomplish the fore-mentioned training including classroom, hands-on/practical and online training programs. For the current year, the Training Division has provided 2797 hours of training. This includes both in-house training and training attended by members sponsored by the department.

For the budget year, the Training Division has coordinated various training events for the members of the department. Outside classes given by the Connecticut Fire Academy that were attended by our members include Aerial Operator, Pump Operator, Fire Incident Safety Officer and Fire Officer 2. The Training Division also coordinated in-house training with multiple outside training companies to provide training for not only its members, but members of our mutual aid partners. The Training Division helped secure a FEMA funding grant which provided our members with a new Personal Escape System. The Training Division provided training on the use of the new systems in-house utilizing the training mezzanine within the station. Without this grant, this training would not have been possible due to the cost factor. The Training Division also coordinated a two-day elevator operations class given by an outside vendor. This covered various elevator operations and how to safely manage emergencies and removal of stranded passengers. Also brought in this year was a one-day aerial operator training class by an outside vendor. This class cost was split with the North Thompsonville Fire Department and provided a 3-hour classroom session which

then members went through-out our district and set up our aerial apparatus using tips and techniques provided by instructors.

The Training Division has also worked closely with the other training officers from the departments in town. Under this, we have started a training schedule for all departments to come together at various times during the month. We have begun Walkabout Wednesdays. Each district is assigned a month, and they are to provide a building that they must preplan in their district. On the first Wednesday of the month, all departments meet at the building, and everyone goes through the building. This gives members an opportunity to get inside buildings that they normally do not see. Members discuss the locations of alarm panels, fire department connections and how to stretch handlines within the building. Along with this training, the training officers have provided hands-on training town-wide every fourth week of the month. This is an opportunity for members to work together on company operations. Classes given by the Training Division include Rapid Intervention, large water operations, roof ventilation, advancing and flowing handlines, search operations and First and Second Due Company Operations. For some of these training classes, we were fortunate enough to utilize buildings that were going to be torn down. This provides members with more realistic training, and we are grateful for the opportunities given to us by the members of our community.

The Training Division continues to research training opportunities for its members. We are in the process of providing Incident Command Training for the Chief Officers within town and are developing a training program for our Line Officers. I would like to thank the members of the Thompsonville Fire Department for their hard work and dedication towards training. Their can-do attitude makes my job easier. I would also like to thank the Chief, Commission and citizens of the Thompsonville Fire District for their continued support.

Captain Jay Flanagan

Thompsonville Training Officer

Training: Provided by the FEMA AFG Grant



## TFD PUMP AND HOSELINE TRAINING



### **Thompsonville Fire District #2 Operations Division**

In the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the Operations Division of Thompsonville Fire District #2 achieved significant milestones, reflecting its commitment to enhancing community safety, operational efficiency, and staff development.

#### **Emergency Response and Community Engagement**

The district responded to increased emergency calls, an increase from the previous year, demonstrating its readiness and capacity to address community needs. Notably, the average response time for engine units was 6 minutes, maintaining a swift and effective response to incidents. Community engagement efforts were robust, with public events attended and public education sessions conducted, fostering stronger relationships and promoting fire safety awareness among residents.

#### **Training and Professional Development**

The Operations Division prioritized training, accumulating significant personnel training hours. This investment in professional development included certifications

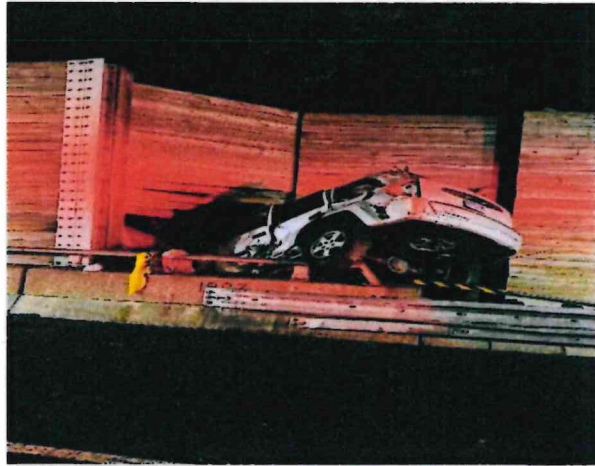
in rope rescue techniques and fire officer leadership, ensuring that staff are well-equipped to handle diverse emergency scenarios.

### **Fleet and Equipment Enhancements**

Recognizing the importance of maintaining a reliable fleet, the district undertook significant upgrades. A new maintenance and inventory software system was placed into service, enhancing the district's firefighting capabilities. This addition reflects the district's dedication to adopting sustainable practices while ensuring operational effectiveness.

### **Looking Ahead**

As Thompsonville Fire District #2 moves forward, the Operations Division remains focused on continuous improvement. Plans for the upcoming year include expanding community outreach initiatives, further enhancing training programs, and continuing to upgrade equipment to meet the evolving needs of the community. The district's commitment to excellence ensures that it will remain a pillar of safety and service for all residents.





### **COMMUNITY AWARENESS**



Thompsonville Fire District #2 commits to fire safety and prevention to ensure our younger generations have the education to prevent unnecessary fire incidents and know how to request help in a time of need. (Call 911)



TFD citizen fire academy was conducted and provided the community that attended a closer look on the firefighter daily life and work activities that are conducted daily seven days a week, 365 days per year.

Firefighter Smith is educating a citizen on the use of a hydraulic spreader device.



Citizens had the opportunity to learn the proper uses of fire extinguishers, and to properly use a fire extinguisher to extinguish a controlled fire extinguisher pan fire.

**Pull**

**Aim**

**Squeeze**

**Sweep**

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board of Commissioners  
Thompsonville Fire District No. 2  
Enfield, Connecticut

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### ***Opinion***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Thompsonville Fire District No. 2 (the District) as of and for the year June 30, 2024, and the related statement notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprises the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### ***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

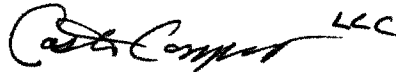
We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis the budgetary comparison information, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. I have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The Required Supplementary Information, as listed in the Table of Contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Required Supplementary Information, as listed in the Table of Contents, are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carter Company LLC", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hebron, Connecticut  
February 24, 2025

| Motor Vehicle Grand List           |                                           | 2024 GRAND LIST  |        |  |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|--------|--|
| \$90,887,990.00                    |                                           | \$925,410,779.00 |        |  |
| Revenue                            |                                           | 2023-2025        | Budget |  |
| 3.35                               | Tax Revenue                               | 3,027,417        |        |  |
|                                    | Motor Vehicles Grand List                 | 194,750          |        |  |
|                                    | Firewatch Fees                            | 3,000            |        |  |
|                                    | Miscellaneous Income                      | 3,000            |        |  |
|                                    | Interest Income                           | 10,000           |        |  |
|                                    | Fire Marshal Fees                         | 20,000           |        |  |
|                                    | Fire Billing                              | 2,000            |        |  |
|                                    | Supplemental                              | 34,230           |        |  |
|                                    | Government grants                         | 283,881          |        |  |
|                                    | Pilot program                             | 56,850           |        |  |
|                                    | Total Revenue                             | 4,205,129        |        |  |
| Heart & Hypertension               |                                           |                  |        |  |
|                                    | Heart & Hypertension payments             | 154,271          |        |  |
|                                    | Health & Dental Insurance                 | 49,384           |        |  |
|                                    | Total Heart & Hypertension                | 303,655          |        |  |
| Firefighter's Wages & Benefits     |                                           |                  |        |  |
|                                    | Salaries                                  | 1,512,862        |        |  |
|                                    | Overtime                                  | 225,000          |        |  |
|                                    | DPMS Inspections                          | 30,000           |        |  |
|                                    | Payroll taxes                             | 124,000          |        |  |
|                                    | Employee related insurance & benefits     | 413,944          |        |  |
|                                    | Worker's compensation                     | 100,000          |        |  |
|                                    | Professional fees                         | 18,000           |        |  |
|                                    | Pension contribution                      | 481,241          |        |  |
|                                    | Government Trust                          | 60,000           |        |  |
|                                    | Total Firefighters' Wages & Benefits      | 3,984,747        |        |  |
| Property & Liability Insurance     |                                           | 27,890           |        |  |
| Station Vehicle Expenditures       |                                           |                  |        |  |
|                                    | Maintenance & repairs                     | 40,000           |        |  |
|                                    | Fuel cost                                 | 18,000           |        |  |
|                                    | Apparatus equipment                       | 40,000           |        |  |
|                                    | Total Station Vehicles Expense            | 98,000           |        |  |
| Station & Operational Expenditures |                                           |                  |        |  |
|                                    | Operating maintenance                     | 35,000           |        |  |
|                                    | Utilities                                 | 39,118           |        |  |
|                                    | Information technology/phones/Website     | 45,000           |        |  |
|                                    | Alarms & communications                   | 15,750           |        |  |
|                                    | Office of the Fire Marshal                | 5,000            |        |  |
|                                    | Office expense                            | 10,800           |        |  |
|                                    | Uniform allowance / Repairs / Alterations | 30,000           |        |  |
|                                    | Training                                  | 14,000           |        |  |
|                                    | Physical exams & tests                    | 16,000           |        |  |
|                                    | Professional development & travel         | 4,500            |        |  |
|                                    | Breathing apparatus & airpaks             | 7,000            |        |  |
|                                    | Association dues                          | 14,000           |        |  |
|                                    | New Hire expenses                         | 0                |        |  |
|                                    | Total Station & Operational Expense       | 338,168          |        |  |
| Fees                               |                                           |                  |        |  |
|                                    | Auditors                                  | 15,500           |        |  |
|                                    | Millman Actuary Service                   | 15,500           |        |  |
|                                    | Legal                                     | 40,000           |        |  |
|                                    | Tax Collector                             | 77,083           |        |  |
|                                    | Payroll fees                              | 5,500            |        |  |
|                                    | Firebilling fees                          | 1,000            |        |  |
|                                    | Total Fees                                | 164,983          |        |  |
| Other Expenditures                 |                                           |                  |        |  |
|                                    | Communications center fee                 | 12,000           |        |  |
|                                    | Hydrant fees                              | 61,585           |        |  |
|                                    | Hazardsville Water hydrants (We own)      | 1,000            |        |  |
|                                    | Grant Writer                              | 2,000            |        |  |
|                                    | Health and Fitness                        | 1,000            |        |  |
|                                    | Consolidation plan                        | 25,000           |        |  |
|                                    | Contingency fund                          | 41,000           |        |  |
|                                    | Total Other Expenditures                  | 143,585          |        |  |
| Capital Expenditures               |                                           |                  |        |  |
|                                    | Total Capital Expenditures                | 0                |        |  |
| Apparatus & Building Fund          |                                           |                  |        |  |
|                                    | Building                                  | 57,535           |        |  |
|                                    | Apparatus                                 | 10,000           |        |  |
|                                    | Meters                                    | 900              |        |  |
|                                    | Communications                            | 35,000           |        |  |
|                                    | Thermal Imager Cameras                    | 900              |        |  |
|                                    | Air Bags                                  | 900              |        |  |
|                                    | Electric Tools                            | 900              |        |  |
|                                    | SCBA Replacement                          | 900              |        |  |
|                                    | Fire Hose                                 | 900              |        |  |
|                                    | Bunker gear                               | 900              |        |  |
|                                    | Economic Tax Loss Fund                    | 22,075           |        |  |
|                                    | Station Furniture upgrades                | 1,000            |        |  |
|                                    | Total Apparatus & Building Fund           | 101,865          |        |  |
| Debt Service                       |                                           |                  |        |  |
|                                    | Long term debt service                    | 348,991          |        |  |
|                                    | Capitalized lease payments                |                  |        |  |
|                                    | Total Debt Service                        |                  |        |  |
|                                    | Total Expenditures                        | 4,335,138        |        |  |
|                                    | Revenue Over Expenditures                 |                  |        |  |