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Thompsonville Fire District Organizational Chart

Fire Commissioners

- Chairman: Patrick Tallarita
 - Vice Chairman: Ernie Bouthiette
 - Treasurer: Keith Pliszka
 - Secretary: Marge Perry
 - Commissioner: Robert Gillespie
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Fire Department Administration

Fire Chief

- David Deskis

Reports to Fire Chief:

- Fire Marshal: Kevin Peritz
 - Training Officer: Captain Jason Flanagan
 - Administrative Assistant: Kellie Steneri
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Operations Division (Fire Suppression)

Group A: Captain M. Richardson, FF. B. Bigda, FF. Barone, FF. E. Fischl

Group B: Captain D. Pliszka, FF. T. O'Brien, FF. T. Smith, FF. M. Mokrycki

Group C: Captain M. Provencher, FF. D. Demur, FF. M. Falletti, FF. D. Kosicki

Group D: Captain: T. Burnham, FF. E. Miarecki, FF. K. Piacentini, FF. S. Savage

Thompsonville Fire District #2
Fire Chief's Annual Summary Report
Fiscal Year 2025–2026

The Fiscal Year 2025–2026 was another productive and progressive year for the Thompsonville Fire District #2, marked by continued operational excellence, strategic planning, and a strong commitment to serving the residents and businesses of the district. Throughout the year, the department maintained a high level of readiness while adapting to evolving community needs, increased service demands, and ongoing financial and operational responsibilities.

Emergency response operations remained the core mission of the district. Personnel responded to a broad range of incidents including structure fires, motor vehicle accidents, hazardous conditions, and a significant volume of EMS-related calls. Through effective training, disciplined operations, and strong teamwork, members consistently delivered safe, efficient, and professional service. Response performance remained a key focus, with continued efforts to improve dispatch-to-arrival times and on-scene effectiveness. (2,500 + calls for service)

Training and professional development continued to be a major priority throughout the fiscal year. Members participated in regular drills, company-level training, specialized skill development, and multi-agency exercises. These efforts ensured operational readiness and reinforced safe practices in high-risk environments. Emphasis was placed on firefighter safety, incident command, and EMS proficiency, strengthening the district's ability to manage both routine and complex emergencies.

The Fire Marshal's Office supported the district's mission through proactive fire prevention efforts, inspections, public education, and code enforcement. These initiatives played a critical role in reducing risk, improving compliance, and strengthening community awareness. Public engagement efforts, including station tours, CPR training, and community events, further enhanced the district's relationship with the residents it serves.

From an administrative and operational standpoint, the district continued to prioritize long-term planning and fiscal responsibility. Careful attention was given to apparatus replacement schedules, facility maintenance, and capital planning to ensure the sustainability of essential services. Strategic investments in equipment and infrastructure were made with a focus on reliability, efficiency, and future readiness.

Equally important was the district's continued investment in its personnel. Efforts to support employee development, health, safety, and career longevity remained a central focus. By fostering a culture of training, accountability, and professional growth, the district continues to ensure a strong and capable workforce prepared to meet current and future challenges.

In closing, Fiscal Year 2025–2026 reflects the dedication, professionalism, and resilience of the members of Thompsonville Fire District #2. The accomplishments of the past year demonstrate a continued commitment to excellence in emergency response, community engagement, and

responsible stewardship. The district remains well-positioned to meet the needs of the community and to build upon its success in the years ahead.

Thompsonville Fire District #2 Fire Operations & Supplemental EMS Response Overview

During the past year, Thompsonville Fire District #2 continued to provide a high level of emergency response services through its fire operations and supplemental emergency medical service (EMS) support. The district remains committed to protecting life and property while adapting to the increasing demand for both fire suppression and EMS-related incidents within the community.

Fire operations remained the foundation of the district's mission, with personnel responding to a wide range of incidents including structure fires, vehicle fires, alarm activations, hazardous conditions, and service calls. Crews consistently demonstrated professionalism and efficiency in mitigating emergencies, with a strong emphasis on rapid response, effective incident management, and firefighter safety. The department's training and preparedness efforts translated directly into coordinated fireground operations, ensuring that incidents were handled safely and effectively.

In addition to fire suppression activities, the district continues to play a critical role in supplemental EMS response. A significant portion of call volume involved medical emergencies, where fire personnel provided essential first-response care, including patient assessment, basic life support (BLS), and assistance to transporting ambulance services. This integrated approach ensures that patients receive timely care, often improving outcomes through early intervention prior to ambulance arrival.

The collaboration between fire operations and EMS providers remains a key strength of the district. Fire personnel work seamlessly alongside mutual aid partners and ambulance services, supporting advanced life support (ALS) interventions, patient packaging, and scene management. This teamwork enhances overall system efficiency and ensures a coordinated response to both routine and complex medical incidents.

Call volume trends continue to reflect the growing demand for EMS-related services, highlighting the importance of maintaining cross-trained personnel capable of operating in both fire and medical environments. The district has adapted by reinforcing EMS training, equipping apparatus with appropriate medical equipment, and ensuring readiness to respond to a diverse range of emergencies.

Operationally, the district also maintained a focus on response time performance, apparatus readiness, and staffing reliability. Through effective deployment strategies and ongoing evaluation of response data, Thompsonville Fire District #2 continues to meet the needs of the community while preparing for future growth and service demands.

Overall, the combined efforts of fire operations and supplemental EMS response underscore the district's commitment to comprehensive emergency services. The dedication, training, and professionalism of its members ensure that Thompsonville Fire District #2 remains a reliable and essential resource for the residents and businesses it serves.



Thompsonville Fire District #2 2025-2026 Training Office Accomplishments

During 2025-2026, the Thompsonville Fire District #2 demonstrated a strong and sustained commitment to training, professional development, and operational readiness. Over the past year, the department successfully expanded both the scope and frequency of training initiatives to ensure personnel remain prepared to meet the evolving demands of emergency response within the community.

District members collectively completed hundreds of hours of structured training across fire suppression, emergency medical services (EMS), rescue operations, and incident command. Weekly drills were conducted with a focus on core competencies, including engine and ladder company operations, hose deployment, ladder operations, ventilation, and search and rescue. These drills emphasized both individual skill development and company-level coordination.

A major accomplishment in 2025-2026 was the increased emphasis on scenario-based and live-fire training. Personnel participated in realistic, high-stress training environments designed to simulate residential and commercial structure fires. These evolutions enhanced decision-making, communication, and crew accountability under real-world conditions. Mutual aid training with neighboring fire districts and neighboring towns further strengthened interoperability and regional response capabilities.

The department also prioritized EMS training, ensuring members remained proficient in current protocols and patient care standards. Continuing education sessions, skills refreshers, and certification renewals were completed in accordance with state requirements. This focus supports the district's critical role in providing high-quality emergency medical services to the community.

Specialized training programs were expanded in 2025, including rapid intervention team (RIT) operations, firefighter survival, and mayday procedures. These programs reinforce firefighter safety and preparedness for worst-case scenarios. Additionally, officers participated in leadership and incident command training to enhance on-scene management, strategic decision-making, and accountability.

Another key achievement was the integration of modern training tools and technology. The district utilized pre-incident planning, building familiarization tours, and target hazard assessments to better prepare crews for high-risk occupancies within the response area. This proactive approach contributes directly to improved response effectiveness and reduced risk to both firefighters and the public.

Overall, the 2025-2026 training program reflects the district's dedication to continuous improvement, safety, and service excellence. The accomplishments of the past year have strengthened operational readiness, improved coordination, and ensured that Thompsonville Fire District #2 personnel remain highly trained and prepared to protect the community they serve.

Thompsonville Fire District #2 Fire Marshal's Office 2025–2026 Overview

During the 2025–2026 year, the Fire Marshal's Office of the Thompsonville Fire District #2 continued to advance its mission of fire prevention, life safety, and code enforcement through a proactive and community-focused approach. The office maintained a strong presence within the district, working to reduce risk, improve compliance, and enhance public safety through inspections, investigations, and education.

A primary accomplishment this year was the continued execution of a comprehensive inspection program. The Fire Marshal's Office conducted routine and follow-up inspections of commercial, industrial, and multi-family residential occupancies, ensuring compliance with state and local fire codes. Particular emphasis was placed on high-risk occupancies, including assembly spaces,

mixed-use buildings, and properties with vulnerable populations. These efforts resulted in improved code compliance, reduction of fire hazards, and strengthened relationships with local business owners and property managers.

The office also remained active in fire investigation and origin-and-cause determination. All reported fires within the district were thoroughly investigated in accordance with accepted standards, ensuring accurate documentation and, when necessary, coordination with regional and state agencies. These investigations not only support accountability but also provide valuable data used to inform prevention strategies and training priorities.

Public education and community outreach were significantly expanded during this period. The Fire Marshal's Office participated in school programs, community events, and fire prevention initiatives, including Fire Prevention Week activities. These programs focused on fire safety awareness, smoke detector use, escape planning, and hazard recognition, reaching residents of all ages and reinforcing the district's commitment to prevention as the first line of defense.

Another key accomplishment was the continued support of operational personnel through pre-incident planning and building familiarization. The Fire Marshal's Office worked closely with suppression crews to identify target hazards, document building layouts, and provide critical information that enhances on-scene decision-making and firefighter safety. This collaboration strengthens overall district preparedness and response effectiveness.

In addition, the office oversaw plan reviews and permits for new construction, renovations, and system installations. By working closely with developers, contractors, and municipal officials, the Fire Marshal's Office ensured that fire protection systems, alarm systems, and life safety features were properly designed and installed in accordance with applicable codes and standards.

Overall, the accomplishments of the 2025–2026 year reflect the Fire Marshal Office's ongoing commitment to safeguarding the community through prevention, enforcement, and education. Through diligent inspections, thorough investigations, and meaningful public engagement, the office continues to play a critical role in reducing risk and enhancing the quality of life in Thompsonville Fire District #2.



Thompsonville Fire District #2 Community Service & Public Engagement

Thompsonville Fire District #2 continues to demonstrate a strong commitment to community service through a variety of public engagement and safety initiatives. Throughout the year, district personnel actively connected with residents, businesses, and visitors by providing educational opportunities and participating in community-based events.

The district regularly hosted station tours, offering the public an inside look at fire operations, apparatus, and equipment while promoting fire safety awareness in an interactive setting. In addition, certified personnel conducted child passenger safety seat installations, ensuring that families have properly installed car seats and understand best practices for child safety.

CPR training classes were offered to provide the community members training, equipping residents with lifesaving skills and increasing overall preparedness within the district. These class offerings play a vital role in strengthening the community's ability to respond to medical emergencies before first responders arrive.

Thompsonville Fire District #2 maintained a visible presence at Town Green events, including National Night Out, where personnel engaged directly with the public to build relationships, promote safety education, and foster trust. The district also supported various local business events throughout the fire district, further strengthening partnerships within the community.

Through these continued efforts, Thompsonville Fire District #2 reinforces its mission beyond emergency response—serving as a proactive partner in public safety, education, and community engagement.



Thompsonville Fire District #2

Infrastructure, Financial Stewardship & Workforce Investment Summary

Thompsonville Fire District #2 remains committed to maintaining a high level of operational readiness through responsible infrastructure management, sound financial practices, and continued investment in its personnel. These priorities ensure the district can effectively serve the community both now and into the future. A key focus has been the strategic planning and execution of fire apparatus replacement. The district continues to follow a structured, long-term replacement schedule to ensure that frontline and reserve apparatus remain reliable, safe, and equipped with modern technology. By proactively planning for capital expenditures, the district minimizes unexpected costs, reduces downtime, and ensures that emergency response capabilities are never compromised.

In addition to apparatus, the district has prioritized the upkeep and improvement of its facilities. Ongoing building maintenance and upgrades have been conducted to ensure stations remain safe, functional, and capable of supporting daily operations. These efforts not only protect the district's physical assets but also provide a professional and efficient working environment for personnel. Financial stewardship remains a cornerstone of the district's operations. Through careful budgeting, transparent spending practices, and long-term financial planning, Thompsonville Fire District #2 continues to manage taxpayer resources responsibly. Investments are made with a focus on sustainability, balancing immediate operational needs with future obligations to maintain fiscal stability.

Equally important is the district's commitment to its workforce. Recognizing that personnel are its most valuable asset, the district continues to invest in employee development, training, health, and wellness initiatives. By supporting career growth, promoting safety, and fostering a positive work environment, the district aims to ensure long, healthy, and successful careers for its members. Overall, Thompsonville Fire District #2's approach to apparatus management, facility maintenance, financial responsibility, and workforce investment reflects a forward-thinking strategy designed to sustain high-quality service and organizational stability for years to come.



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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, 2025, 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, 2025, 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.



Hebron, Connecticut
April 25, 2026

Motor Vehicle Grand List		2025 GRAND LIST			
39,495,239		5632,289,588.00			
Revenue	Mill Rate	2026-2027	2025-2026	Budget	
3.25	5.80	3,657,279	3,627,417	5.80	
Tax Revenue		193,362	164,755		
Motor Vehicles Grand List		3,000	3,000		
Firewatch Fees		3,000	3,000		
Miscellaneous Income		10,000	10,000		
Interest Income		20,000	20,000		
Fire Marshal Fees		33,311	34,230		
Supplemental		255,713	283,881		
Government Grants		0	2,000	Fire Billing	
Pilot Program		48,522	56,856		
Total Revenue		4,234,187	4,205,139	0	
Heart & Hypertension					
Heart & Hypertension payments		133,318	154,271		
Health & Dental Insurance		38,733	49,384		
Total Heart & Hypertension		172,051	203,655		
Firefighter's Wages & Benefits					
Salaries		1,539,921	1,506,202		
Overtime		225,000	225,000		
DFM		30,000	30,000	Stipend	
		0	6,600		
Payroll taxes		143,235	134,000		
Employees Medical		394,218	413,044	Health / Dental	
Employee Dental		28,582	0	Combined	
Employee HAS		32,000	0		
Worker's compensation		105,000	100,000		
Professional fees		10,000	18,000		
Pension contribution		476,884	461,241		
Government Trust		80,000	50,000		
Total Firefighters' Wages & Benefits		3,064,840	2,944,147		
Property & Liability Insurance		45,000	47,000		
Station Vehicle Expenditures					
Maintenance & repairs		40,000	40,000		
Fuel cost		13,000	18,000		
Apparatus equipment		40,000	40,000		
Total Station Vehicles Expense		93,000	98,000		
Station & Operational Expenditures					
Operating maintenance		40,000	35,000		
Utilities		40,000	39,118		
Information technology		40,000	45,000		
Alarms & communications		15,000	15,750		
Office of the Fire Marshal		5,000	5,000		
Office expense		10,800	10,800		
Employee Uniform Allowance		17,200	30,000		
Class A Uniform Account		1,000	Combined		
Alteration & Repairs		800	Combined		
Bunker Gear 3 X Sets		12,000	Combined		
Training		14,000	14,000		
Health and Safety Physicals		16,000	16,000		
Professional development & travel		4,500	4,500		
Self Contained Breathing Apparatus		7,000	7,000		
Association dues		14,000	14,000		
New hire expenses		0	0		
Total Station & Operational Expense		237,299	236,168		
Fees					
Auditors		16,000	15,500		
Milliman Actuary Service		16,000	15,500		
Legal		40,000	40,000		
Tax Collector		80,000	77,093		
Payroll fees		5,500	5,500		
Firebilling fees		100	1,000		
Total Fees		157,600	154,593		
Other Expenditures					
Communications center fee		12,000	12,000		
Hydrant fees		62,000	61,585		
Hazardville Water hydrants (We own)		1,000	1,000		
Grant Writer		3,000	3,000		
Health and Fitness		1,000	1,000		
Contingency fund		42,000	41,000	Comm equipment	
Total Other Expenditures		121,000	143,585		
Capital Expenditures					
Total Capital Expenditures		0			
Capital Nonrecurring					
Building		26,862	57,525		
Apparatus		26,862	10,000		
Consolidation		25,000	0		
Fire Station inhouse upgrades		18,941	1,000	900 Meters	
			35,000	Communication	
			900	Air Bags	
			900	Electric tools	
			900	SCBA replace.	
			900	Fire hose	
			900	Bunker gear	
			22,075	Economic loss	
Total Apparatus & Building Fund		97,305	131,500		
Debt Service					
Long term debt service		246,091	246,091		
Capitalized lease payments					
Total Debt Service		4,234,187	4,205,139		
Total Expenditures		0	0	0	
Revenue Over Expenditures				0	