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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF:

All,

As we close out the year, I want to take a moment to sincerely thank every member of the Barrow County Fire Department. This year has brought significant change, challenges, and growth and I am proud of how this organization, and you have handled every bit of it. You showed professionalism and commitment at every level. That does not go unnoticed.

While we've made strong progress, the work is not finished. We recently hosted our first annual Command Staff Retreat at Fort Yargo, which was a critical step forward. That retreat helped us establish foundational building blocks that will guide this department for years to come. We had honest discussions about what went well, what didn't, and where we must improve, and we will use those lessons to move forward with purpose.

In the coming months, we will publish our Annual Report along with a comprehensive Community Risk Assessment. Combined with our response data, these tools will help clearly define our direction and ensure we are making informed, strategic decisions that position this department for long-term success.

The work never stops. The enemy never sleeps. Readiness is not optional, it is the standard. The rent is due every single day.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for what you do, every call, every shift, you all hold the line without hesitation.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and here's to 2026.

Chief Brett Skinner

NEW HIRES:



William
Maxwell



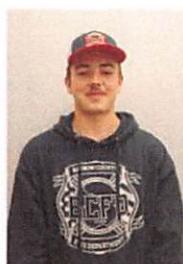
Ethan
Thompson



Ryan
Preves



Colin
Brown



Asher
Jones

HIGHLIGHTS

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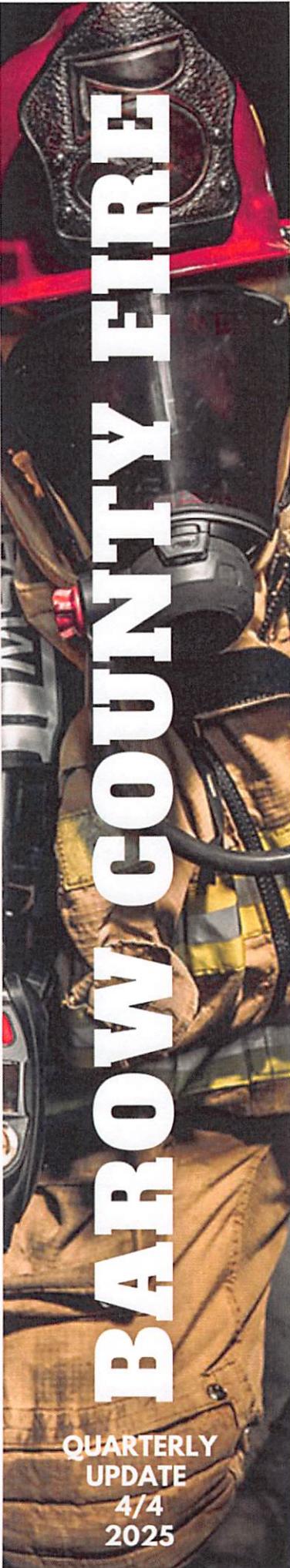
NEW HIRES

BIRTHDAYS

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ANNIVERSARIES

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BIRTHDAYS:

October

Cameron Cox
Justin Ethridge
TJ Parten
John Skinner
Jeremy Thayer

November

Brian Jarrett
Kim Lampp
Stephen Ricci
Jonathan Sampson
Brad Vangotum
Jeremy Williams

December

Chris Chaffin
Mike Garner
Rob Nowakowski
David Rivera
Benjamin Warro
John Yearwood

WORK ANNIVERSARIES:

October

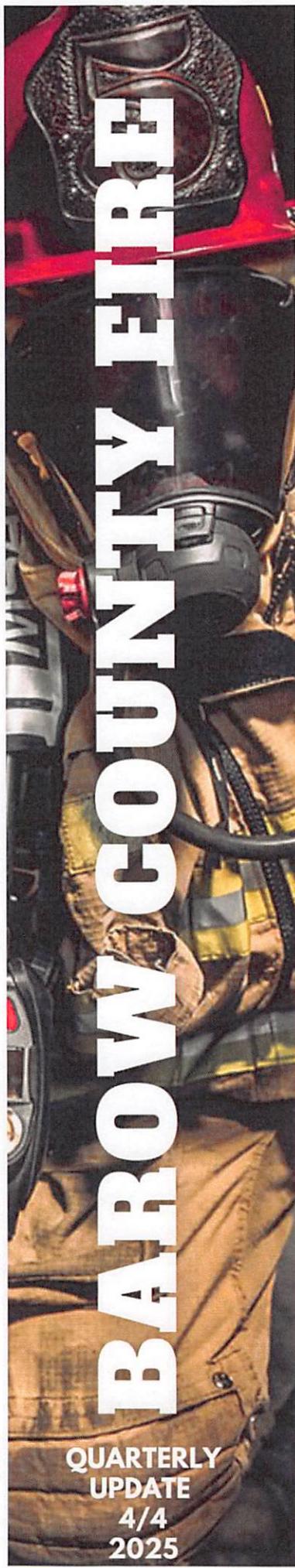
Chris Chaffin
Terry Parten
Mitch Rogers

November

Brian brown
Aaron Fuller
Samuel Hunter
Kevin Locke
Charles Outzs
John Park
Austin Rhodes
Stephen Ricci
David Rivera

December

Dylan Brown
Cameron Cox
Jonathan Franklin
Matt Harmon
Zach Sherwood
Kim Lampp



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Stories of Impact:

Barrow County Fire Department took part in the Fill the Boot Fundraiser this year! In years past, this initiative has been a tremendous success thanks to the generosity of our community, and we're looking forward to making an even greater impact this time around. ❤️

Every dollar raised goes directly to support the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) and the important work they do to empower individuals and families living with neuromuscular diseases.



Oct 4, 2025 We went to the Home Depot Safety Day! We've got 🚒, 🚒, and a 🎃! While you're here, build a Halloween candy house and meet Sparky the Fire Dog too!



Capt. Knight and Truck 7's crew stopped by Barrow County Christian Academy Oct. 7, 2025 to talk about fire prevention and safety! The students loved learning about what firefighters do and getting a close-up look at the truck.



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our firefighters sharpened their skills by attending the NPQ AOPP- Fire Apparatus Pumping Operations class hosted by Lumpkin County Fire Department in Dahlonega, GA.

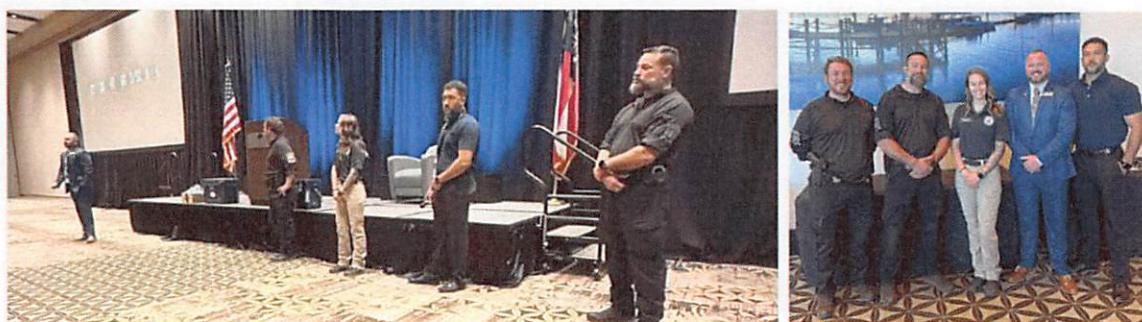
During the course, our personnel worked through pumping equations, practiced relay and static water source pumping, and assembled and operated foam eductors by putting their classroom knowledge to the test in hands-on scenarios.



We're proud to represent Barrow County at the GEMSA Providers and Educators Conference in Jekyll Island!

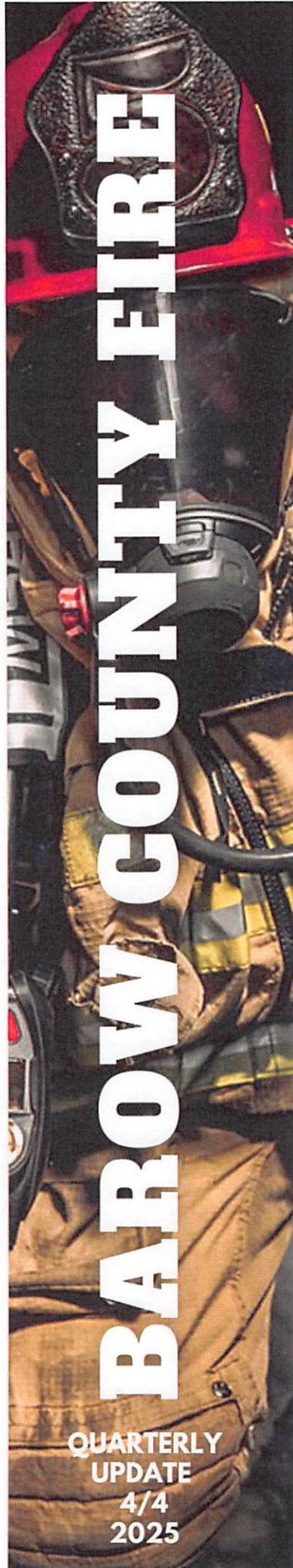
Our team presented on Barrow County's Integrated Response Model for Rescue Task Force operations, showcasing how fire, EMS, and law enforcement work together during critical incidents.

Always learning. Always improving. Always ready to serve.



During Fire Prevention Week, our crews made sure the fire safety message was shared! We traveled all around the county visiting students and talking about fire prevention and safety.





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Quint 5's crew was proud to participate in [Lowe's 3498 Braselton's Fire Safety Event](#) earlier today. Events like these are a great opportunity to connect with families and share important fire safety information.



Providing world-class service starts with clear communication. This week, Chief Skinner and Deputy Chief Bourchier hosted our department Officers Meeting to share updates, align our teams, and keep every station informed and ready to serve Barrow County.



Spooky season success! We had a blast out and about Halloween night. Hope everyone's night was filled with candy, costumes, and plenty of smiles!



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We were invited to Tractor Supply's Hometown Heroes event in Winder! We had a great time connecting with the community and appreciate everyone who stopped by to say hello. A huge thank you to Tractor Supply for the generous donation of a griddle for us. We can't wait to put it to good use!



We always enjoy working with our next generation. Captain Knight teamed up with Teachers at CFIT, Barrow County Sheriff's Department & Sergeant Marc Pharr from the Auburn Police Department, to teach about accident investigation and help them with their mock trial and investigations.



BCFD Station 5 crew had the pleasure of attending "Story time on Mondays at the Studio" at J&K Play Studio in Braselton. Firefighters read some stories before heading out to show off the fire engine and let the kids explore some of their equipment and gear. Thank you for having us – we love spending time with our youngest future heroes!



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Barrow County Fire Department is extremely proud to be recognized as a Gold Helmet Department for having our firefighters enrolled in the National Firefighter Registry for Cancer. BCFD is the second department in the State of Georgia to receive this recognition. The NFR is the largest effort to understand and reduce cancer among U.S. firefighters.

[#NFRGoldHelmet](#)



BCFD welcomed two new firefighters into our family. Colin and Asher spent some time in our Cadet program, allowing them to gain both in-class and hands-on experience along with earning Firefighter I certificates. Upon their 18th birthdays, they were offered the opportunity to become recruits, where they were tested physically, mentally and emotionally in all aspects of the field. Between the long days and rigorous nights, Colin and Asher completed their training to successfully became fully trained and certified firefighters in the state of Georgia and are now part of an organization that strives to provide World Class Customer Service to the citizens whom we serve. Please join us in congratulating Colin and Asher!



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December 3rd, Station 3 crew welcomed a visit from Apalachee High School's Criminal Justice/ Public Safety Class for a station tour and to learn a little about Fire Department and it's functions within public safety. Thank you for trusting us with teaching our next generation of heroes a little bit about what we offer to our citizens!



On Dec 11, 205 the 4th and 5th grade chorus from Bethlehem Elementary School stopped by Barrow County Fire Department Station 6 / Headquarters to spread some Christmas cheer!

Our Firefighters and EMS personnel loved the visit and truly enjoyed the festive holiday songs. Moments like these remind us of what a wonderful community we serve.

Thank you, Bethlehem Elementary, for brightening our day!



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We were honored to join the City of Winder's 76th Annual Christmas Parade on Dec 13, 2025.

Seeing the smiles, waves and sharing holiday spirit reminds us of just another reason why we're so proud to serve this community every day.

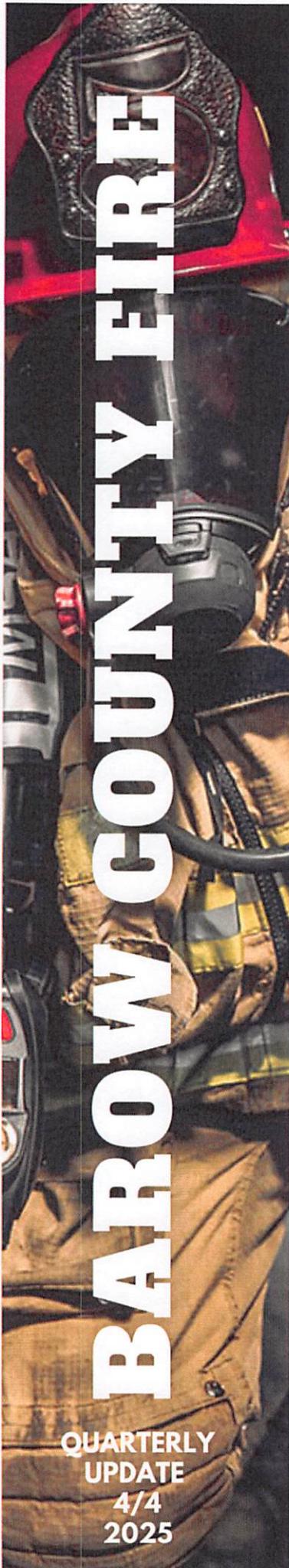
Thank you [City of Winder](#), for letting us be a part of such a special tradition - wishing everyone a safe and joyful Christmas!



Training keeps us ready for action and we are always thankful and honored to learn and grow with incredible responders. Dec 17-18 we got first hand training from Air Evac Life Team. Thank you for sharing time and knowledge with us!

[Air Evac Lifeteam 117 - Snellville, GA](#)





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Promotions:



**A-Shift Battalion Chief
Jeremy Thayer**



**A-Shift Captain
TJ Gower**

Please join us in congratulating Battalion Chief Thayer and Captain Gower, as Chief Skinner officially presents them with their rank and helmets. Chief Thayer and Captain Gowers' promotions are a testament to the hard work and dedication that they bring to the job every day. We are proud to have them as part of our leadership team.

Congratulations gentlemen!

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