

ROSWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report

September 2025



**Roswell Fire Department
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Staffing Outlook

Fire Chief –	Steve Chavez –	701
Deputy Chief –	Daniel Fuller -	702
Deputy Chief –	Derek Washichek –	703
Training Chief –	Fernando Garcia –	711
EMS Chief –	Randy Bunch –	712
Fire Marshall-	Jared Olive -	721
Deputy Fire Marshal -	Chris Casey-	722
Deputy Fire Marshal -	Preston Washington	723
A-Shift Battalion Chief –	Jared Jennings –	Bat 1
B-Shift Battalion Chief –	Cory Mealand –	Bat 1
C-Shift Battalion Chief –	Kevin Hernandez –	Bat 1
Sr. Admin Assistant -	Lorena Borunda	
Admin Assistant -	Open	

Lieutenants –	Fully Staffed	Current	Open
	24	24	0
Engineers-	Fully Staffed	Current	Open
	30	22	8
Firefighters-	Fully Staffed	Current	Open
	27	21	6
Recruit Academy-	In Session		Open
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Department Overview

September marked a milestone month for the Roswell Fire Department, showcasing professionalism, teamwork, and operational excellence across all divisions. The department successfully supported major public events, executed complex emergency operations, advanced new administrative systems, and maintained strong community engagement. Every member—from administration to field operations—played a vital role in ensuring safety, readiness, and community trust.

Major Departmental Achievements

National Championship Air Races

This month, Roswell hosted its first-ever **National Championship Air Racing Event**, a historic undertaking for the city and the department.

The Roswell Fire Department **developed and executed the entire emergency response plan**, coordinating with **over 75 first responders** from multiple agencies including local hospitals, TransAero, AMR, Chaves County Fire, Eddy County, Hobbs, and Carlsbad Fire Departments. The weeklong event was a tremendous success with **no major incidents**. Achievement reflects exceptional preplanning, interagency collaboration, and incident command leadership.

Administrative Initiatives

- **EMS Rx Program** officially launched, now providing real-time assistance with the department's **QA/QI process**, enhancing patient care documentation and performance tracking.
- **9th Brain Software Development** is underway. This new platform will be customized to streamline training records, continuing education, and compliance management.
- **QA Officers** are now active, assisting with **training documentation, performance tracking, and run report reviews**.
- **Final Inspection Completed on New ARFF Truck**, ensuring readiness for delivery and integration into the department's fleet.

These initiatives mark significant progress toward achieving ISO 1 readiness and strengthening the department's operational infrastructure.

Notable Incidents

The department responded to a variety of high-priority incidents this month, demonstrating efficiency and strong tactical coordination across all shifts:

- **Structure Fires:**
 - 212 N Washington – fire led to discovery of a drug-related squat house.
 - East 6th Street – fully involved structure with aggressive VES operation; no fatalities.
 - 1709 N Washington – detached carport fire; contained with minimal spread.
- **Major Medicals & Traumas:**
 - Multiple **gunshot wounds** and **stabbings** requiring trauma code activations.
 - **Fatal MVA/Car vs. Semi** at 380 E.
 - **Plane crash** at the Roswell airport – no injuries.
- **Rescues:**
 - Rope Rescue at **Bottomless Lakes** – hiker fall with tib/fib fracture; successful extrication and transport.

These incidents highlighted the department's preparedness, coordination, and ongoing commitment to aggressive yet controlled operations under pressure.

Training and Professional Development

Training remained a key focus this month, with all shifts participating in diverse and specialized exercises:

- **Firefighter Down CPR and Firefighter Survival Drills** – reinforcing life-saving tactics for interior crews.
- **Rope Rescue Training** using new equipment and bag systems.
- **Leadership Development** sessions with BC Jennings for both officers and non-officers.
- **Cross-Training with AMR** on live fire victim removal and treatment.
- **Water Rescue Truck Operations** and **ABG Refresher** for AEMT candidates.
- **9/11 Stair Climb Memorial Event** – strong participation across shifts, with support from Sierra Fire and administration.

Administrative and QA staff also focused on **training record standardization** and integration with new software systems to streamline documentation.

Personnel and Staffing

- **FAO Tallabas** received the **Peer Accountability Award** for exemplary leadership and performance.
 - **FAO Wright** began **Paramedic School**; **FF Ronquillo** entered **Intermediate School**, reflecting continued departmental investment in education.
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Equipment and Apparatus Updates

- **E6:** MES repaired pump actuator, coolant, and seatbelt sensors.
 - **E11:** A/C repaired by Siddons Martin.
 - **Tanker 4:** Exhaust system serviced; pump functional at 100 PSI.
 - **E15:** Fixed overheating issue; window replaced (pending final adjustment).
 - **New LMTV** acquired and stationed at Station 3.
 - **New ARFF Truck** passed final inspection.
 - **First Aid and Triage Kits** distributed to Station 4.
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Community Engagement

The Roswell Fire Department remained visible and engaged throughout the community:

- **Homeschool and National Guard Youth Tours** hosted at Stations 1 and 4.
 - **Church of the Nazarene BBQ** and **Sierra Middle School Block Party** supported by on-duty crews.
 - **Goddard Soccer Booster Golf Ball Drop** and **First Responder Blue Mass** events attended.
 - **9/11 First Responder Breakfast** participation at Peachtree Village.
 - **RARA Air Races** showcased interagency cooperation and public trust in emergency management.
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Summary

September 2025 was a month of **firsts, progress, and collaboration**. From hosting the National Championship Air Races to implementing new QA and training systems, the Roswell Fire Department continued to advance professionalism and readiness across every level. Each division contributed to a unified mission of service, safety, and community excellence.