

ROSWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Yearly Report

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
EMS Captain -	Tamara Portillo-	714
Fire Marshall-	Jared Olive -	721
Deputy Fire Marshal -	Chris Casey-	722
Deputy Fire Marshal -	Preston Washington -	723
Deputy Fire Marshal -	Clayton Ness -	724
A-Shift Battalion Chief –	Jared Jennings –	Bat 1
B-Shift Battalion Chief –	Cory Mealand –	Bat 1
C-Shift Battalion Chief –	Kevin Hernandez –	Bat 1
Fire Mechanic -	Jesse Duke -	Service 1
Sr. Admin Assistant -	Lorena Borunda	
Admin Assistant -	Zoe Thompson	

Lieutenants –	Fully Staffed	Current	Open
	24	23	1
Engineers-	Fully Staffed	Current	Open
	30	25	5
Firefighters-	Fully Staffed	Current	Open
	27	21	6
Recruit Academy-	In Session		Open
	0		12

2025 Year-End Report

From the Fire Chief's Desk

The year 2025 stands as one of the most transformative years in the history of the Roswell Fire Department. What began as a department managing aging apparatus, limited reserve capacity, and constrained future growth evolved into an organization strategically positioned for long-term operational success, expanded EMS delivery, and improved firefighter safety, wellness, and professionalism.

This progress did not occur by chance. It was driven by deliberate leadership decisions, aggressive pursuit of funding, strong community partnerships, and a clear organizational focus. Throughout the year, the department invested boldly while maintaining fiscal responsibility, ensuring that each improvement directly enhanced service delivery and firefighter safety.

Department Overview & Operational Demand

Throughout 2025, the Roswell Fire Department served as the primary emergency response agency for the City of Roswell while also supporting surrounding communities during periods of system overload, large-scale incidents, and specialty responses.

During the year, the department responded to a total of 7,867 calls for service, consisting of:

- **7,054 EMS calls**
- **813 fire-related calls**

This call volume reflects both the increasing demand placed on the department and the growing complexity of incidents handled by RFD personnel on a daily basis.

To guide growth and decision-making, the department focused intentionally on three core priorities in 2025:

1. **Trucks**
2. **Stations**
3. **Uniforms and Professionalism**

These priorities shaped nearly every major initiative undertaken during the year.

Fleet & Apparatus Modernization

Fleet modernization was the most aggressive and impactful initiative undertaken in 2025. In a single calendar year, the Roswell Fire Department acquired or placed into service **23 vehicles**, an achievement that is virtually unheard of for a department of this size.

Major fleet and apparatus improvements included:

- Four new **Class A Pumpers**
- A **Pierce mid-mount aerial** ordered for future delivery
- An additional **aerial apparatus purchased outright**, eliminating long-term rental costs
- A new **ARFF crash truck** purchased by the City of Roswell
- **Eight new ambulances**, directly supporting future transport operations
- A **Light Medium Tactical Vehicle (LMTV)** for flood response
- A **swift water rescue boat and trailer**
- A **Polaris UTV** for off-road and rescue operations
- A new **brush truck**
- **Two new mini pumpers**, received and nearing deployment
- A new **Battalion Chief vehicle**
- A new **EMS Captain vehicle**

In addition to new apparatus, the department purchased multiple new sets of hydraulic rescue tools and stabilization struts, ensuring every district has full extrication capability and significantly reducing reliance on specialty units.

The transition from gasoline-powered to electric PPV fans, chainsaws, and rotary saws further improved safety by removing flammable fuels from apparatus while reducing maintenance demands.

To support long-term fleet sustainability, the City approved the hiring of a dedicated Fire Department mechanic, partnered with Solid Waste. This strategic investment allows in-house apparatus maintenance, reducing downtime, improving reliability, and generating substantial long-term cost savings.

Stations & Facilities

Station readiness and infrastructure improvements were a major focus in 2025. The department secured funding and initiated an addition to Station 1 to address long-standing deficiencies related to female firefighter accommodations. This project represents a critical advancement in equity, recruitment, retention, and workforce readiness.

Station improvements across the city focused on cleanliness, organization, functionality, and readiness—particularly in preparation for the department's ISO inspection.

Personnel, Promotions & Organizational Development

In 2025, the Roswell Fire Department made significant progress in strengthening its leadership ranks and internal workforce development.

Promotions

The department completed the following promotions:

- **5 Lieutenant Promotions**
Jordan Barwick, Carlos Garcia, Eric Morales, Jerid Huggins, Kent Campbell
- **6 Engineer Promotions**
Garrett Floyd, Kaleb Wright, Tyler Young, Chris Munoz, Josh Madden, Marcus Foster
- **5 Firefighter Appointments**
Esau Castillo, Francisco Garcia, Jahziel Gonzales, Lukas King, Javier Valdez
- **2 Firefighter Laterals**
Gavin Trost, Terry Chaves

These promotions filled critical gaps, improved shift leadership stability, and reinforced the department's commitment to internal advancement.

Current Staffing Outlook

As the department enters 2026, the following vacancies remain:

- **1 Lieutenant vacancy**
- **5 Engineer vacancies**
- **6 Firefighter vacancies**

These vacancies help frame upcoming hiring and promotional priorities for the coming year.

Organizational Structure & Leadership

The department restructured its organizational chart in 2025 to better reflect modern fire service operations and properly integrate EMS personnel into the ranking and command structure. This restructuring clarified responsibilities, strengthened accountability, and improved operational efficiency.

Additional organizational improvements included:

- Hiring a **Fire Prevention Secretary**
 - Adding an **additional Deputy Fire Marshal**
 - Reintroducing **QA Officers** to strengthen patient care review and clinical accountability
 - Establishing a **Critical Incident Stress Debriefing partnership with the Roswell Police Department**, enhancing behavioral health support following traumatic incidents
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Training & Professional Development

The year 2025 was intentionally structured as a high-training year, over 21,000 hours combined. Training efforts aligned directly with fleet expansion, leadership development, and EMS growth.

Training included:

- Driver and pump operator training
- Company officer development
- ARFF operations
- Technical and rope rescue training
- EMS education and certification support
- Leadership training for officers and non-officers
- QA-driven EMS performance improvement

This approach ensured personnel were prepared to safely operate new equipment and meet expanding operational demands.

EMS Growth & Future Transport Capability

At the beginning of 2025, the Roswell Fire Department could not realistically envision operating an ambulance transport service. Through deliberate planning, fleet acquisition, staffing development, QA implementation, and leadership restructuring, the department is now positioned to **begin ambulance transport operations in July 2026**.

The acquisition of eight ambulances, EMS leadership vehicles, QA officers, and expanded training established a strong foundation for a sustainable transport program.

Firefighter Health, Safety & Wellness

Firefighter health and longevity were prioritized throughout 2025. All shift personnel completed extensive annual physicals, including comprehensive medical evaluations and cancer screenings. These efforts exceeded minimum requirements and reflect a long-term commitment to workforce protection.

The department also expanded behavioral health support through peer resources and critical incident stress debriefing partnerships.

ISO, Compliance & Risk Reduction

The Roswell Fire Department completed its ISO inspection in 2025, marking a major milestone in its improvement strategy. While the official score will be received in approximately six months, the inspection validated progress in apparatus readiness, documentation, station operations, and administrative processes.

Additionally, the department initiated a citywide hydrant improvement project, completing a verified hydrant inventory and establishing an accurate hydrant count. Formal hydrant testing and flow evaluations are scheduled for early 2026.

Grants, Partnerships & Fiscal Stewardship

The department secured more than **\$3 million in grant funding** during 2025, including:

- \$1.2 million for Station 1 expansion
- \$970,000 for mini pumpers
- \$600,000 for a pumper
- \$100,000 for the hydrant project
- \$100,000 for EMS supplies

Community and private partnerships also contributed significantly:

- TransAero
- Eastern New Mexico Medical Center
- Lovelace Hospital
- Church on the Move, which funded gas monitors and the swift water rescue boat
- Chaplains providing food and support during union meetings
- Dean Baldwin, who donated labor by painting the Swift Water Rescue Truck at no cost to the department

Conclusion & Looking Ahead

The accomplishments of 2025 reflect a department that chose to invest decisively in its future. Through unprecedented fleet expansion, strengthened leadership, aggressive training, infrastructure improvements, and strategic partnerships, the Roswell Fire Department enters 2026 better equipped and better prepared than at any point in recent history.

With ISO results pending, hydrant testing scheduled, staffing initiatives underway, and ambulance transport operations planned for July 2026, the department is positioned to continue building on the momentum established during this historic year.

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Fire Marshal's Yearly Report

January 1st- December 31st 2025



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YEARLY TOTALS

STAFF-

- FIRE MARSHAL JARED OLIVE, 721
- DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL CHRIS CASEY, 722
- DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL PRESTON WASHINGTON, 723
- DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL CLAYTON NESS, 724
- FIRE PREVENTION ADMIN ZOE THOMPSON

TRAINING-

TOTAL INSPECTOR TRAINING: 0 hrs.

TOTAL FIRE TRAINING: 70 hrs.

TOTAL EMS TRAINING: 60 hrs.

TOTAL INVESTIGATOR TRAINING: 0 hrs.

TOTAL ADMINISTRATION TRAINING: 2 hrs.

STAFF TOTAL: 132 hrs.

INVESTIGATIONS-

STRUCTURE

- 63

VEHICLE

- 13

OTHER

- 8

TOTAL STRUCTURE: 63

TOTAL VEHICLE: 13

TOTAL OTHER: 8

TOTAL FIRE INVESTIGATIONS: 84

PLAN REVIEWS-

- There was a total of 40+ plan reviews that took place in the year of 2025.

PERMITS –

There was a total of 45 permits submitted in the year 2025, with most being issued. There were about 6 permits left as a draft and 1 permit denied. The permits issued passed inspections and met IFC guidelines.

PUBLIC RELATIONS / EDUCATION

- Smoke Detector Install Event (721, 722, 723, 724)- 15 hrs.
- Fire Drills (721, 722, 723, 724)- 12/2/2025- 15 hr.
- Knox Box Informative Presentation (721, 722, 723)- 5 hrs.
- National Honor Guard (721, 722, 723)- 40 hrs.
- Fire Marshal Association Meetings (721)- 10 hrs.
- Annual Fire Marshal Conference in Ruidoso (721, 723)- 40 hrs.
- Advance Peer Support (722)- 32 hrs.

PR/ EDUCATION (HRS.): 157 hrs.

SUMMARY

The year of 2025 was full of permit opportunities as 40+ permits were issued. There was plenty of learning and trainings opportunities this year. There were also some one-on-one training opportunities for each individual. There was a numerous number of inspections scheduled this year ranging from property, buildings and occupants. Along with permit and inspection opportunities there were also special events and public training opportunities that took place and plenty of training hours logged.

List of Inspections

Displays all inspections recorded in the system, including statuses and details.

Count of Inspections

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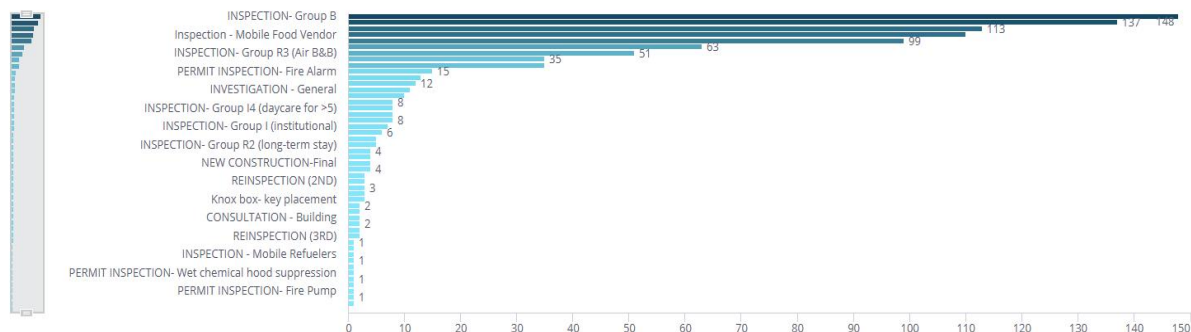
Lead Inspectors

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Lead Inspector Name
Christopher Casey
Jared Olive
Preston Washington

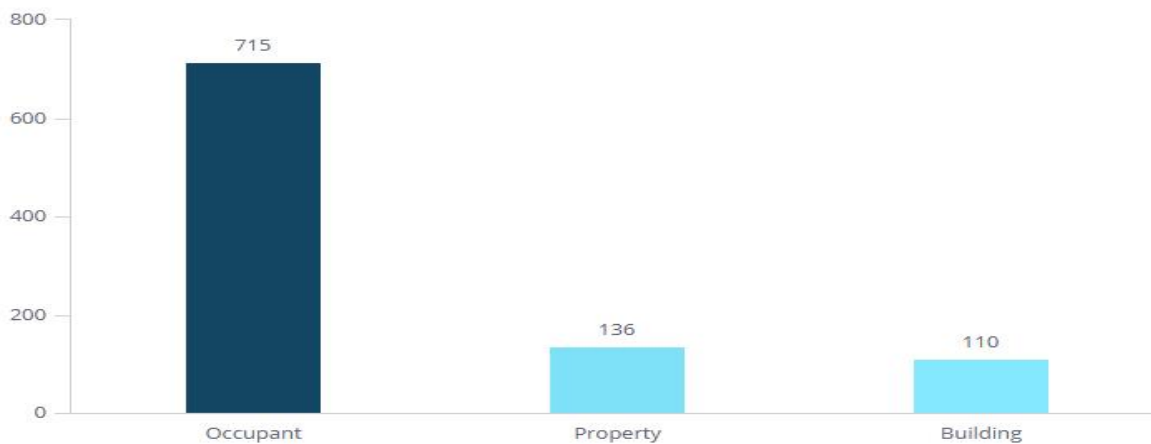
Count of Inspections by Inspection Type

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Count of Inspections by Inspection Property Classification

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Count of Inspections by Status

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