

ROSWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report

February 2026



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
	13		0

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Department Overview

February 2026 was a high-tempo operational month for the Roswell Fire Department. Crews responded to a wide range of complex incidents including multiple structure fires, significant motor vehicle accidents with extrication, high-acuity medical calls, and coordinated law enforcement operations. Throughout the month, personnel demonstrated strong teamwork, adaptability, and professional coordination both within the department and alongside regional partners.

Despite heavy call volume and periods of system demand, RFD personnel maintained operational readiness while continuing to prioritize training, leadership development, and apparatus reliability.

Operations & Notable Incidents

Crews handled numerous high-acuity responses throughout the city and surrounding county areas.

Major Incidents Included:

- A **multi-vehicle MCI at Main and Country Club** involving seven patients and five vehicles, requiring two extrications and coordinated EMS deployment.
- A significant **head-on collision on 380 East** involving a semi-truck fire and extrication.
- Multiple additional **auto extrications**, including responses involving Level 1 trauma activations.
- Several **structure fires** across the city, including:
 - Delaware
 - Hahn
 - Ohio (two-story apartment complex involving 10 units)
 - E. 6th Street, where crews successfully rescued two victims
 - Multiple additional structure fires requiring coordinated multi-company responses
- Multiple **county structure fires** requiring city response, demonstrating strong interagency cooperation.
- Officer-involved shooting response with multiple gunshot victims.
- Grass fires, car fires, and technical responses.
- Missing child search resulting in safe reunification with family.

- Tactical EMS support during a **TEMS SWAT operation** with RPD.
- Aircraft standby operations and ARFF support at the airport.

Throughout these incidents, crews worked seamlessly with AMR, air medical services, RPD, county departments, FAA representatives, and airport partners to ensure safe and effective outcomes.

Training & Professional Development

February continued the department's emphasis on maintaining a high level of training and readiness.

Leadership & Officer Development

- Leadership classes conducted for officers and non-officers.
- Lieutenant scenario-based training covering:
 - Structure fire command
 - MCI management
 - HazMat scenarios
 - Administrative and disciplinary processes
- Lieutenant testing conducted utilizing on-shift personnel.
- Company Officer training at the training field.
- Chiefs and Lieutenants meetings to ensure alignment and information flow.

Technical & Operational Training

- Department-wide **Ropes training**, including AZ vortex systems, patient packaging, and repelling.
- ARFF tabletop training with FAA and United Airlines participation.
- EMS Operations class.
- Search and Rescue training.
- Squad pump system training to ensure operational consistency across newly structured units.
- Fleetio training to improve fleet management documentation.
- Group physical training sessions conducted in gear and on air to reinforce operational endurance.

Personnel utilized available time efficiently to strengthen foundational skills, particularly in rope rescue operations and squad truck restructuring.

EMS & Medical Training

EMS training remained a strong focus throughout the month:

- CPR classes
- ACLS certification class
- PALS certification class
- EMS operational refresher training

Crews managed periods of increased EMS demand while maintaining patient care standards and utilizing RFD Medic 1 when necessary to support system needs.

Personnel & Staffing

Personnel development continued with promotional advancement:

- **FAO Carpenter** successfully passed the Lieutenant exam and will promote to Lieutenant, moving to C Shift.
- **FAO Young** also successfully passed the Lieutenant exam.

Promotional processes and scenario-based evaluations demonstrated the department's continued commitment to leadership development and internal advancement.

Staffing adjustments were managed through coordinated shift coverage to maintain uninterrupted service delivery.

Apparatus & Fleet Readiness

Fleet reliability remained a priority throughout February.

- Apparatus were rotated through the mechanic shop for 10-point inspections.
- New department mechanics continued systematic inspections and evaluation processes.
- Equipment was mounted and finalized on newer apparatus.
- Preventative maintenance efforts were ongoing to ensure fleet dependability.

This proactive approach reflects the department's commitment to protecting its investment in fleet modernization and ensuring reliable frontline response capability.

Station Readiness & Facilities

Station projects and readiness efforts continued across all locations:

- EMS closets were renovated and prepared for stocking.
- Fitness equipment approvals progressed at Station 1.
- Crews maintained high standards of cleanliness and operational readiness.
- Facility maintenance needs were identified and documented to ensure continued improvements.

Even during high operational tempo, stations remained organized and prepared for daily response and inspection standards.

Community Engagement & Public Relations

The department maintained visible community presence throughout the month:

- Career Day at Roswell High School.
- Groundbreaking ceremony for new trampoline park development.
- Roswell Head Start Grand Reopening.
- Garrison flag ceremony at the airport honoring National Guard members returning from deployment.
- Ribbon cutting for Allison Flooring.
- ARFF standby for first commercial flight departure to Denver.
- Standby events and community support functions.

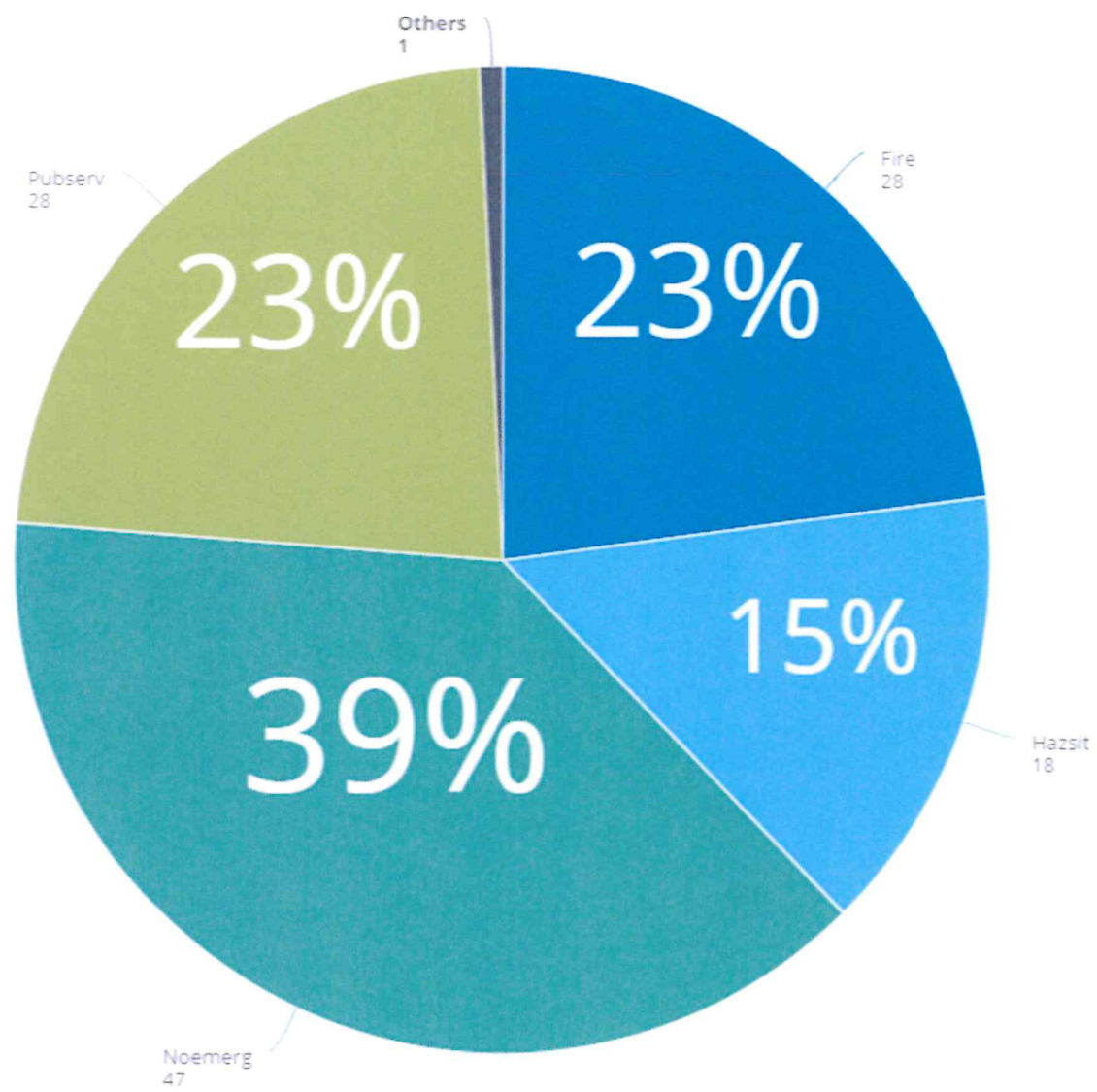
These engagements reinforce the department's commitment to community partnership and public trust.

Summary

February 2026 reflected a department operating at a high level across all divisions. Crews responded to complex incidents, maintained strong interagency coordination, advanced leadership development, and continued strengthening fleet and station readiness.

Despite a demanding operational environment, the Roswell Fire Department demonstrated resilience, professionalism, and unity. Personnel across all shifts worked together to ensure consistent service delivery, training progression, and operational excellence.

Percent of Incident Responses by Incident Type



EMD Complaint	# of unique Chief Complaint
Abdominal Pain/Problems	4
Allergic Reaction/Stings	0
Altered Mental Status	4
Animal Bite	1
Assault	0
Assist Invalid	1
Back Pain (Non-Traumatic)	3
Breathing Problem	24
Cardiac Arrest/Death	3
Chest Pain (Non-Traumatic)	10
Choking	0
Convulsions/Seizure	6
Diabetic Problem	3
EMS Requested by Law Enforcement	1
EMS Special Service	0
Falls	15
Heart Problems/AICD	4
Hemorrhage/Laceration	2
Intoxicated Subject	0
Medical Alarm	0
Nausea	1
No Other Appropriate Choice	8
Overdose/Poisoning/Ingestion	4
Pregnancy/Childbirth	0
Psychiatric Problem/Abnormal Behavior/Suicide Attempt	5
Sick Person	30
Stab/Gunshot Wound/Penetrating Trauma	1
Standby	0
Stroke/CVA	3
Traffic Accident	22
Transfer/Interfacility/Palliative Care	0
Traumatic Injury	2
Unconscious/Fainting	5
Unknown Problem/Person Down	3
Vomiting	2
Well Person Check	1

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Fire Marshal's Monthly Report

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FEBRUARY TOTALS

STAFF-

- FIRE MARSHAL JARED OLIVE, 721
- DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL CHRIS CASEY, 722
- DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL PRESTON WASHINGTON, 723
- FIRE PREVENTION ADMIN

TRAINING-

- 2/2/2026 Fire Code Review 721, (1HR) Insp
- 2/3/2026 Image Trend EMS + Fire Overview 721 (1HR) Admin
- 2/4/2026 Image Trend Fire Prevention 721 (3HR) Admin
- 2/11/2026 Safety Committee 721 (2HRS EA) Admin
- 2/17/2026 Halon system Code review and in person training (PVRCC) 721, 722, 724, (1HR EA) Inspect
- 2/22-27/2026 NMIAAI Annual Training Conference 721, 722, 724, (40 HRS each) Invest

TOTAL INSPECTOR TRAINING: 4

TOTAL FIRE TRAINING: 0

TOTAL EMS TRAINING: 0

TOTAL INVESTIGATOR TRAINING: 120

TOTAL ADMINISTRATION TRAINING: 6

STAFF TOTAL: 130 hrs.

PLAN REVIEWS-

To be determined.

PERMITS -

To be determined.

TOTAL PLANS REVIEWED:
TOTAL PERMITS:
TOTAL AMOUNT:

Filter statement

Filters

Days in Inspection Scheduled Date 10/1/25 to 10/31/25

Inspection Status InProgress, N/A, Locked, Unlocked

List of Inspections

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

Count of Inspections

Inspection Number: 72

Lead Inspector Name

Christopher Casey

Jared Olive

Preston Washington

Count of Inspections by Status

Christopher Cas...

Preston Washin...

Jared Olive

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Count of Inspections by Inspection Type

INSPECTION- Group R3 (Air...

INSPECTION- Group M

INVESTIGATION - False Alarm

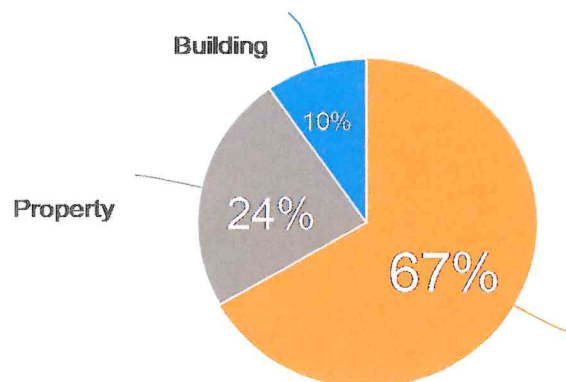
INSPECTION- Group F

Knox box- key placement

INSPECTION- Group R1 (tra...

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Count of Inspections by Inspection Property Classification



Fire Incidents

Unit name: 721, 722, 723, 724

Showing 12 records from 02/01/2026 - 02/28/2026

<u>2026001289</u>	<u>02/26/2026 12:27:54</u>	<u>Locked</u>	<u>Structural involvement, Vehicle fire - RV</u>
<u>2026001275</u>	<u>02/25/2026 20:06:20</u>	<u>Locked</u>	<u>Other false call</u>
<u>2026001227</u>	<u>02/23/2026 00:24:20</u>	<u>Locked</u>	<u>Cancelled</u>
<u>2026001219</u>	<u>02/22/2026 13:01:32</u>	<u>Locked</u>	<u>Cancelled</u>
<u>2026001208</u>	<u>02/21/2026 21:25:10</u>	<u>Locked</u>	<u>Smoke investigation</u>
<u>2026001130</u>	<u>02/17/2026 12:55:51</u>	<u>Draft</u>	
<u>2026000993</u>	<u>02/11/2026 18:16:44</u>	<u>Locked</u>	<u>Fire / smoke alarm</u>
<u>2026000872</u>	<u>02/06/2026 13:07:40</u>	<u>Draft</u>	
<u>2026000840</u>	<u>02/05/2026 09:57:01</u>	<u>Locked</u>	<u>Other false call</u>
<u>2026000810</u>	<u>02/03/2026 18:46:53</u>	<u>Locked</u>	<u>Trash / rubbish fire</u>
<u>2026000804</u>	<u>02/03/2026 11:24:13</u>	<u>Locked</u>	<u>Other false call</u>
<u>2026000803</u>	<u>02/03/2026 10:07:42</u>	<u>Locked</u>	<u>Accidental alarm</u>

PUBLIC RELATIONS / EDUCATION

- 2/3/2026 Smoke Detector Install 722 (1HR)
- 2/18/2026 Smoke Detector Install 724 (1HR)
- 2/20/2026 Smoke Detector Install 724 (1HR)

PR/ EDUCATION (HRS.): 3

SPECIAL EVENTS / OTHER

- NM International Association of Arson Investigators annual training conference

TOTAL SPECIAL EVENTS: 1

SUMMARY

February was a busy start to the year, we had multiple inspections many of which were large scale repeat inspections like Walmart and the new Amazon distribution center. These inspections took many hours sometimes days and even nighttime hours to complete, due to failures that should have been addressed prior to scheduling inspections. They have been a point of discussion for the new proposed Ch 13 ordinance change late last year, and still prove to be a major issue until we can get some supportive code to reduce the wasted man hours.

Investigations were quite involved with multiple arsons, and many getting more thorough investigative measures than normally allocated. This is thanks in part to the new Deputy Fire Marshal that came over from the Detectives office at PD. We for see a reduction in fire related crimes as long as we can keep up his efforts.

The NMIAAI conference was a great training event for myself, 722, and 724. We were presented a variety of informative lectures ranging from a graphic full day of fire fatality investigations, to bombs and explosives investigations. The two attending deputies also walked away with certifications for evidence collection. Unfortunately, we had to part ways with our secretary during this time, but hope to have a replacement soon. The permit/plans review records and previous months data has been affected by the loss, but should be corrected for next month.

