

ROSWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report

March 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 -	Julie Gant Likens	

Lieutenants –	Fully Staffed	Current	Open
	24	24	0
Engineers-	Fully Staffed	Current	Open
	30	25	6
Firefighters-	Fully Staffed	Current	Open
	27	20	7
Recruit Academy-	In Session		Open
	8		5

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The Roswell Fire Department continued to demonstrate a high level of professionalism, operational readiness, and community commitment throughout the month of March. Across all three shifts, personnel responded to a wide range of emergencies, participated in extensive training, and remained engaged in both internal development and community outreach.

Emergency Response Overview

During the month of March, crews across all shifts responded to a high volume of emergency incidents involving fire suppression, emergency medical care, and technical rescue operations.

Personnel managed a wide range of complex and high-acuity incidents requiring coordinated, multi-company responses. These incidents reflect the department's ability to operate effectively under pressure while delivering critical services to the community.

Working Structure Fires

The department responded to multiple working structure fires during the month, requiring coordinated, multi-company operations.

These incidents included:

- Fully involved residential structures requiring defensive and offensive fire attack operations
- Residential fires involving accessory structures and exposure protection
- Equipment-related fires impacting infrastructure components
- Exterior fires with extension potential to nearby structures

All incidents required the application of core fireground functions, including fire attack, search and rescue, ventilation, and exposure control. Crews demonstrated strong coordination, communication, and operational discipline throughout these events.

Significant Incidents

In addition to fire responses, crews managed several high-impact and complex emergency incidents:

- Cardiac arrest with successful resuscitation and patient discharge
- Multiple fatal and critical motor vehicle accidents involving single and multi-vehicle collisions
- Multi-patient trauma incidents requiring rapid triage and transport coordination
- Violent trauma incidents, including stabbings and a shooting, requiring advanced life-saving interventions
- Technical rescue operations involving complex vehicle extrication

These incidents highlight the department's ability to deliver advanced emergency medical care and technical rescue capabilities in high-risk environments.

Training and Professional Development

Training remained a priority throughout March, with all shifts participating in both foundational and advanced training programs:

- Wildland firefighting refresher training and pack testing
- Rope rescue training, including basic skills, rappelling, and patient packaging
- Firefighter survival training and physical conditioning evolutions
- ARFF training, including airport familiarization and driver/operator training
- EMS continuing education, including cardiac care, pharmacology, and documentation training
- Leadership development sessions conducted for officers and non-officers

Company-level training continued to focus on individual and crew-specific development needs.

Personnel and Staffing

The department continued to operate under staffing challenges during March, requiring operational adjustments to maintain minimum staffing levels:

- Completion of EMS renewals department-wide
- Personnel returning from leave and managing light duty assignments
- Retirement recognition for FAO Regalado

Despite these challenges, personnel maintained a high level of performance and service delivery.

Equipment and Apparatus

Significant progress was made in improving apparatus readiness and equipment standardization:

- CAD mounts installed across frontline apparatus
- Ongoing apparatus inspections in coordination with new mechanics
- Equipment mounting and organization improvements on newer apparatus
- Identification of minor equipment issues requiring follow-up

These improvements support operational efficiency and long-term reliability.

Stations and Facilities

Facility improvements and long-term planning efforts continued throughout March:

- Station inspections and internal improvement projects completed
- Installation of new gym equipment to support firefighter health and wellness
- Facility modifications completed to meet pharmacy compliance requirements

Key Development:

- Approval received to begin planning and design for the Station 2 remodel, including the addition of female accommodations, supporting long-term workforce sustainability and department growth
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Strategic Initiatives and Department Growth

The department made measurable progress on key strategic priorities:

- Approval secured for the purchase of a tractor and trailer to support the mobile ARFF training prop, enhancing regional training capabilities
- Continued alignment of training, equipment, and infrastructure with long-term ISO improvement goals
- Ongoing planning and development efforts to support future service expansion and operational readiness

Community Engagement

The Roswell Fire Department remained actively engaged within the community:

- Participation in school career day events
- Public outreach events including community demonstrations and “Touch-a-Truck”
- Engagement with youth programs and first responder initiatives

These efforts continue to strengthen relationships between the department and the community it serves.

Closing

March was a highly active and productive month for the Roswell Fire Department. Personnel across all three shifts demonstrated professionalism, adaptability, and dedication while managing a demanding workload, maintaining rigorous training standards, and advancing key departmental initiatives.

The department remains focused on continuous improvement, strategic growth, and delivering the highest level of service to the citizens of Roswell.

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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
- DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL CLAYTON NESS, 724
- FIRE PREVENTION ADMIN

TRAINING-

- 3/2/2026 Chief meeting 721, (4HR) Admin
- 3/9/2026 Fire Prevention Staff Meeting 721, 722, 723, 724 (1HR EA) Admin
- 3/9/2026 In house training Backflow Preventers 721, 722, 723, 724 (1HR EA) Inspect
- 3/9/2026 Battery Energy Storage Code review with County Officials 721 (1HR) Inspect
- 3/11/2026 Safety Committee monthly meeting 723 (3HR) Admin
- 3/11/2026 Fire protection for lithium-ion battery lifecycle 722, 723, 724 (2HRS EA) Fire
- 3/24/2026 Elite Kickoff (Image Trend) 721 (1HR) Admin
- 3/24/2026 Principals of Building Construction 722 (2HR) Inspect

TOTAL INSPECTOR TRAINING: 7

TOTAL FIRE TRAINING: 6

TOTAL EMS TRAINING: 0

TOTAL INVESTIGATOR TRAINING: 0

TOTAL ADMINISTRATION TRAINING: 12

STAFF TOTAL: 25 hrs.

PERMITS ISSUED

PERMIT NUMBER	PERMIT ADDRESS	PERMIT FEES	DATE
26-29-1324	117 N. MAIN	\$300	31 MAR 26
26-29-1325	117 N MAIN	\$100	31 MAR 26

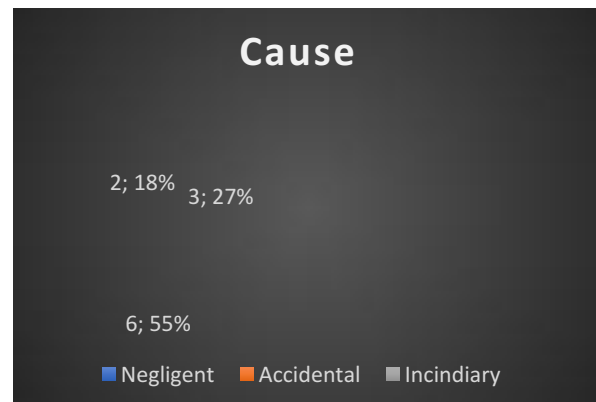
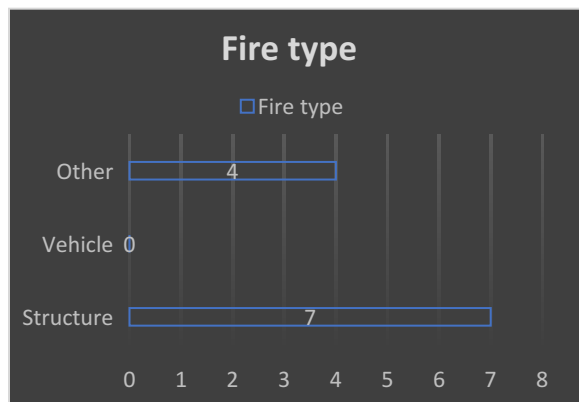
PLANS REVIEW

ADDRESS	REVIEW TYPE	REVIEW STATUS	NOTES
1101 W 2ND	BUILDING PERMIT	IN REVIEW	
2110 N MAIN	BUILDING PERMIT	IN REVIEW	
3606 N MAIN	BUILDING PERMIT	IN REVIEW	
1900 E POE	BUILDING PERMIT	REJECTED	IN COUNTY
1422 W 2ND	DEMO PERMIT	REJECTED	DUPLICATE SUBMISSION
821 N MAIN	BUILDING PERMIT	CHANGES REQUESTED (FIRE)	*Celebration addition must be sprinklered and permit pulled through fire prevention office. Additional page revisions required.
200 E 22ND	LICENSING	IN REVIEW	
712 N ATKINSON	BUILDING PERMIT	IN REVIEW	FIRE REVIEW COMPLETED
2001 W 2ND	BUILDING PERMIT	CHANGES REQUESTED (FIRE)	*Exit travel distance should be noted. *EV should have emergency disconnect, away from the hazard area. *Knox Box required. *RPZ backflow required on suppression system. *Roswell Thread required on FDC. *Hazardous materials should be noted on plans, and evaluated for meeting permit requirements. * Permits should be pulled for all items applicable to the IFC. Notable considerations would be repair shop, wet sprinkler, Underground fire line, flammable liquids, battery storage etc.
1407 W 2ND	BUILDING PERMIT	PERMIT ISSUED	
905 W MCGAFFEY	BUILDING PERMIT	CHANGES REQUESTED	PENDING
3801 S MAIN	BUILDING PERMIT	IN REVIEW	FIRE REVIEW COMPLETE
4531 N MAIN	BUILDING PERMIT	READY TO ISSUE	
2301 W 2ND	BUILDING PERMIT	IN REVIEW	FIRE REVIEW COMPLETE
900 W HOBBS	BUILDING PERMIT	IN REVIEW	AWAITING ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL

TOTAL PLANS REVIEWED: 15**TOTAL PERMITS: 2****TOTAL AMOUNT: \$400**

INVESTIGATIONS

Incident	Date	Group	Cause	Status
2026001504	3/7/2026	Structure	Electric	Closed
2026001635	3/14/2026	Structure	Stolen electric from squatter	Charges pending
2026001670	3/16/2026	Structure	Homeless starting fires	Open
2026001689	3/17/2026	Structure	Electric	Closed
2026001734	3/18/2026	Other	Electric DIY from resident to makeshift structure	Open
2026001747	3/19/2026	Other	Electric	Closed
2026001826	3/21/2026	Structure	Homeless negligence	Open
2026001875	3/23/2026	Other	Trash burning got out of control	Closed
2026001886	3/24/2026	Structure	Mechanical ventilation was not sealed	closed
2026001882	3/24/2026	Other	Electric during professional work	closed
2026001848	3/22/2026	Structure	Electric	closed



Synopsis

Electric issues continue to be the primary cause of the various fires. While the lion share is accidental in nature, others are avoidable and caused due to negligence. Several have been caused by squatters settling in vacant buildings and stealing power, or lighting fires, be it for warmth, drug use, or entertainment.

Filter statement

Filters

Days in Inspection Scheduled Date 3/1/26 to 3/31/26

Inspection Status InProgress, N/A, Locked, Unlocked

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List of Inspections

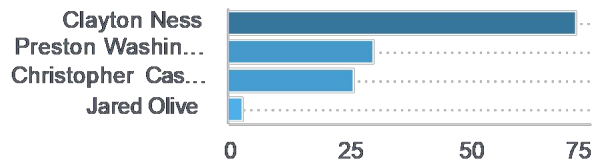
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Count of Inspections

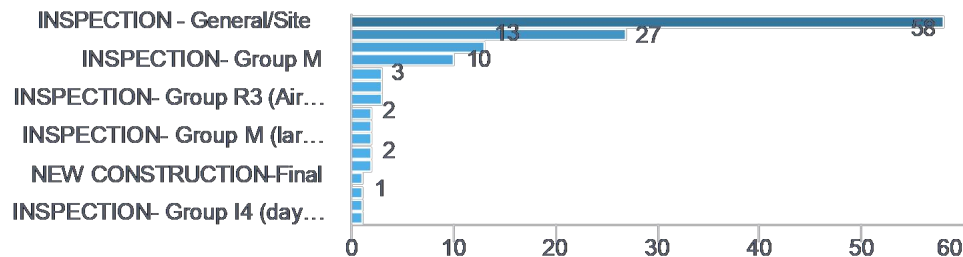
Inspection Number: **131**

Lead Inspector Name
Christopher Casey
Clayton Ness
Jared Olive
Preston Washington

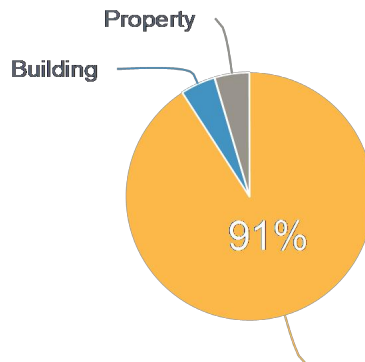
Count of Inspections by Status



Count of Inspections by Inspection Type



Count of Inspections by Inspection Property Classification



PUBLIC RELATIONS / EDUCATION

Smoke Detectors numbers were not added however there were approximately 3 installs this month

PR/ EDUCATION (HRS.): 3

SPECIAL EVENTS / OTHER

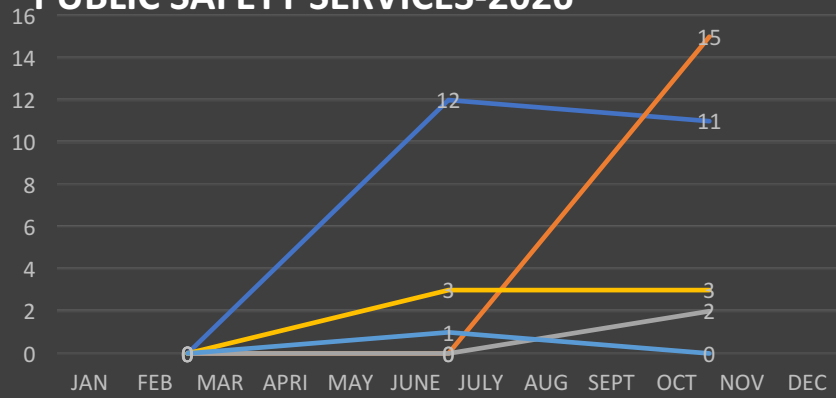
No events were documented this month

TOTAL SPECIAL EVENTS:

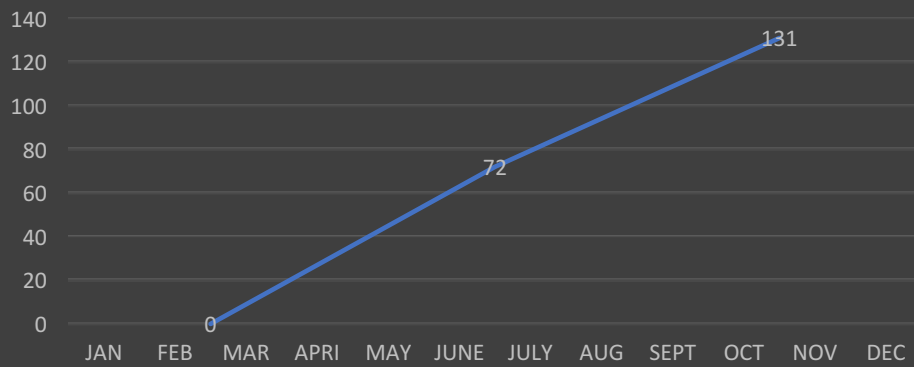
SUMMARY

This month was especially busy for the Fire Prevention office due to the implementation of our new restructuring concept, which is comprised of dividing up our more primary functions (Inspections, Investigations, and public education) and assigning specific roles to the Deputy Fire Marshal's job duties. While this is not an entirely new model for Fire Departments across the nation or even in NM. The difficulties reside in the number of prevention personnel and their qualifications. Historically, all Fire Prevention members were tasked with being equally qualified to handle all aspects of the prevention office, this unfortunately is a vast multitude of responsibilities typically requiring years of in class and on the job training. Many of our deputies cycle out of the office before they ever meet the expected standards, and results in inconsistent performance during inspections, investigations, etc. The new model does not necessarily remove the need to be an expert in all fields, but will allow for an individual to become more accountable with a specific aspect and cater the education to their designated priority.

PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES-2026



TOTAL MONTHLY INSPECTIONS-2025



FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU TRAINING-2025

