

ROSWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report

April 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
	4		9

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The Roswell Fire Department maintained a high level of operational readiness and professionalism throughout the month of April. Personnel across all three shifts responded to a diverse range of emergencies, advanced critical training initiatives, and remained actively engaged in both internal development and community outreach.

Emergency Response Overview

During the month of April, crews responded to a wide range of emergency incidents involving fire suppression, emergency medical care, technical rescue, and all-hazard operations.

The department continues to experience a high demand for emergency medical services, while maintaining readiness for fire and rescue incidents requiring coordinated, multi-company response. Crews consistently demonstrated the ability to manage complex and high-acuity incidents across multiple disciplines.

Working Structure Fires

The department responded to multiple working structure fires throughout April requiring coordinated fireground operations and multi-company response.

These incidents included residential structure fires, multi-unit responses requiring coordinated fire attack and command, and incidents initially reported as active fires that were later determined to involve equipment or mechanical failures.

Operations included fire attack, search and rescue, ventilation, and exposure protection. Crews demonstrated strong command presence, accountability, and operational coordination during these incidents.

Significant Incidents

Crews managed several high-impact and complex incidents during the month:

- Multiple cardiac arrest incidents, including several with successful resuscitation outcomes
- Multiple structure fires occurring within short timeframes requiring sustained operational response
- Mass casualty rollover incident involving fatalities and complex extrication operations
- Grass fire that threatened multiple structures and required extended operations and mutual aid support
- Multiple violent trauma incidents, including stabbings and a shooting, requiring rapid EMS intervention
- SWAT/TEMS callouts requiring coordinated support of law enforcement operations
- Motor vehicle accidents requiring advanced patient care, extrication, and air medical coordination
- Several suspected fentanyl-related medical emergencies requiring critical ALS interventions
- Vehicle versus pedestrian incident with critical injuries

These incidents highlight the department's ability to manage complex, high-risk situations while delivering advanced emergency care and rescue operations.

Training and Professional Development

Training efforts during April were extensive and focused on both specialized response capabilities and foundational skills:

- Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) training in preparation for upcoming inspection, including airport and aircraft familiarization
- Firefighter survival training and hands-on operational evolutions
- Rope rescue systems and technical rescue training
- Swift water awareness, rescue techniques, and flood response operations, including new equipment deployment
- Forcible entry, extrication, and Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) operations
- EMS continuing education, including airway management, pharmacology, trauma care, and heat-related emergencies
- Leadership development sessions for both officers and non-officers
- Radio operations and fire behavior training

These training efforts ensure personnel remain proficient, adaptable, and prepared for a wide range of emergency scenarios.

Personnel and Staffing

Staffing challenges remained present throughout April, requiring continued flexibility and operational adjustments:

- Ongoing firefighter and engineer shortages impacting multiple stations
- Multiple instances of mandatory holdovers to maintain minimum staffing levels
- Retirement of a senior member contributing to staffing gaps
- Personnel returning from light duty, improving overall availability
- Promotions and internal advancements within the department
- Continued completion of evaluations and internal personnel development efforts

Despite these challenges, crews maintained operational effectiveness and service delivery.

Equipment and Apparatus

Equipment reliability and maintenance remained a key focus:

- Continued apparatus inspections and coordination with maintenance personnel
- Recurring diagnostic issues identified in multiple rescue units during daily checks
- Mechanical failure involving a tanker unit requiring immediate repair response
- Ongoing efforts to ensure apparatus readiness and operational reliability

These efforts reinforce the importance of preventative maintenance and rapid mechanical support.

Stations and Facilities

Facility conditions and infrastructure challenges were actively managed:

- Ongoing station inspections to maintain department standards and readiness
- Significant water leak at one station resulting in interior flooding and required mitigation
- Hydrant system pressure issues impacting operational readiness within one district
- Continued focus on maintaining clean, functional, and operationally ready stations

These issues highlight the need for continued infrastructure maintenance and long-term facility improvements.

Community Engagement

The department remained highly active in community outreach and public engagement:

- Participation in school events, career days, and youth programs
- Fire truck tours and engagement with children and families
- Community event participation, including public safety demonstrations
- Support of local events and partnerships with community organizations
- Attendance at professional EMS conferences

These efforts continue to strengthen relationships and promote public safety awareness throughout the community.

Closing

April was a demanding and productive month for the Roswell Fire Department. Personnel across all three shifts demonstrated professionalism, adaptability, and commitment while managing a wide range of emergency incidents, advancing training initiatives, and addressing operational challenges.

The department remains focused on readiness, continuous improvement, 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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APRIL 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-

- 4/8/2026 Safety Committee monthly meeting 723 (3HR) Admin
- 4/20-25/26 NFA-Plans Review for Fire & Life Safety – NFA , 721,722 (45HRS EA) Inspection
- 4/22/2026 Accreditation, Certification and certificates 723 (3HR) Investigation
- 4/22/2026 Legal aspects of investigating youth-set fires723 (3HR) Investigation
- 4/22/2026 Commercial kitchen fires 1 fundamentals723 (3HR) Investigation

TOTAL INSPECTOR TRAINING: 90

TOTAL FIRE TRAINING: 0

TOTAL EMS TRAINING: 0

TOTAL INVESTIGATOR TRAINING: 9

TOTAL ADMINISTRATION TRAINING: 3

STAFF TOTAL: 102 hrs.

PERMITS ISSUED

PERMIT NUMBER	PERMIT ADDRESS	PERMIT FEES	DATE
26 094 1634	3 PETRO DR	50	4/21/2026
26 094 1532	505 N MAIN	50	4/20/2026
26 107 1013	MOBILE FOOD VENDOR	50	4/17/2026
26 121 1512	1010 W. 2ND	50	4/1/2026

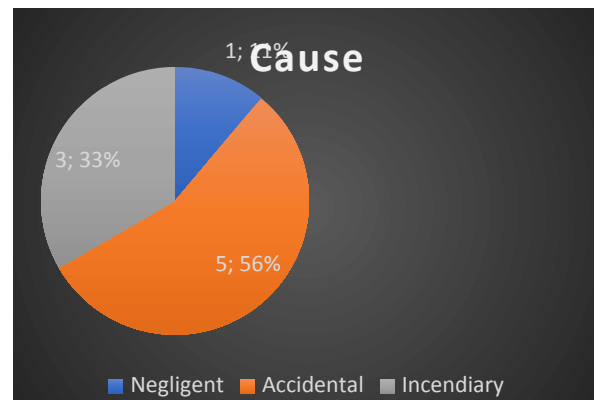
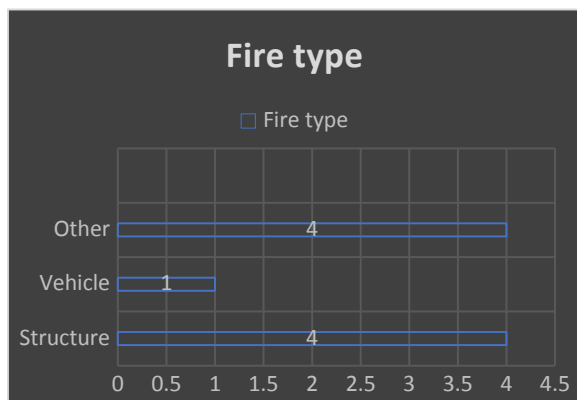
PLANS REVIEW

ADDRESS	REVIEW TYPE	REVIEW STATUS	NOTES
110 W. COLLEGE	BUILDING PERMIT	IN REVIEW	
1001 S. MAIN	BUILDING PERMIT	IN REVIEW	
4495 N MAIN	REMODEL	IN REVIEW	
1600 S. MAIN	ADDITION/BUILDING PERMIT	IN REVIEW	
712 N. ATKINSON	BUILDING PERMIT	IN REVIEW	FIRE REVIEW COMPLETE
3801 S. MAIN	BUILDING PERMIT	IN REVIEW	FIRE REVIEW COMPLETE
2712 N. MAIN	REMODEL	READY TO ISSUE	
900 W HOBBS	BUILDING PERMIT	READY TO ISSUE	
2301 W. 2ND	BUILDING PERMIT	PERMIT ISSUED	
4110 N. MAIN	BUILDING PERMIT	PERMIT ISSUED	

TOTAL PLANS REVIEWED: 10**TOTAL PERMITS: 4****TOTAL AMOUNT: \$400**

Incident	Date	Group	Cause	Status
2026002151	4/04/2026	Other	Accidental	Closed
2026002157	4/05/2026	Other	Electric	Closed
260414-05061	4/06/2026	Structure	Candle	Closed
2026002204	4/07/2026	Other	Unknown	Open
2026002354	4/13/2026	Vehicle	Incendiary	Open
2026002385	4/14/2026	Other	Accidental	Closed
2026002511	4/20/2026	Structure	Electric	Closed
2026002623	4/24/2026	Structure	Incendiary	Charges Pending
2026002707	4/28/2026	Structure	Incendiary	Open

INVESTIGATIONS



Synopsis

The fire investigations in April varied widely, ranging from appliance failure, to being investigated for arson with multiple different suspects and leads to follow.

Filter statement

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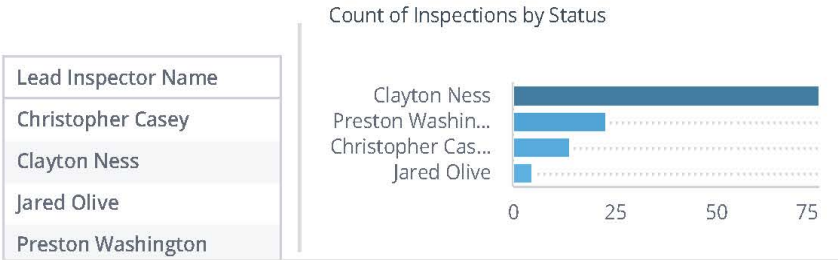
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List of Inspections

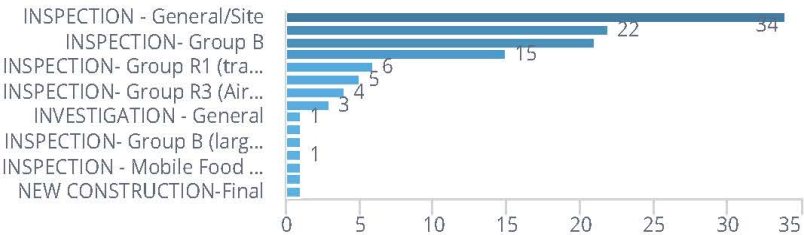
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Count of Inspections

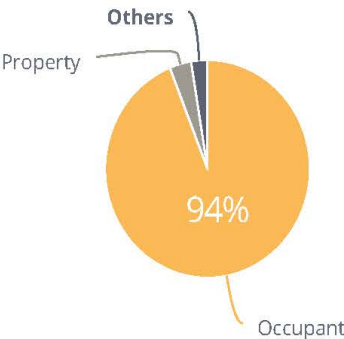
Inspection Number: 117



Count of Inspections by Inspection Type



Count of Inspections by Inspection Property Classification



PUBLIC RELATIONS / EDUCATION

Wed, April 15th	214 E, Hervey	4 smoke detectors installed
Thu, April 16th	500 W, Park Dr	4 smoke detectors installed
Thu, April 23 rd	600 S, Willow Dr	4 smoke detectors installed

SMOKE DETECTORS INSTALLED : 12**SPECIAL EVENTS / OTHER**

Mon, April 27 th	Rookie Class Fire Prevention	Chapter 7. Portable fire extinguishers Chapter 26. Fire detection, suppression and smoke control systems
Tue, April 28 th	Rookie class Fire Prevention	Chapter 27. Fire and life safety Chapter 28. Origin and Cause
Wed, April 29 th	Avflight Fire extinguisher training.	

TOTAL SPECIAL EVENTS: 3**SUMMARY**

Fire prevention had a typical month with an even distribution of duties. Myself and Deputy Casey attended the fire and life safety plans review course put on by the National Fire Academy hosted in Socorro. 35 other Fire marshals from the state attended and it was very educational.

