

# **ROSWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT**

## **Monthly Report**

**July 2026**



**Roswell Fire Department  
200 S. Richardson Ave  
Roswell, NM 88203  
Ph: (575) 624-6800**

## **Staffing Outlook**

|                                  |                             |                  |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Fire Chief –</b>              | <b>Steve Chavez –</b>       | <b>701</b>       |
| <b>Deputy Chief –</b>            | <b>Daniel Fuller -</b>      | <b>702</b>       |
| <b>Deputy Chief –</b>            | <b>Derek Washichek –</b>    | <b>703</b>       |
| <b>Training Chief –</b>          | <b>Fernando Garcia –</b>    | <b>711</b>       |
| <b>EMS Chief –</b>               | <b>Randy Bunch –</b>        | <b>712</b>       |
| <b>EMS Captain -</b>             | <b>Tamara Portillo-</b>     | <b>714</b>       |
| <b>Fire Marshall-</b>            | <b>Jared Olive -</b>        | <b>721</b>       |
| <b>Deputy Fire Marshal -</b>     | <b>Chris Casey-</b>         | <b>722</b>       |
| <b>Deputy Fire Marshal -</b>     | <b>Preston Washington -</b> | <b>723</b>       |
| <b>Deputy Fire Marshal -</b>     | <b>Clayton Ness -</b>       | <b>724</b>       |
| <b>A-Shift Battalion Chief –</b> | <b>Jared Jennings –</b>     | <b>Bat 1</b>     |
| <b>B-Shift Battalion Chief –</b> | <b>Cory Mealand –</b>       | <b>Bat 1</b>     |
| <b>C-Shift Battalion Chief –</b> | <b>Kevin Hernandez –</b>    | <b>Bat 1</b>     |
| <b>Fire Mechanic -</b>           | <b>Jesse Duke -</b>         | <b>Service 1</b> |
| <b>Sr. Admin Assistant -</b>     | <b>Lorena Borunda</b>       |                  |
| <b>Admin Assistant -</b>         | <b>Julie Gant Likens</b>    |                  |

|                         |                      |                |             |
|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------|-------------|
| <b>Lieutenants –</b>    | <b>Fully Staffed</b> | <b>Current</b> | <b>Open</b> |
|                         | <b>24</b>            | <b>23</b>      | <b>1</b>    |
| <b>Engineers-</b>       | <b>Fully Staffed</b> | <b>Current</b> | <b>Open</b> |
|                         | <b>30</b>            | <b>24</b>      | <b>6</b>    |
| <b>Firefighters-</b>    | <b>Fully Staffed</b> | <b>Current</b> | <b>Open</b> |
|                         | <b>27</b>            | <b>18</b>      | <b>9</b>    |
| <b>Recruit Academy-</b> | <b>In Session</b>    |                | <b>Open</b> |
|                         | <b>13</b>            |                | <b>3</b>    |

## **Roswell Fire Department**

### **July 2026 Monthly Report**

#### **Fire Operations & Significant Incidents**

July was an active month for Fire Operations, with crews responding to structure fires, serious motor vehicle accidents, trauma incidents, cardiac emergencies, weather-related calls, and other significant events. The incidents below represent notable calls identified by each shift and are not intended to represent the department's total call volume.

##### **A Shift – Notable Incidents**

- Rollover into a sinkhole involving 4 patients
- Cardiac arrest with ROSC after 5 defibrillations
- Fatal MVA on U.S. 285 North – 1 serious patient and 1 fatality
- Rollover MVA on U.S. 380 East – 1 moderate patient
- 2 structure fires
- Numerous wires-arcing calls associated with inclement weather
- Rescue Unit system overload on July 31, which was resolved quickly

A Shift experienced a diverse mix of significant incidents during July, including fire, rescue, and high-acuity medical responses. The successful ROSC following five defibrillations was a particularly notable patient-care outcome.

##### **B Shift – Notable Incidents**

- Stroke alert
- CHF exacerbation
- 2 vehicle-versus-deer MVAs approximately 50 miles north of Roswell
- Level 1 trauma involving a battery victim with serious head trauma
- 2 structure fire responses, including a small attic fire
- Level 2 trauma involving severe hemorrhage
- Critical cardiac/hyperkalemia patient
- Fatal gunshot wound incident in the Hondo River
- Level 2 pediatric trauma involving a dog bite and broken jaw
- Bench fire on Main Street
- Level 2 gunshot wound trauma

B Shift handled several high-acuity incidents requiring both Fire and EMS resources. Following the pediatric trauma response, the patient's family contacted the department to express their appreciation for the professionalism and care provided by responding personnel.

## **C Shift – Operations**

C Shift's submitted monthly report focused primarily on training, public events, apparatus and station maintenance, and State Fire Marshal preparation and did not include a listing of significant emergency incidents. For that reason, individual C Shift incidents are not listed rather than attempting to estimate or recreate information that was not included in the submitted report.

## **Fire Operations Summary**

The notable incidents reported by the shifts demonstrate the broad range of emergencies encountered during July. Personnel were required to manage structure fires, serious trauma, motor vehicle accidents, cardiac emergencies, and weather-related incidents while maintaining normal daily response coverage throughout the city.

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## **EMS Operations**

EMS activity is reported separately from Fire Operations and remained substantial throughout July.

- 757 – 911 EMS calls
- 63 – Patient transfers
- 820 – Combined 911 calls and transfers

EMS personnel also trained alongside Fire personnel throughout the month, and work began on the application for special skills.

Two ambulances were involved in minor vehicle accidents during July. One struck an elk while returning from a transfer, and a second ambulance was rear-ended while stopped at a traffic light.

## **EMS Summary**

With 820 combined 911 calls and transfers, EMS maintained a significant workload during July while continuing to operate with open positions and train incoming personnel. Recruitment and retention, particularly at the paramedic level, remain important as the department works to maintain adequate staffing for the current workload.

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## **Training & Operational Readiness**

Training remained a major focus across all three shifts during July.

### **Truck 1 Training**

- Pump operations
- Aerial operations
- Driver/operator familiarization
- Hose evolutions
- Company-level aerial training
- Training at the department training field
- Formal aerial instruction for drivers

### **Fire & Rescue Training**

- Automotive extrication at Roswell Wrecking
- Hazardous materials training
- Ropes training
- Forcible entry
- LMTV operations
- Ladder operations
- Smoke reading and fire behavior
- Tabletop incident scenario
- Crew cohesion, communication, and leadership
- Officer meetings covering Rules and Regulations

### **EMS Training**

- Trauma and bleeding
- LUCAS and AutoPulse
- Gurney operations
- Traction splinting and KED
- Radio reporting and documentation

The new Truck 1 was the most consistent department-wide training focus during July. Each shift reported training involving the apparatus, allowing personnel to build familiarity with its pump, aerial, hose, and operating systems. At the same time, crews continued core fire, rescue, EMS, and leadership training to maintain overall operational readiness.

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## **Apparatus & Equipment**

The new mid-mount Truck 1 was placed into service during July, representing a significant addition to the department's operational capabilities. Extensive training accompanied its

implementation; however, the apparatus was later reported at the shop for repairs. Other reported apparatus and equipment items included:

- Engine 14 differential seal leak
- Continued battery issues with Valencia
- Engine 13 air conditioning not functioning
- Replacement steamers requested to replace older equipment in storage

### **Apparatus Summary**

July represented an important transition period with the addition of Truck 1. Continued operator training and attention to identified maintenance issues will help ensure the department's apparatus remain dependable and ready for emergency response.

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### **Stations & Facility Improvements**

Several station projects and maintenance items progressed during July.

#### **Station 1**

- Kitchen renovation completed
- Crews moved back into the kitchen and cleared the day room
- Ice machine replaced
- Bathroom work remains to be completed
- Deep cleaning completed in the bathroom, Lieutenant's Office, Battalion Office, gym, bunker room, and cascade room

#### **Other Stations**

- Station 5 renovations continued
- Station 2 temporarily relocated to Station 5 due to an HVAC issue
- Station 6 truck-room grate remains in need of repair or replacement
- Donated water was distributed to the stations

### **Facilities Summary**

Completion of the Station 1 kitchen was a significant accomplishment during July. Renovation and maintenance work continues at several facilities, with remaining issues being tracked as the department continues improving station conditions for personnel and daily operations.

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## **State Fire Marshal Preparation**

July also included significant preparation for the State Fire Marshal inspection.

Personnel worked on:

- Department asset removal/location documentation
- Truck inventory sheets
- Apparatus and equipment accountability
- General preparation for the State Fire Marshal inspection

## **Inspection Preparation Summary**

The inventory and asset work completed during July was focused on preparing the department for the State Fire Marshal's Office inspection. Continued organization and equipment accountability will remain important as that process moves forward.

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## **Community Engagement & Public Relations**

July included a high level of community involvement, particularly surrounding the UFO Festival and Independence Day activities.

Community activities included:

- UFO Festival standby and apparatus displays
- July 4 fireworks standby at Cielo Grande
- Community spray-downs
- Roswell High School public relations activities
- MECA Therapy
- La Casa Health Center
- COTM Steakout
- Roswell High School cross-country event
- Escorts and community lunches
- Cleaning of FAO Strohle's headstone

Retired firefighter Garry Kadzielawski also visited several stations while photographing department apparatus and specifically complimented the B Shift Station 3 crew for their hospitality and respectfulness.

## **Community Engagement Summary**

The UFO Festival and July 4 activities required a substantial commitment of personnel and apparatus. Crews successfully maintained community involvement and a visible department presence while continuing to provide emergency response coverage throughout Roswell.

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## **Staffing & Personnel**

Staffing remains an area requiring continued attention.

### **B Shift Reported Vacancies**

- 2 Firefighters – one Station 1 position and one roving position
- 2 Engineers – one Station 4 position and one roving position
- 1 Paramedic – Rescue 2
- 1 Advanced EMT – Rescue 7

B Shift ended July with the same reported staffing shortages with which it began the month.

On A Shift, Lt. F. Garcia and FF Mendoza returned to shift during the month.

On the EMS side, two full-time EMT-Basics and one part-time EMT-Basic began training and were completing third rides. Four EMT positions remained open, while paramedic staffing continued to be an area of concern.

### **Staffing Summary**

Personnel continued to meet operational, training, and community responsibilities despite vacancies in several critical classifications. Filling Fire and EMS vacancies remains important to maintaining reliable daily staffing and reducing pressure on existing personnel.

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## **July Overall**

July was a busy and productive month for the Roswell Fire Department. Fire crews handled a wide range of significant incidents, while EMS separately recorded 757 911 calls and 63 patient transfers. Personnel continued extensive training on the new Truck 1, completed the Station 1 kitchen renovation, supported major community events, worked through apparatus and facility maintenance issues, trained new EMS personnel, and continued preparations for the State Fire Marshal inspection.

The department enters August with continued focus on staffing and recruitment, EMS capacity, Truck 1 training and reliability, apparatus readiness, station improvements, and State Fire Marshal preparation. Despite the workload and staffing challenges, personnel across Fire and EMS continued to move important department projects forward while maintaining emergency services to the community.

# **ROSWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT**

## **Fire Marshal's Monthly Report**

**July 2026**



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## **JULY 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- VACANT

### **TRAINING-**

- 07/03/2026 Fire prevention field training Fireworks 721, 722, 723, 724 (2HR EA) Inspect
- 07/18/2026 Fire prevention field training Daycares 721, 722, 723, 724 (2HR EA) Inspect

## **Training Summary**

This was a busy month that did not allow for a lot of classroom training, but did require extensive code review and analysis. Most of this was done individually and not documented.

**TOTAL INSPECTOR TRAINING: 16**  
**TOTAL FIRE TRAINING: 0**  
**TOTAL EMS TRAINING: 0**  
**TOTAL INVESTIGATOR TRAINING: 0**  
**TOTAL ADMINISTRATION TRAINING: 0**  
**STAFF TOTAL: 16 hrs.**

## JULY PLANS REVIEWED

IFC=INT. FIRE CODE, FA=FIRE ALARM, HE=HOOD EXTINGUISHER, MFV=MOBILE FOOD VENDOR

| ADDRESS                         | REVIEW TYPE        | REVIEW STATUS     | NOTES                                 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 3905 S.E. MAIN ALLSUPS          | ENGINEER PLANS     | COMPLETED         |                                       |
| 1818 N. MICHIGAN                | MOBILE FOOD VENDOR | COMPLETED         |                                       |
| 4500 N. MAIN                    | FIRE ALARM         | COMPLETED         |                                       |
| 107 E. TWIN DIAMOND             | HOOD SUPPRESSION   | COMPLETED         |                                       |
| 515 E. BRASHER                  | GATE INSTALL       | COMPLETED         |                                       |
| CALI STYLE BACON DOGS           | MOBILE FOOD VENDOR | IN REVIEW         |                                       |
| LOADED LEMON                    | MOBILE FOOD VENDOR | IN REVIEW         |                                       |
| HOLE FOOD                       | MOBILE FOOD VENDOR | IN REVIEW         |                                       |
| SMALL TOWN SIPS                 | MOBILE FOOD VENDOR | IN REVIEW         |                                       |
| SIPS ON 66                      | MOBILE FOOD VENDOR | IN REVIEW         |                                       |
| WILD WEST SODA                  | MOBILE FOOD VENDOR | IN REVIEW         |                                       |
| MIJA'S MOBILE COFFEE SHOP       | MOBILE FOOD VENDOR | IN REVIEW         |                                       |
| SANDRA'S ROASTED CORN           | MOBILE FOOD VENDOR | IN REVIEW         |                                       |
| TACOS PITA 1                    | MOBILE FOOD VENDOR | IN REVIEW         |                                       |
| TACOS PITA 2                    | MOBILE FOOD VENDOR | IN REVIEW         |                                       |
| REYNAS CARNIVAL EATS            | MOBILE FOOD VENDOR | IN REVIEW         |                                       |
| SQUEEZING TO PLEASE             | MOBILE FOOD VENDOR | IN REVIEW         |                                       |
| CRAZY TOWN COOKING              | MOBILE FOOD VENDOR | IN REVIEW         |                                       |
| ISLAND NOODLES                  | MOBILE FOOD VENDOR | IN REVIEW         |                                       |
| JUST LIKE NANA'S                | MOBILE FOOD VENDOR | IN REVIEW         |                                       |
| KEY WEST ACAI                   | MOBILE FOOD VENDOR | COMPLETED         |                                       |
| EL CHUPACABRA                   | MOBILE FOOD VENDOR | IN REVIEW         |                                       |
| ET CONCESSION                   | MOBILE FOOD VENDOR | IN REVIEW         |                                       |
| ALLSUPS/S.E. MAIN               | NEW CONSTRUCTION   | COMPLETED         |                                       |
| DOLLAR GENERAL/MAIN AND BRASHER | NEW CONSTRUCTION   | CHANGES REQUESTED | BOLLARDS AND SHUTOFFS FOR EV STATIONS |
| TESLA CANOPY/CHARGING STATIONS  | NEW CONSTRUCTION   | COMPLETED         |                                       |
| AIR CENTER/1081                 | NEW CONSTRUCTION   | CHANGES REQUESTED | SEE PLAN NOTES                        |
| 2708 ½ N MAIN/MY KIDDOS TOO     | NEW CONSTRUCTION   | COMPLETED         |                                       |
| 712 N ATKINSON                  | NEW CONSTRUCTION   | COMPLETED         |                                       |
| WILSHIRE CENTER                 | REMODEL            | COMPLETED         |                                       |

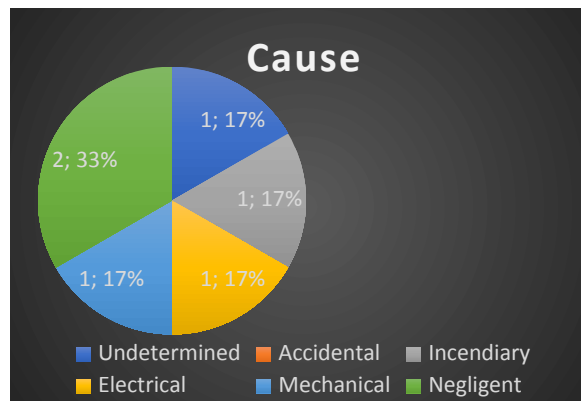
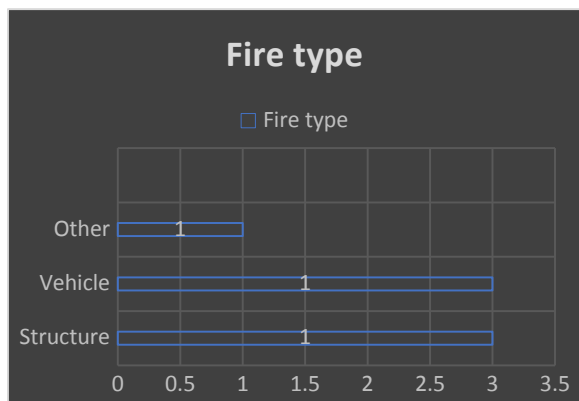
## JULY PERMITS ISSUED

| LOCATION                  | PERMIT TYPE | DATE ISSUED | DATE EXPIRES | CHECK NUMBER                 | FEES COLLECTED |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 1818 N. MICHIGAN          | MFV         | 7/21/2026   | 7/20/2027    | 19-820047222                 | 50             |
| 4500 N. MAIN              | FA          | 7/21/2026   | 1/21/2027    | 526765                       | 150            |
| 107 E. TWIN DIAMOND       | HE          | 7/31/2026   | 1/30/2027    | 503272729                    | 100            |
| 515 E. BRASHER            | IFC         | 7/23/2026   | 1/19/2027    | EXTENSION GRANTED FOR PERMIT |                |
| CALI STYLE BACON DOGS     | MFV         | 7/1/2026    | 7/1/2027     | DEFERRED                     |                |
| LOADED LEMON              | MFV         | 7/1/2026    | 7/1/2027     | DEFERRED                     |                |
| HOLE FOOD                 | MFV         | 7/1/2026    | 7/1/2027     | DEFERRED                     |                |
| SMALL TOWN SIPS           | MFV         | 7/1/2026    | 7/1/2027     | DEFERRED                     |                |
| SIPS ON 66                | MFV         | 7/1/2026    | 7/1/2027     | DEFERRED                     |                |
| WILD WEST SODA            | MFV         | 7/1/2026    | 7/1/2027     | DEFERRED                     |                |
| MIJA'S MOBILE COFFEE SHOP | MFV         | 7/1/2026    | 7/1/2027     | DEFERRED                     |                |
| SANDRA'S ROASTED CORN     | MFV         | 7/1/2026    | 7/1/2027     | DEFERRED                     |                |
| TACOS PITA 1              | MFV         | 7/1/2026    | 7/1/2027     | DEFERRED                     |                |
| TACOS PITA 2              | MFV         | 7/1/2026    | 7/1/2027     | DEFERRED                     |                |
| REYNAS CARNIVAL EATS      | MFV         | 7/1/2026    | 7/1/2027     | DEFERRED                     |                |
| SQUEEZING TO PLEASE       | MFV         | 7/1/2026    | 7/1/2027     | DEFERRED                     |                |
| CRAZY TOWN COOKING        | MFV         | 7/1/2026    | 7/1/2027     | DEFERRED                     |                |
| ISLAND NOODLES            | MFV         | 7/1/2026    | 7/1/2027     | DEFERRED                     |                |
| JUST LIKE NANA'S          | MFV         | 7/1/2026    | 7/1/2027     | DEFERRED                     |                |
| KEY WEST ACAI             | MFV         | 6/26/2026   | 6/26/2027    | 515307270                    | 50             |
| EL CHUPACABRA             | MFV         | 7/1/2026    | 7/1/2027     | DEFERRED                     |                |
| ET CONCESSION             | MFV         | 7/1/2026    | 7/1/2027     | DEFERRED                     |                |

### **Plans and Permits Summary**

Completion of UFO festival inspections and permit reviews were accomplished in July, with many trucks having their fees covered by Main Street Roswell. Implementation of the new business licensing procedures involving fire inspections and payment of fees have had their struggles, but will reduce the needed paperwork for future events and ensure compliance with adopted Fire Code and administrative requirements. The permits will be issued to business owners once payment for the permits is received. Multiple new construction project plans have been reviewed with many plans being corrected for code compliance and life safety prior to approval of the plan sets. Many food truck plans for layout and compliance of new requirements were complete during July. An inspection of the fourth of July fireworks setup was complete day prior to the event, with no deficiencies noted.

## INVESTIGATIONS



| Incident   | Date      | Group             | Cause        | Status          |
|------------|-----------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 2026004527 | 7/10/2026 | Structure/vehicle | Negligence   | Open/ referred  |
| 2026004998 | 7/24/2026 | Structure         | Incendiary   | Closed/resolved |
| 2026005027 | 7/25/2026 | Structure         | Electrical   | Closed/resolved |
| 2026005175 | 7/29/2026 | Vehicle           | Undetermined | Open            |
| 2026005178 | 7/29/2026 | Vehicle           | Mechanical   | Open            |
| 2026005250 | 7/31/2026 | Other             | Negligence   | Open            |

### Investigation Summary

The fire investigations for July had no discernable pattern and covered a wide variety of causes; Fireworks 1, Vagrant being evicted 1, Vagrant in illegal campground 1, Electrical failure 1, Mechanical failure 1, and the last undetermined.

**TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS: 6**

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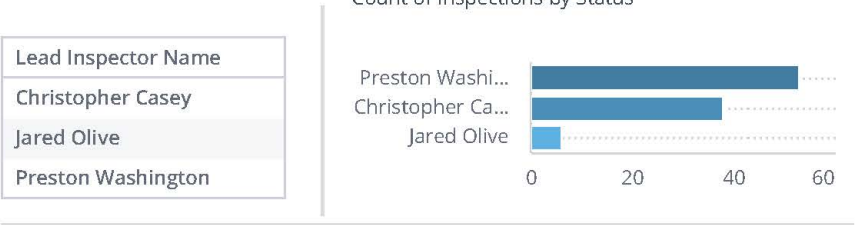
**Days in Inspection Scheduled Date** 7/1/26 to 7/31/26 | **Inspection Status** InProgress, N/A, Locked, Unlocked [1 more...](#)

# List of Inspections

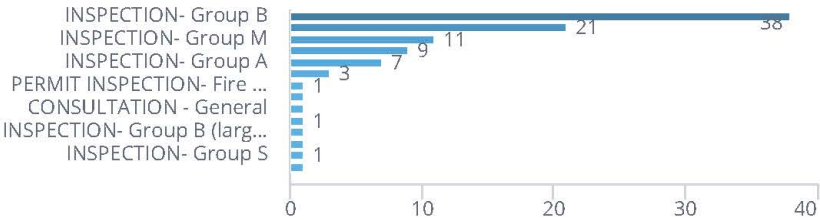
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Count of Inspections

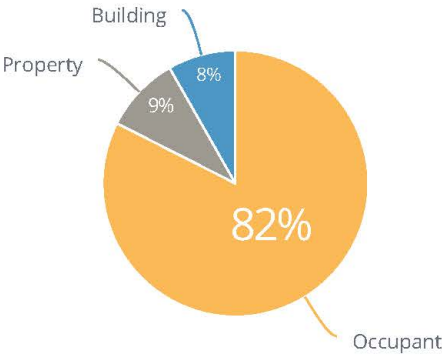
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Count of Inspections by Inspection Type



Count of Inspections by Inspection Property Classification



### **PUBLIC RELATIONS / EDUCATION**

|            |                        |                                    |
|------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 07/07/2026 | 17 Ruohonen Pl         | 4 smoke alarms installed (HRS) 1   |
| 07/27/2026 | 2807 N, Orchard        | 6 smoke alarms installed (HRS) 1   |
| 07/28/2026 | 1414 S, Adams          | 2 smoke alarms installed (HRS) 1   |
| 07/09/2026 | Chavez County Road Dep | Fire Extinguisher training (HRS) 2 |
| 07/14/2026 | COTM                   | Fire Drill (HRS) 1                 |
| 07/14/2026 | Av flight              | Fire Extinguisher training (HRS) 1 |
| 07/15/2026 | Boys & Girls Club      | Fire Drill (HRS) 1                 |

**TOTAL PR: 8 HRS**

### **SPECIAL EVENTS / OTHER**

|            |                                          |
|------------|------------------------------------------|
| 07/01/2026 | UFO festival inspection (HRS) 8          |
| 07/22/2026 | Cielo grand Fire work Inspection (HRS) 1 |

**TOTAL SPECIAL EVENTS: 9 HRS**

### **PR AND SPECIAL EVENTS SUMMARY**

The month of July marks the lead-up to the busier time of year for the prevention office. It signals the beginning of our inspections with educational occupancies as they prepare for the new school year. This includes daycares and early educational organizations.

This month, we conducted a significant number of fire drills and fire extinguisher training sessions. The prevention office had the opportunity to train the Chavez County Road Department, which had 40 to 45 employees. They received hands-on training with fire extinguishers, practicing how to extinguish a live fire using the PASS method.

Interest in the smoke alarm program remains high. We continue to strategically install smoke alarms and educate residents on the importance of having an effective evacuation plan.

## **REPORT SUMMARY**

July was an eventful month with the hosting of the annual UFO festival. Each year we get more food vendors and better compliance with safety standards. This year we implemented the Food Truck permitting as a part of our newly adopted 2024 Fire Code requirements. We participated in a vendor meeting put on by Main Street Roswell, and outlined the new process. This attempts to ensure all food vendors start on an even playing field and bring even older existing trucks in to compliance. The event itself was successful and did not propose any major issues however we did identify some items that need to be corrected in the future. A couple items worth mentioning would be requiring pre-registered food vendors, and ensuring vehicles are set up by a designated time for inspection.

Other notable allocations were Numerous daycare inspections, Fireworks inspections, large scale plan reviews, significant fire extinguisher trainings, and numerous inspections to Rib Crib, and Wal-Mart. Additionally, we are gearing up for major inspections during the first few weeks of school in August.



