

ROSWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report

August 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 –	Steeler Jordan –	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 -	Milenna Gonzalez	
Sr. Admin Assistant -	Ariana Jurado	

Lieutenants –	Fully Staffed	Current	Open
	24	24	0
Engineers-	Fully Staffed	Current	Open
	30	23	7
Firefighters-	Fully Staffed	Current	Open
	27	19	8
Recruit Academy-	In Session		Open
	11		4

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Operations Monthly Report

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FIRE OPERATIONS REPORT

Overview

Fire Operations remained active throughout August with personnel responding to structure fires, grass fires, hazardous-material incidents, motor vehicle collisions, technical rescues, cardiac arrests, and other emergency incidents.

Personnel also completed extensive fire, rescue, EMS, leadership, and company-level training while continuing station improvement projects, apparatus maintenance, community outreach, and preparations for the upcoming Recruit Academy.

Significant Emergency Responses

Fire personnel responded to numerous significant incidents throughout the month, including:

- Structure fire on East 4th with a quick and effective fire attack
- Structure fire on North Michigan determined to be arson
- Multiple grass fires
- Natural gas emergencies, including a 2-inch natural gas line
- Hazardous-material spill
- Elevator rescue at Leprino Foods
- Bomb threat at ENMU-R
- SWAT standby/callout
- Multiple cardiac arrest emergencies
- Serious motor vehicle collision on Orchard following a high-speed pursuit
 - Two Level I trauma patients
 - Extensive extrication required
 - Tree removal required to access the vehicle
- Serious two-vehicle collision on East Second/US 380 resulting in two fatalities
- Cardiac arrest involving five defibrillations with successful return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC)
- Multiple high-acuity medical emergencies occurring simultaneously

Personnel continued to demonstrate the ability to manage a broad range of emergency incidents while maintaining fire, rescue, and EMS coverage throughout the city.

Training & Professional Development

Training remained a major focus throughout August.

Department personnel completed training in:

- Firefighter Survival
- CPR
- Rope Technician
- Ropes and Knots
- Aerial Operations
- Ladder Operations
- Patient Removal Techniques
- Extrication Operations
- Structure Fire Size-Up
- Solar Panel Emergencies
- Street Familiarization
- Pre-Incident Planning
- Gurney Operations
- Patient Lifting and Movement
- Ambulance Familiarization
- Hospital Radio Reports
- Cardiac Continuing Education
- Leadership Development
- Team Building
- Officer Documentation and Preparation

Four department personnel attended Rope Technician training during August, further expanding the department's technical-rescue capabilities.

Integrated Fire and EMS training also continued throughout the month, allowing personnel from both operational areas to train together and improve interoperability.

Personnel

Several personnel milestones occurred during August.

- Fire Apparatus Operator Shawn Young promoted to Lieutenant
- Lieutenant Steeler Jordan promoted to Division Chief of Training
- Rookie Firefighter Garcia assigned to Operations
- Lieutenant positions remained fully staffed
- Recruitment continued for open Firefighter and Engineer positions

The department continued working to fill operational vacancies while maintaining emergency response capabilities throughout the city.

Apparatus & Equipment

Apparatus readiness and maintenance remained an ongoing priority.

Highlights included:

- Truck 1 returned to service
- Reserve apparatus inspected and restocked following State Fire Marshal inspections
- Continued repairs and maintenance of reserve apparatus

These efforts continue to improve fleet reliability and ensure reserve apparatus remain available when primary units are out of service.

Facilities

Station renovations and facility improvements continued throughout August.

Projects completed or underway included:

- Station 1 kitchen renovation completed
- Station 1 day room repainted
- Station 1 renovation project continued
- Bay striping repainted at Stations 2, 3, and 5
- Multiple bay doors repaired
- Station 5 air-conditioning system repaired

Community Outreach

The department remained actively involved throughout the Roswell community.

Activities included:

- National Night Out
- 70th Anniversary Lions Hondo Championship standby
- New Mexico Youth ChalleNGe Academy First Responder Day
- Back-to-school activities at multiple Roswell schools
- School pre-incident planning
- Del Norte Elementary lockdown drill
- Community assistance activities

A particularly meaningful interaction occurred when an individual rescued from a structure fire returned after being released from the hospital to personally thank the firefighters involved in his rescue.

These interactions continue to strengthen the relationship between the Roswell Fire Department and the community we serve.

EMS OPERATIONS REPORT

Call Volume

During August, EMS personnel completed:

- 638 Emergency 911 Responses
- 82 Interfacility Transfers
- 720 Total EMS Responses

The municipal EMS system continued operating successfully while providing emergency ambulance coverage and maintaining interfacility transfer capabilities.

Staffing

Current EMS staffing included:

- 9 Paramedics
- 10 Advanced EMTs
- 10 EMT-Basics

Current vacancies included:

- 3 Paramedic positions
- 4 EMT positions

One part-time EMT-Basic began employment during August, and one additional part-time Paramedic was in the onboarding process.

Recruitment remains a priority as the department continues working toward full EMS staffing.

Training & Professional Development

Fire and EMS personnel continued participating together in EMS continuing education throughout August.

Training included:

- CPR
- Cardiac Continuing Education
- Patient Lifting and Movement
- Gurney Operations
- Ambulance Familiarization
- Medical Terminology

- Hospital Radio Reports
- EMS Documentation

The department also continued developing personnel internally:

- One employee began Paramedic school
- One EMT began Advanced EMT education

Continued advancement of existing personnel will help strengthen the department's long-term EMS staffing and clinical capabilities.

Information Systems & Billing

EMS billing operations continued to progress during August.

Billing activity included:

- 738 calls reported as billed
- 530 claims sent to payors
- 329 Medicare charts awaiting Medicare number approval
- 450 Medicaid charts awaiting Medicaid number approval

Several issues between the billing company and ImageTrend were corrected during the month. Additional adjustments were also made to improve the transfer of reports and streamline the billing process.

The department will continue working with its billing partners as Medicare and Medicaid approvals are finalized and the municipal EMS reimbursement process continues to mature.

TRAINING DIVISION

The Training Division continued coordinating department-wide training and preparations for upcoming recruit and specialty programs.

August activities included:

- MERRTT training scheduled for early November
- Instructor I scheduled for late November
- September department training calendar completed
- 9/11 Stair Climb scheduled
- Recruit testing coordinated
- Class E driver's-license requirements completed by fire personnel
- Recruit personnel continued EMS school throughout August

Preparations also continued for the upcoming Recruit Academy as the department works to develop additional personnel to fill current and future operational vacancies.

MONTHLY SUMMARY

August was another active month for the Roswell Fire Department as personnel continued providing comprehensive fire, rescue, and emergency medical services while simultaneously advancing training, recruitment, apparatus readiness, station improvements, and community outreach.

Fire personnel responded to several complex and significant incidents, including structure fires, serious motor vehicle collisions, hazardous-material emergencies, technical rescues, and cardiac arrests. At the same time, the municipal EMS system completed 720 responses, including 638 emergency 911 calls and 82 interfacility transfers.

Training remained a department-wide priority with continued emphasis on fireground operations, EMS, technical rescue, leadership, aerial operations, and professional development. Personnel promotions and continued recruitment efforts also strengthened the department as RFD works toward filling remaining operational vacancies.

The department continues to build upon the integration of Fire and EMS services while investing in personnel, equipment, facilities, training, and operational readiness to provide the highest level of service possible to the citizens of Roswell.

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Fire Marshal's Monthly Report

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AUGUST 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-

- 08/24/2026 NMFMA New Mexico Fire Marshals Association Annual Training Conference 721, 722, 724, 724 (32HR EA) Inspection, Administrative and some investigation combo classes

Training Summary

August was a busy month with lots of hands on training and code review, with the most notable being the Fire marshals conference of which I am member of the board of directors. This conference is a fantastic resource for fire marshals to gain extensive knowledge on a multitude of critical subjects. This year we studied CO2 systems for businesses with beverage dispensers, CO for Carbon Monoxide within the Fire code, and a hands on Fire protection installation course, to name a few.

TOTAL INSPECTOR TRAINING: 60

TOTAL FIRE TRAINING: 0

TOTAL EMS TRAINING: 0

TOTAL INVESTIGATOR TRAINING: 24

TOTAL ADMINISTRATION TRAINING: 12

STAFF TOTAL: 96 hrs.

AUGUST PERMITS ISSUED

LOCATION	PERMIT TYPE	DATE ISSUED	EXPIRATION	CHECK NUMBER	FEES COLLECTED
1304 ALICIA LANE	MFV	8/11/2026	8/11/2027	3031	50
1001 N MAIN	IFC	8/12/2026	AFTER EVENT COMPLETION	19-834213874	50
1411 S. MAIN	MFV	8/7/2026	8/7/2027	103	50
800 MARION RICHARDS	FP	8/29/2026	8/2/2027	6440	50
1021 S VIRGINIA	IFC	8/12/2026	2/12/2027	1229	100
3607 N MAIN	FA	8/6/2026	2/6/2027	1609	200
207 N UNION	IFC	8/18/2026	PERMANENT	19-717239042	50
1000 E 19TH	HE	8/20/2026	2/20/2027	33226	50
PERMITS ISSUED TOTAL	8	ENTER AS MM/DD/YY		FEES COLLECTED TOTAL	600

IFC PERMITS TOTAL	3
FIRE PUMP PERMITS TOTAL	1
HOOD EXTINGUISHER PERMITS TOTAL	1
FIRE ALARM PERMITS TOTAL	1
MOBILE FOOD VENDOR PERMITS TOTAL	2

PERMITS ISSUED TOTAL	8
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ENTER PERMIT TYPES- IFC=IFC, FIRE PUMP=FP, HOOD EXTINGUISHER=HE, SPRINKLER SYSTEM=SS, FIRE ALARM=FA, UNDERGROUND=UG; MFV= MOBILE FOOD VENDOR.

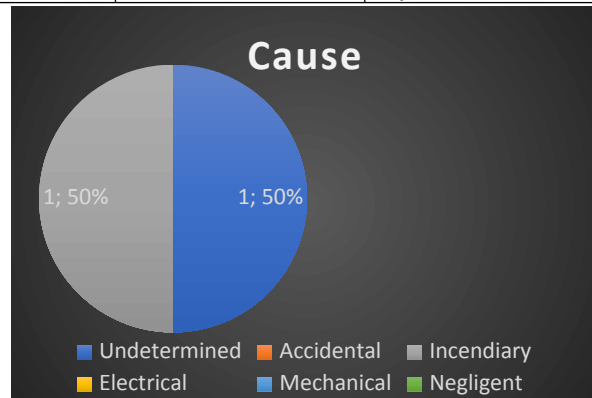
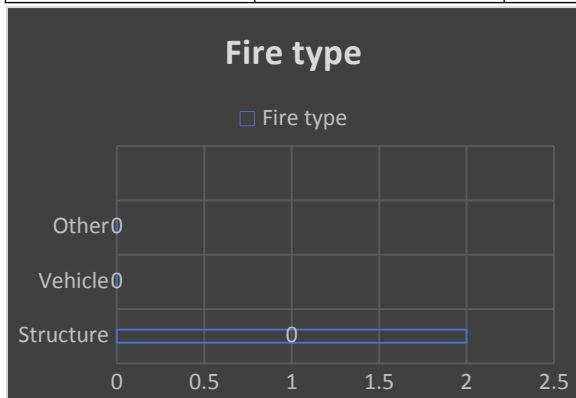
AUGUST PLANS REVIEWED

ADDRESS	REVIEW TYPE	REVIEW STATUS	NOTES
3607 N. MAIN	FIRE ALARM	COMPLETED	
4001 S. MAIN	FIRE ALARM	COMPLETED	
AIR CENTER	FIRE ALARM	CHANGES REQUESTED	REVISIONS TO PLANS REQUESTED
202 N. KENTUCKY	FIRE ALARM	CHANGES REQUESTED	
2708 ½ N. MAIN	REMODEL	CHANGES REQUESTED	
505 S. MAIN	OURDOOR DINER/NEW BUSINESS	COMPLETED	
1411 S. MAIN	CIRCUS SETUP	COMPLETED	
1304 ALICIA LANE	MOBILE FOOD VENDOR	COMPLETED	
1411 S. MAIN	MOBILE FOOD VENDOR	COMPLETED	
800 MARION RICHARDS	FIRE PUMP	COMPLETED	
1021 S. VIRGINIA	HORN STROBE INSTALL/HOOD MODIFICATION	COMPLETED	
3607 N. MAIN	FIRE ALARM	COMPLETED	
1000 E. 19TH	HOOD SYSTEM/FOOD TRUCK	COMPLETED	
105 S. VIRGINIA	DEMO/REMODEL/NEW DOOR	PENDING	VERIFICATION OF WORK TO BE DONE REQUIRED

During August multiple mobile food vendors submitted permit applications to install exterior horn strobes to allow Mobile Food Vendors to meet the current requirements of the International Fire Code (IFC 2024 Edition). Plans review and permit was issued for a 2-weekend circus that took place in August, as well as two new Mobile Food Vendors. Multiple fire alarm installs and a new fire pump control panel for an RISD school were permitted, allowing community members to be safer with upgraded fire protection and life safety equipment at local businesses and meet updated fire code requirements.

INVESTIGATIONS

Incident	Date	Group	Cause	Status
2026006063	8/24/2026	Structure	Undetermined	Open
2026006141	8/26/2026	Structure	Incendiary	Open
2026006258	8/30/2026	False Alarm	Intentional	Open



Investigation Summary

Both of the structure fires are believed to be incendiary in nature, lack of cameras, reluctance to cooperate with enforcement and no clear ignition sources are impeding resolution on the matters.

MOU with PD has been signed and implemented, resulting in four (4) felony arrest warrants for negligent arson and two (2) Municipal warrants for Erection of tents in non-permitted location and Deliberate or negligent burning having been filed in the month of August

TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS: 3

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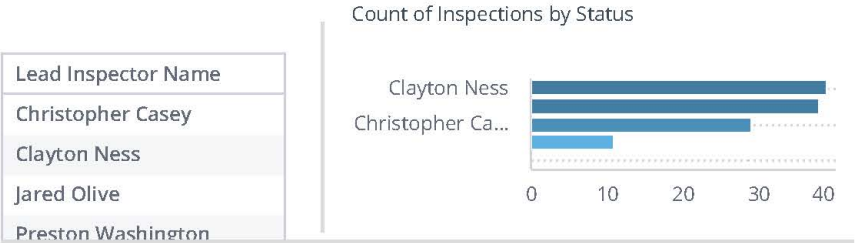
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List of Inspections

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Count of Inspections

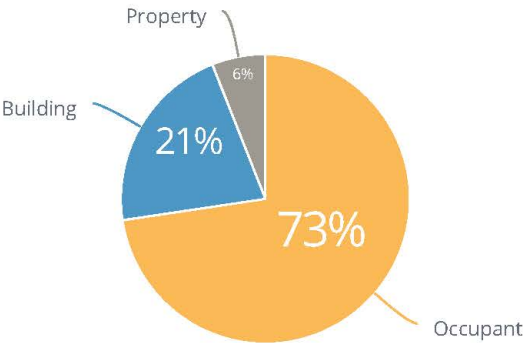
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Count of Inspections by Inspection Type



Count of Inspections by Inspection Property Classification



PUBLIC RELATIONS / EDUCATION

08/05/2026	RHS	(Fire drill)
08/05/2026	Masa Middle	(Fire drill)
08/06/2026	GHS	(Fire drill)
08/06/2026	Valley View	(Fire drill)
08/11/2026	Pecos Elementary	(Fire drill)
08/12/2026	EGP	(Fire drill)
08/12/2026	Berrendo middle	(Fire drill)
08/12/2026	Nanay Lopez	(Fire drill)
08/13/2026	El Cap	(Fire drill)
08/13/2026	University High	(Fire drill)
08/13/2026	Washington Ave	(Fire drill)
08/14/2026	Sierra Middle school	(Fire drill)
08/17/2026	Berrendo elementary	(Fire drill)
08/18/2026	Parkview elementary	(Fire drill)
08/18/2026	YDI	(Fire drill)
08/16/2026	Monetary Elementary	(Fire drill)
08/21/2026	Early Collage ENMUR	(Fire drill)

PR/ EDUCATION (HRS.): 17

SPECIAL EVENTS / OTHER

TOTAL SPECIAL EVENTS:0

SUMMARY

August was a busy month as we collaborated with local educational institutions to ensure they met all safety measures for safe operations. We also conducted fire drills with staff and students, including safe evacuation procedures, proper staff and student placement, and ensuring the alarm system was functioning correctly. After each drill, we worked with staff to identify improvements to enhance the safety of future fire drills.

Although August was a busy month, it saw fewer smoke alarm installations. This trend may continue in the coming months as the prevention office approaches its busiest time of the year.

This month, a few members of the office attended the Fire Marshals Conference, where they participated in daily classes for continuing education.

