

Nederland Fire Protection District

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Update on Caribou Village Structure Fire Investigation at 20 Lakeview Drive

Nederland, CO – The Nederland Fire Protection District (Nederland Fire) is providing this update on the investigation of a structure fire that occurred October 9th, 2025, at The Caribou Village Shopping Center, 20 Lakeview Drive.

Local agencies, including the Boulder County Multi-Agency Investigation Team (MAFIT) and the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention & Control Fire Investigations Branch (DFPC), promptly mobilized and deployed resources in the early morning hours following the fire to assist Nederland Fire. Soon after, it became clear that the scale and complexity of the incident—a fully involved, collapsed 30,000-square-foot multi-use commercial building—could exceed the ability of local responders to conduct a comprehensive and accurate investigation.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) offered to respond with the National Response Team (NRT), to coordinate the investigation into the origin and cause of the fire - encompassing scene processing, evidence collection and analysis, witness interviews, and comprehensive data management, at no direct cost to our community.

Nederland Fire, MAFIT, DFPC, Boulder County Sheriff's Office (BCSO), and the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) have cooperated fully with the ATF throughout the process, providing all available information and resources to support a thorough and efficient investigation.

Nederland Fire has also been invited to observe testing related to the investigation in Beltsville, Maryland in the coming weeks. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this important phase of the process.

Based on ongoing communications with the ATF, Nederland Fire expects additional information regarding the origin and cause of the fire to be released during the summer of 2026.

The Caribou Village Shopping Center fire has deeply impacted Nederland and the surrounding community. Determining its cause is vital so we can learn from the event, strengthen our collective understanding, and achieve a measure of closure.

The ATF is conducting a detailed and meticulous review to ensure the highest level of accuracy in its final report. While Nederland Fire understands the strong community interest in receiving timely updates, we fully respect the ATF's commitment to releasing only complete and verified information.

Nederland Fire does not control or serve as an authorized custodian of any documentation or records related to this investigation. All supporting materials have been provided to the ATF, and any requests for those records must be directed to their agency through the ATF Freedom of Information Act Public Access Portal:

ATF Case Number: 26-00805

Link: <http://dojatf.secureocp.com/app/Home.aspx>

The Nederland Fire Protection District remains committed to public safety and transparency, and we will share additional details as they become available through official channels.

About the Nederland Fire Protection District

The Nederland Fire Protection District is a combination fire department serving the Town of Nederland and the unincorporated areas of southwestern Boulder County. The district provides fire suppression, emergency medical services, fire prevention, and community education to protect life, property, and the environment.

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