

Nederland Fire Protection District

Fire Marshal Board Report – August 2026



Permits & Inspections:

Permitting, inspections and plan review remain active; so far in the month of August we've received or completed:

11 new construction or operational permits

3 large special event permits approved – each requires an approved Emergency Operations Plan

3 construction permits closed/finalized

12 plan reviews completed

10 inspections completed

Code, Compliance, & Investigations:

The wildfire investigation reports for Peakview Drive and Indian Peaks Drive have been completed, reviewed, and submitted to BCSO. Findings indicate both fires originated from lightning strikes to trees – one on steep slope on USFS land, the other on BC Open Space. Both ignitions are consistent with storm activity that moved through the Nederland area on July 25th and August 12th [WeatherOps Commander].

Post Office Update: Alarm repairs have been made, awaiting for a 3rd party inspection to be completed. Still working on moving sprinkler system repairs forwards.

Overall compliance of fire and life-safety systems across the district remains high.

Met with Armando at the Community Center to discuss the building and address expectations – I'm looking forward to working with him more, he has a good understanding of code in general and will run a well-kept and safe facility.

Met with Town to do a walkthrough of the Big Springs Pump House facility to discuss mitigation and hardening which would improve infrastructure resiliency.

Met with Town to advise an adjustment to project and timeline priorities for a couple hydrants.

Worked with Town to address 3 separate fire code compliance issues. 2 have since been addressed fully – working on a long-term plan for the 3rd issue which has temporarily been mitigated.

Performed another plan review for a residential sprinkler system in Timberline's district.

Worked with DFPC to create a plan to get NFPD published as "compliant" for the adoption of the Wildfire Resiliency Code given the administrative error we (I) made.

REMINDER: Please vote to adopt the WRC, thank you!

Projects:

1. IT - Firewall Incident

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- The primary network firewall experienced a hardware failure over the weekend, separate from the fiber issue.
- Network traffic was successfully rerouted through individual ISP routers to maintain continuity. Unfortunately, the Lumen/CenturyLink fiber issue resulted in a loss of network.
- The temporary routing patch is stable, and essential security protocols remain active.
- Replacement parts are ordered and arriving by the end of the week.

2. IT - Redundancy

- We researched options to improve our backup internet and system reliability.
- Reviewed those options with Chief to discuss costs and practical benefits.
- Overall, our system is strong and there are some options to improve our ability to adapt in the event of another emergency such as the two we experienced the past week.
- Our BRETSA CAD-link has some requirements that we need to keep in mind while we attempt to plan for the future or improve our current situation.

3. IT – GIS and Mapping

Helped layout, map, and draw basic site plans for the new training facility which were required for the IGA with Town to be drafted. Thank you Chief for your patience and support.

4. Wildland Shirts

Worked with Tim, Sherry, and Chief to get new logos, shirts designed for the Wildland Team.