

Nederland Fire Protection District

Fire Marshal Board Report – April 2026



Permits & Inspections:

Plan reviews and inspections have begun to pick back up with the warmer weather. Multiple houses are nearing completion as well; multiple sprinkler final inspections have passed in recent weeks.

Special event permits are starting to come through, most are preliminary, however the Ned Gravel just applied for a permit which I will be reviewing shortly.

We received a request for help from Timberline to review an NFPA 13D system; working with the chiefs to develop a plan to help review residential sprinkler permits in the future.

Compliance & Investigations:

Community Center West Wing –

Town is nearly complete with the initial phase of bringing the West Wing into compliance. All storage has been greatly reduced, and remaining storage has been moved to the north side of the hallway, and the units on the south side have been cleared out.

Post Office –

USPS has repairs being planned and coordinated with a contractor – we are monitoring the progress and planning an inspection of the facility next month.

Chipeta Park Fire –

A fire at Chipeta Park during the early morning hours of Wednesday April 8th destroyed two porta-potties and partially torched a nearby tree. A thorough investigation is ongoing; currently we suspect possible arson. We put out a press release requesting the public's assistance with any information regarding the incident. The winds picked up later that morning, which could have caused the fire to spread at a much faster rate had it not been caught so early.

Projects:

Fire Danger Sign -

The new fire danger sign has arrived. A locate request was completed, and we've begun to dig the holes and assemble the sign which will go out on the P2P Hwy by Station 1.

IT –

First Due had issues due to changes made at BCSO data side, while implementing a neighboring agency. It took a while to figure out what was going on as both BCSO and FirstDue were pointing their fingers at each other.

On the IT side, I have finished syncing the Microsoft and Apple Business accounts for devices.

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Public Outreach –

The Very Nice Brewing Chili Cook-off fundraiser was a great success. I was impressed with the attendance and local support. Many thanks to Jeff and Susan, Timberline, as well as our Auxiliary for helping organize the event.

Working with Chief and Hohnbaum to help plan several public outreach events this month and next.

Address and Street Signs -

Working with Boulder Watershed Collective to combine resources and provide more signs. We are planning a sign event in May.

Wildfire Resiliency Code Adoption -

Town adopted the Wildfire Resiliency Code at the March 31st Board of Trustees meeting.

Training –

I attended the NFPD structure triage course this past weekend, it was a solid training and well attended.

Completed online course for FI-110, and pre-course work for FI-210 Wildfire Origin and Cause Determination, for class in Missoula, MT next week.