

Nederland Fire Protection District

Fire Marshal Board Report – October 2026



Permits & Inspections:

Permitting, inspections and plan review remain very active.

NELC passed their final inspections and CO issued by Town, helped staff complete their first annual fire drill.

Wild Bear Nature Center – Upon finalizing their inspections it was apparent there were access issues to the building at the lower east entrance which would not meet code requirements; working with the team to draft solutions. Essentially, they need to either construct a road to the lower entrance or provide a Class III standpipe in the stairwell and a direct pathway (exterior stairway) to the lower entrance from the existing lot. We've come a long with this project and it will be a very safe building when fully completed.



NMSHS remodel – Sprinkler plans have been reviewed and approved after revisions; working on general construction plans with the state.

Reviewed several residential sprinkler plans, revisions were required on all of them in order to meet code requirements.

Working on updating the workflow for permitting projects utilizing a "Fire Approval Form." I have shown a draft to Chief and a local contractor, running through scenarios to ensure it fully encapsulates any time someone needs to show proof of permitting pre-approval and final approval to the town. I hope to have it built into First Due in the future as well, utilizing the Community Connect module, so builders can log in and see status updates and request inspections. Early testing seems encouraging.

Worked with several homeowners constructing in the district to meet access, water supply, and various code requirements to ensure NFPD can respond safely should an emergency occur. This includes new builds in Eldora, Old Town, Stinky Gulch, and unincorporated Boulder County.



Code, Compliance, & Investigations:

Performed preliminary inspections and code analysis at the Magnolia School House building for town, they hope to utilize the space in the future, and pending on use, it would not require a lot to occupy the building safely.

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Town is continuing to improve the situation at the West Wing; further cleaning is expected to be completed at the end of this month – all public occupants have moved out of the spaces, no new occupants are utilizing the building, and the town has clear direction on how to reoccupy the building safely and open it back up to the public.

New hydrant installed at the Stinky Gulch/E 5th Street intersection. Thanks to Town staff, especially Andrew Bliss, for helping this come to fruition.

NES Preschool and NELC visited Station 1 during Fire Prevention Week; Captain Faes and Captain Higgins did a great job leading activities. Many thanks to the volunteers who showed up to assist – the kids had a wonderful time.

Worked with a business owner whose sprinkler system has had multiple malfunctions from high-pressure surges and municipal supply issues. Met with their sprinkler contractor to ensure measures were being taken to protect the property and prevent further damages, including modifications to the PRV and drain.

Assisted Town staff with multiple materials reviews to ensure compliance with the newly adopted Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code.

Projects:

1. Training - Inspections

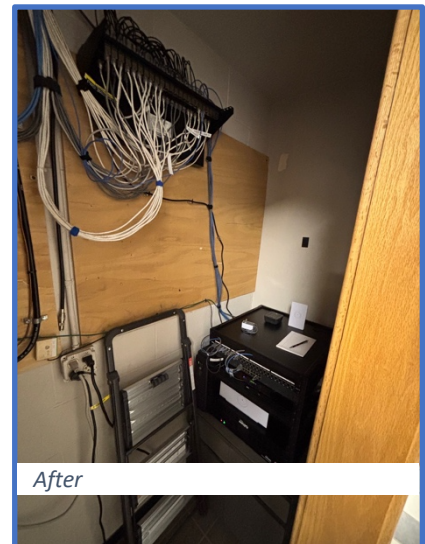
Building an inspections training program to instruct firefighters, in both a classroom and field setting, how to perform building inspections and cistern testing. The goal is for the training to meet NFPA and/or DFPC benchmarks.

2. IT - Infrastructure Upgrades

Completed upgrade of our networking infrastructure. Replaced two old switches, upgraded a patch panel, installed a new patch panel, fully separated internal/external networking devices, Starlink installation, T-Mobile redundancy, load balancing, and a new firewall.



Before



After



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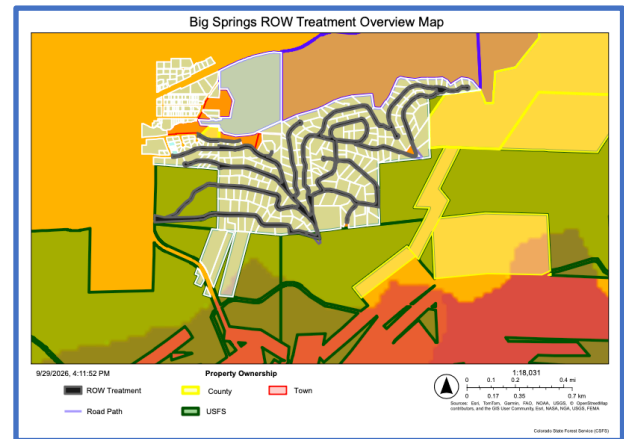


3. IT – GIS and Mapping

Completed mapping for wildfire mitigation grant project. This included ROW determination, property line boundaries, property classification, and fire risk analysis data to meet CSFS requirements.

4. Radio Room Computer

Ordered new computer for the radio room after the existing computer began experiences various hardware issues, in the process of setting it up. It will mirror the computer setup in the training room.



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