Nederland Fire Protection District

Fire Marshal Board Report – November 2026

Permits & Inspections:

Permitting, inspections and plan review remain very active.

Wild Bear Nature Center: Last month I reported on access issues at the lower entrance. The Class III standpipe permit has now been approved and issued, and the fire access permit has been approved. I also provided occupancy and life-safety guidance, including the need for a full fire drill after certificate of occupancy and furniture are in place. Currently the building is open to staff and not the public until the standpipe system is in place.

I issued a letter for Eldora Mountain Resort's fuel storage tank project for submittal to Boulder County and updated our pre-plans for explosives storage on the mountain.

Work continued on the school remodel reviews, along with several other commercial and residential projects, including fire sprinkler plan reviews and operational permits. The Fire Approval Form is now in use with the Town, and work continues on making application status and inspection requests available online.

Code, Compliance, & Investigations:

There were no new fire investigations to report this period. Code work this month focused on occupancies and construction, including life-safety guidance as Wild Bear moves toward opening, and continued work with applicants and Town staff on access, water supply, and the Colorado Wildfire Resiliency Code.

Projects:

1. Reporting and Automation (Grokbot)
This month I put a small team of AI assistants to work on our reporting, led by Pulaski, our "bot chief," with each assistant handling one area such as calls and shifts, EMS, prevention, metrics, and truck checks. Together they audited our records across dispatch, First Due, and station reports, found and fixed a large amount of missing, incomplete, or inconsistent information, and filled in older incident reports and apparatus times that had never been completed. Volunteer and call volume reports now agree from one source to the next, and they can be rerun on a regular schedule instead of being rebuilt by hand.

The results now live on a members-only District reporting website, protected by a password, that includes call volume, the volunteer scorecard, our year-end NERIS report, a noteworthy calls report updated before each regular board meeting, and a page of important links for members. The path forward is to keep improving data quality at the source, so that our records are complete when a call is entered rather than corrected afterward, and to keep the board informed through these reports. [PLEASE CLICK HERE TO VIEW]

2. IT
I compiled a reference for the District's network and information systems. I also requested additional reporting access from First Due to improve how we pull incident and operational data.

3. Training
I am renewing my Firefighter II state qualification and EMT, working on it with Captain Higgins and a group of others who also need theirs renewed.