

Nederland Fire Protection District

Fire Marshal Board Report – September 2024



Permits & Inspections:

Previously mentioned Fire Watch has been resolved, the sprinkler riser has been repaired. Thank you to Teens, Inc for their adherence to the Fire Watch guidelines and getting their life safety systems repaired and back in order in a timely manner.

Caribou Lodge at Eldora Mountain Resort has passed a series of final permitting inspections including sprinkler, alarm, hood system, elevator, and preliminary fire safety inspection. The final fire safety inspection will be completed next month once the move-in has been completed and prior to opening up to the public at the start of the season.

New permits and inspections remain consistent, with an influx of solar permits recently being submitted.

I assisted a handful of homeowners struggling with insurance companies and their mitigation requirements. I meet with them at their homes, make recommendations on how to meet the requirements, then write a letter to the insurance company once the work has been completed. I will also advocate for homeowners to ensure that the requests being made by the insurance companies are reasonable and within recognized standards/guidelines.

Projects:

First Due –

Building out a couple more permit inspection templates, met with Fire Marshal Roger Parker (Lafayette Fire) for assistance with permitting within First Due. I will be meeting with Lafayette Fire, Louisville Fire, and Hudson-Lochbuie Fire next week to review our inspections and permitting to ensure we have the best processes in place and compare notes.

Wildland Pre-Plans –

Wildfire Atlas: renamed to prevent confusion with other map books and to clarify in the name what the tool is for. The final product is being printed currently; we expect to have them in hand by the end of next week. They are waterproof, tear resistant, and vinyl construction.

Self-Inspection Program –

Working on building out a self-inspection program for businesses with low hazard and specific occupancies (mercantile, offices). This will include instruction, online form submission, photo submissions, pathway for self-reporting life safety issues should there be an issue, and tri-annual inspections by Nederland Fire. For example, the first year Nederland Fire does the inspection, and offers to allow business to self-inspect. The following two years the business submits their self-inspection. The third year Nederland Fire does an in-person inspection, and so on.

Other Activities:

Back to stage 1 restrictions.

I will be attending the Fire Marshal's Symposium at the Fire Leadership Challenge in October.

I applied for a scholarship to attend the Colorado Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators annual training conference in Vail, early November.