



**MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2025**

The Emergency Services Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00pm on Monday, November 24, 2025 by Chair Heidi Sparks

Members Present: Heidi Saprks- Chair, Jodi Mackay- Vice Chair (by phone), Irv Wilke, Jamie Swecker

Others Present: Ambulance Chief Lyndy Gurchiek, Police Chief Jarred Anglin, Fire Chief JW Hopper, Shane Lacasse- new member as of November 25, 2025 council meeting pending vote

Public Input:

General Items:

1. Approval of the Minutes from September 22, 2025, Irv made motion to approve, Jamie seconded. Motion carried 4-0
2. Approval of the Minutes from October 27, 2025, Irv made motion to approve, Jamie seconded. Motion carried 4-0
3. Update from Emergency Departments
 - . FD Chief Hopper – report attached
 - . Live Fire structure training took place over the weekend
 - . One of the individuals in rookie school was in the last school, but was deployed midway through, so back and continuing
 - . Purchasing extrication gear now, but this is a reimbursement over the next 3 years at \$10,000 per year. There will be a budget amendment coming before council
 - . Meeting room at the FAP is now set up as an Emergency Operations Center. This can even accommodate dispatch if something happens to the dispatch center
 - . Change will be taking place as we move from Emergency Reporting to Emergency Networking
 - . Police Chief Jarred Anglin- report attached
 - . Calls are down for the reporting period but up overall over last year
 - . 3 drive by shootings last week, these are being investigated
 - . Jody asked about the location of these and if they were same neighborhood
 - . Chief Anglin stated these were not in the same neighborhood. Have also reached out to residents in the neighborhoods for any video footage
 - . Manhunt took place up on Valley Dr with the help of several other agencies

- . Officer Schaff will be graduating from the academy tomorrow. Will come back and complete FTO
- . Looking into in-car camera systems
- . Amb Chief Gurchiek – report attached
- . 7 missed calls during the month, all 7 times had been on another call
- . Newest EMT volunteer has applied for the full time opening available
- . Fundraising efforts have been going very well
 - . Currently have a raffle for an autographed guitar that was donated by Music Villa and autographed by Tim Montana

New Business:

Old Business:

Other Items:

Announcements:

4. Next meeting will be Monday, December 22, 2025 at 6:00pm in Council Chambers

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



LAUREL FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Emergency Services Meeting 10/27/2025 – 11/24/2025

Calls-

- Responded to 26 **Total** Calls for 10/27/2025 – 11/24/2025.
- Total Hours on Calls-
 - Firefighters – **305**
 - Officers – **187**
 - Combined Hours – **492**
 - Training Hours – **4385 HRS YTD**

Training-

- Fire Science
- E25 Training
- Apparatus Maintenance
- Structure Fire (live burn)

Rookie School Training-

- Engine 25 Training
 - Driving
 - Pump Operations
- Structure Fires
- Structure Fire (Live Burn)
- Water Shuttle Operations

Department News-

- Current Numbers
 - 32 Members
 - 4 firefighters in rookie school.
- DNRC Staffing
 - Training will start in January.
- Misc.-
 - CHS Donation
 - Federal Fire Agency
 - Water Tender Mutual Aid Groups
 - Dry Hydrant Specifications
 - Yellowstone County Fire Council
 - Fire Shelters
 - Emergency Operations Center
 - Emergency Networking vs Emergency Reporting
 - National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS)
 - National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS)
 - Thank you to all firefighters for their continued dedication and thank you to city staff for their continued support.



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Emergency Services Report November 24, 2025

Reporting Period Summary:

During this reporting period, the FAP received a total of 696 calls for service.

For comparison, during the same period in 2024, there were 745 calls for service, representing a decrease of 49 calls year over year.

During the reporting period, a total of 88 crimes were reported. Of these cases, 34 resulted in charges being filed, 17 cases resulted in no charges, 5 warrant requests were submitted, and 8 arrests were made. The remaining cases are still under investigation.

Year-to-Date Summary:

As of November 24, 2025, emergency services have responded to 8,963 calls for service. Year-to-date last year there were 8,789 calls for service.

Notable Incidents:

There were three reported drive-by shootings last week. Laurel Police Department officers and the department's detective are actively investigating all of these incidents. These investigations are ongoing.

Additionally, officers were involved in a vehicle pursuit this past Friday. During the incident, one officer struck a deer, resulting in significant damage to the patrol vehicle. The officer was not injured; however, this has placed the department down one patrol vehicle, and there are currently no spare units available.

Staffing Update:

Officer Schaff graduates from the Montana Law Enforcement Academy tomorrow, and Chief Anglin will be traveling to attend his graduation. We look forward to welcoming him back to Laurel, where he will complete the remainder of his Field Training Program. He is expected to be released to solo patrol in mid-December.

Equipment Update:

The department recently received its new Axon Body Cameras, and they have now been fully implemented into patrol operations. These cameras provide enhanced video quality and improved functionality, supporting both officer safety and transparency.

Chief Anglin has also reached out to Axon regarding in-car camera systems and has received two initial quotes as part of the early exploration process: The pricing below reflects outfitting six patrol vehicles.

- 5-year option: Total cost \$70,736.40, with an annual payment of \$14,067.28
- 10-year option: Total cost \$125,107.20, with an annual payment of \$12,470.22

With the calls we're seeing and the types of incidents we're responding to, adding in-car cameras would go a long way in reducing liability for both the officers and the City. They provide clear video during traffic stops, pursuits, and citizen complaints, which helps protect everyone involved. I plan to push for these moving forward as we continue to improve our equipment and accountability.

School Resource / Community Engagement Update:

Officer Johnson has begun utilizing his golden retriever, Cooper, as a comfort dog at the high school. This is the initial phase of the program, and Officer Johnson has started bringing Cooper into the school to support students and staff. He has been working with the City Civil Attorney to ensure all program requirements and liability considerations are addressed. In addition, he has consulted with the Billings Police Department SROs, who have implemented a comfort dog program within the Billings schools, to gather insight and best practices as we move forward.

We will continue working hard to address the needs of the community and support our officers with the training and equipment necessary to do their jobs safely and effectively.

Respectfully,
Chief Anglin



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Total Calls City Council

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[CFS Date/Time] is between '2025-10-27 12:00' and '2025-11-24 11:59' and

[Primary Incident Code->Code : Description] All

Code : Description

Totals

10-15 : With Prisoner	1	1
: Abandoned Vehicle	31	31
: Agency Assist	53	53
: Alarm - Burglary	22	22
: Alarm - Fire	0	0
AMB : Ambulance	95	95
: Animal Complaint	5	5
: Area Check	4	4
: Assault	0	0
: Bad Checks	0	0
: Barking Dog	1	1
: Bomb Threat	0	0
: Burglary	1	1
: Child Abuse/Neglect	2	2
: Civil Complaint	8	8
: Code Enforcement Violation	2	2
: Community Integrated Health	1	1

Code : Description	Totals	
: Counterfeiting	1	1
: Criminal Mischief	9	9
: Criminal Trespass	10	10
: Cruelty to Animals	0	0
: Curfew Violation	6	6
: Discharge Firearm	4	4
: Disorderly Conduct	5	5
: Dog at Large	17	17
: Dog Bite	5	5
DUI : DUI Driver	6	6
: Duplicate Call	3	3
: Escape	0	0
: Family Disturbance	18	18
: Fight	2	2
FIRE : Fire or Smoke	17	17
: Fireworks	0	0
: Forgery	0	0
: Found Property	5	5
: Fraud	6	6
: Harassment	3	3
: Hit & Run	2	2

Code : Description	Totals	
: ICAC	1	1
: Identity Theft	2	2
: Indecent Exposure	0	0
: Insecure Premises	4	4
: Intoxicated Pedestrian	2	2
: Kidnapping	0	0
: Littering	0	0
: Loitering	1	1
: Lost or Stray Animal	13	13
: Lost Property	5	5
: Mental Health	7	7
: Missing Person	5	5
: Noise Complaint	1	1
: Open Container	0	0
: Order of Protection Violation	2	2
: Parking Complaint	8	8
: Possession of Alcohol	0	0
: Possession of Drugs	0	0
: Possession of Tobacco	2	2
: Privacy in Communications	0	0
: Prowler	0	0

Code : Description	Totals	
: Public Assist	44	44
: Public Safety Complaint	7	7
: Public Works Call	5	5
: Report Not Needed	3	3
: Robbery	0	0
: Runaway Juvenile	5	5
: Sexual Assault	5	5
: Suicide	0	0
: Suicide - Attempt	3	3
: Suicide - Threat	4	4
: Suspicious Activity	47	47
: Suspicious Person	12	12
: Theft	26	26
: Threats	6	6
: Tow Call	2	2
: Traffic Accident	15	15
: Traffic Hazard	4	4
: Traffic Incident	9	9
: TRO Violation	0	0
: Truancy	0	0
T/S : Traffic Stop	63	63

Code : Description	Totals	
: Unattended Death	1	1
: Unknown - Converted	0	0
: Unlawful Transactions w/Minors	0	0
: Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle	0	0
: Vicious Dog	2	2
: Warrant	6	6
: Welfare Check	15	15
Totals	682	682

Laurel Emergency Services Report created 11/24/25:

2021

1228 requests for service
135 times LEMS was unavailable
34 times AMR was unavailable
318 responses in Ward 5=26% of calls outside of the city of Laurel

2022

1238 requests for service
177 times LEMS was unavailable
48 times AMR was unavailable
351 responses in Ward 5=29% of calls outside of the city of Laurel

2023

1300 requests for service
171 times LEMS was unavailable
23 times AMR was unavailable
351 responses in Ward 5=27% of calls outside of the city of Laurel

2024

1363 requests for service
73 times LEMS was unavailable
14 times AMR was unavailable
373 responses in Ward 5=27% of calls outside of the city of Laurel

Recent Month Summary:

September 2025:

Requests	150
Missed Calls	7 = 5%
Shortest Delay	18 minutes
Longest Delay	37 minutes
Average Delay	27 minutes
Fire Driver Available	4 times
City Driver Available	1 time
QRU Response With 1 Provider	0 times **
On A Previous Call	7 times
2 Units On A Call	8 times
No Crew / Provider Available	0 times
AMR Transported or Responded	6 times*
Red Lodge Transported	0 times
HELP Flight Transported	0 times
HELP Amb Transported or Responded	1 time
Columbus Transported or Responded	0 times
Joliet Transported	0 times
Park City Transported	1 time
PD Assisted Pt or Transported	0 times
FD Assisted Pt no transport	0 times
POV Transport	0 times
Refusal or no transport	0 times
YCSO Transported	0 times
MHP Transported	0 times

**0 times the QRU responded to begin patient care. 0 times the QRU responded and the patient refused / no transport to hospital or no patient found.

32 responses in Ward 5 = 21% of calls outside of the city of Laurel

1 LEMS response for mutual aid. None of these responses resulted in LEMS not being available for another call.



2025 Running Totals

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total 2024
Requests	124	123	99	124	115	134	130	127	112	150			1104
Missed Calls	1	7	5	4	1	4	1	6	2	7			38
Shortest Delay (minutes)	38	12	18	26	27	18	24	4	38	18			4
Longest Delay (minutes)	38	40	38	38	27	26	24	53	39	37			53
Average Delay (minutes)	38	29	27	33	27	22	24	28	39	27			30
Fire Driver Available	2	6	1	1	7	3	2	2	1	4			29
City Driver Available	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1			5
QRU Response w 1 Provider	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0			6
On A Previous Call	1	7	5	4	1	4	1	6	2	7			38
2 Units On A Call	8	6	5	7	6	7	4	10	8	8			69
No Crew / Provider Available	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
AMR Transported or Responded	0	2	3	3	1	3	1	3	1	6			23
Columbus Transported or Responded	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			1
Joliet Transported	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			2
Park City Transported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			1
Red Lodge Transported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
HELP Flight Transported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
HELP Amb Transported or Responded	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0			5
POV Transport	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0			2
PD Assisted Pt or transported	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			1
FD Assisted Pt no transport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
YCSO Transported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
MHP Transported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
QRU/AMR, Refusal or No Patient	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0			3
Responses in Ward 5	28	36	29	33	33	39	35	30	36	32			331
-EMS response for mutual aid	1	3	1	0	2	1	3	0	0	1			12

*correction made after report given

Other Reporting Information

- Staffing ~ our new volunteer EMT applied and was hired for the full time opening. We have one volunteer paramedic that was approved by council and will be starting training in the next week or so.
- We are working on the fundraising for the ambulance. We have a raffle that the Laurel MT Community Foundation is helping us with. Music Villa donated a guitar, and Tim Montana autographed it, only 250 tickets available. Going well so far. The Jersey Milkes fund raiser seemed to go really well, our staff handed out all the tickets we were given to the community businesses. We are looking at another possible raffle when the guitar is done ~ will keep you posted.
- The City Council approved to move forward with the purchase of the ambulance ~ we are working on getting it set now and won't make public until it is completed and street ready.