



**MINUTES  
CITY OF LAUREL  
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023**

The Emergency Services Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00pm on Monday, May 22, 2023, by Chair Heidi Sparks

**Members Present:** Heidi Sparks- Chair, Richard Klose, Jodi Mackay, Jamie Swecker, Bruce McGee (tardy)

**Others Present:** Police Chief Stan Langve, Ambulance Director Lyndy Gurchiek, Fire Chief JW Hopper

**Public Input:**

**General Items**

1. Approval of Emergency Services Committee minutes of April 24, 2023. Richard Klose moved to approve the minutes; Jodi Mackay seconded- Motion carried 4-0

**New Business**

2. Update from Emergency Departments
  - a. Fire Chief JW Hopper- Report attached
    - i. Items to note:
      1. 5 in rookie school, 2 that are only released for admin items
      2. Knox box- lockbox for keys to the business/building so the fire department does not have to break windows/doors to get into the building
      3. High water- Canyon Creek the water was almost to the bridge
      4. Billings Fire Station 7 may be using Laurel mutual aid for calls on the south side of the frontage road due to 56<sup>th</sup> Street being closed for construction
  - b. Police Chief Stan Langve- Report attached
    - i. Items to note:
      1. Increase in numbers for 2023 is partly due to the turnaround, this has been mostly traffic stop increases
      2. Increase in aggressive transient behavior due to the time of year
      3. Overtime is going to be necessary to cover vacant shifts due to vacation time and other absences
  - c. Ambulance Director Lyndy Gurchiek- Report attached
    - i. Items to note:
      1. One full time staff still out on light duty
      2. Selling some of the older equipment from the department
      3. Care 3 has been having issues with the air conditioning in the back area

**Old Business:**

**Other Items:**

3. Richard brought up the recent vandalism. Is this being discussed for the upcoming budget cycle as far as cameras and other mitigation items? Chief Langve stated this is being discussed as part of the CIP efforts of the city
4. Jamie brought up an issue with the radios. Last night (5/21) the radios went down for roughly 3 hours. The cause was lightning knocking out the power, the repeaters were also knocked out as part of the lightning. Batteries went out, Chief Hopper was communicating with dispatch via cell phone. The redundancy with Simplex was not working very well either.

**Announcements**

5. Next Meeting will be Monday, June 26, 2023, at 6:00pm in Council Chambers

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm



# LAUREL FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## *Emergency Services Meeting 5/22/2023*

### Calls-

- Responded to 44 Total Calls for April. (This includes fire drivers)

### Training-

- Wildland Training
- June (Rope rescue Training)

### Department News-

- Current Numbers
  - 37 Members
    - 5 firefighters in Rookie School
      - 3-Released to respond on water tenders and motor vehicle accidents)
    - Elected one new firefighter in May. (Riley McIlvain)
  - New Officers have been selected for the department.
    - Chief- Hopper
    - Assist. Chief- Nagel
    - Fire Marshal- Z. Winchell
    - Deputy Chiefs- Peters, Kulesa
    - Captains- McIlvain, Bieber (Fournier), H. Fox and DeRudder)
    - Training Captain- McCleary
    - Maintenance Captain- Fournier
    - Safety- Bartram
- Working on the Budget
- New Truck Update
  - Waiting on the box, should be ready in September.
- Knox Boxes
  - Starting to get more requests.
  - Schools now have new boxes with master keys/cards in them.
- Dry Hydrants and inspections.
- Firework Stand Inspections.
- New Lights installed in truck bays.
- High Water.
- Late wildland season.
- Tender Response in City.
- Interstate work-
  - Delays in response.
  - 56<sup>th</sup> St. Overpass closed.
  - Access issues when responding.
- DNRC Staffing-
  - Chief Certifications. (complete)
  - EFF Packets.
- Misc.-

- Working on DNRC Grant with Michele. (submitted)
- Working on District Contracts with Michele. (complete)



# Laurel Police Department

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**Chief of Police Stanley J Langve**

May 22, 2023

## Emergency Services Report May 2023

For the reporting period of April 24th to May 22nd, 2023, the FAP had 900 calls for service. This is up 20 % from April's reporting period and an increase of 14.5 % for the three-year average. The total crimes reported for the year to date is 479 which is a 6.2% increase over the 3-year average and a 13% increase over April's crimes report numbers. This is despite of 117 fewer traffic stops from the April reporting period. Total calls for service to the FAP were at 3,736 at the time of this report, which is a 14.5% increase over the 3-year average. Despite below average numbers at the beginning of the year there has been a noticeable increase in call volume over the last 6 weeks and I noted our numbers are in line with 2021's record year.

The CHS turnaround has influenced the traffic stop numbers, but not to as great an extent over the last two weeks or so. We have seen a decrease in peak traffic flow and had fewer traffic violations observed on the traffic shifts. As of the 15<sup>th</sup> of May, I have reduced the traffic shift allotment to a single officer per overtime shift for CHS turnaround specific duty.

With the number and frequency of disturbance calls, especially involving violence and weapons, I have had to start offering overtime shifts to reduce the number of hours our Officers are working without cover in our normal schedule. We will be advertising and recruiting for an officer hiring pool very soon, with the anticipation of needing to fill at least two positions as soon as possible.

I was very honored and proud of our department with the work and presentation of the 35<sup>th</sup> Montana Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony. Our T.A.C's are busy preparing for the annual CJIS audit. Sgt. Anglin is completing his Executive Leadership training in Helena this week. Officer Baumgartner attended the Montana State Tactical Officers Association's conference and training. He completed the very intensive Advanced Street Survival training and will be bringing that knowledge to the department in our developing tactical response training.

Respectfully,

Chief Langve





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Total Calls

Printed on May 22, 2023

[CFS Date/Time] is between '2023-04-24 00:00' and '2023-05-22 23:59' and

[Primary Incident Code->Code : Description] All

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## **Code : Description**

## **Totals**

10-15 : With Prisoner	0	0
: Abandoned Vehicle	15	15
: Agency Assist	71	71
: Alarm - Burglary	7	7
: Alarm - Fire	3	3
AMB : Ambulance	82	82
: Animal Complaint	10	10
: Area Check	8	8
: Assault	4	4
: Bad Checks	0	0
: Barking Dog	12	12
: Bomb Threat	0	0
: Burglary	0	0
: Child Abuse/Neglect	4	4
: Civil Complaint	15	15
: Code Enforcment Violation	14	14
: Counterfeiting	0	0

**Code : Description****Totals**

: Criminal Mischief	6	6
: Criminal Trespass	7	7
: Cruelty to Animals	4	4
: Curfew Violation	3	3
: Discharge Firearm	2	2
: Disorderly Conduct	13	13
: Dog at Large	29	29
: Dog Bite	2	2
DUI : DUI Driver	4	4
: Duplicate Call	5	5
: Escape	0	0
: Family Disturbance	11	11
: Fight	3	3
FIRE : Fire or Smoke	23	23
: Fireworks	1	1
: Forgery	0	0
: Found Property	3	3
: Fraud	1	1
: Harassment	2	2
: Hit & Run	4	4
: Identity Theft	0	0

**Code : Description****Totals**

: Indecent Exposure	0	0
: Insecure Premises	0	0
: Intoxicated Pedestrian	2	2
: Kidnapping	0	0
: Littering	0	0
: Loitering	4	4
: Lost or Stray Animal	20	20
: Lost Property	0	0
: Mental Health	3	3
: Missing Person	7	7
: Noise Complaint	10	10
: Open Container	0	0
: Order of Protection Violation	1	1
: Parking Complaint	11	11
: Possession of Alcohol	0	0
: Possession of Drugs	0	0
: Possession of Tobacco	0	0
: Privacy in Communications	1	1
: Prowler	0	0
: Public Assist	63	63
: Public Safety Complaint	6	6



Code : Description		Totals	
: Public Works Call	18	18	
: Report Not Needed	2	2	
: Robbery	0	0	
: Runaway Juvenile	3	3	
: Sexual Assault	0	0	
: Suicide	0	0	
: Suicide - Attempt	1	1	
: Suicide - Threat	2	2	
: Suspicious Activity	149	149	
: Suspicious Person	5	5	
: Theft	18	18	
: Threats	8	8	
: Tow Call	0	0	
: Traffic Accident	20	20	
: Traffic Hazard	2	2	
: Traffic Incident	28	28	
: TRO Violation	0	0	
: Truancy	0	0	
T/S : Traffic Stop	129	129	
: Unattended Death	0	0	
: Unknown - Converted	0	0	

**Code : Description****Totals**

: Unlawful Transactions w/Minors	0	0
: Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle	0	0
: Vicious Dog	2	2
: Warrant	8	8
: Welfare Check	9	9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>900</b>

## Laurel Emergency Services Report created 5/22/23:

### 2020

1090 requests for service  
159 times LEMS was unavailable  
72 times AMR was unavailable  
288 responses in Ward 5=27% of  
calls outside of the city of Laurel

### 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

## Recent Month Summary:

### April 2023:

Requests	85
Missed Calls	16 = 19%
Shortest Delay	5 minutes
Longest Delay	70 minutes
Average Delay	30 minutes
Fire Driver Available	7 times
City Driver Available	1 times
QRU Response With 1 Provider	3 times **
On A Previous Call	1 time
No Crew / Provider Available	12 times
AMR Transported or Responded	9 times
Red Lodge Transported	0 times
HELP Flight Transported	0 times
Columbus Transported	0 times
Joliet Transported	2 times
Park City Transported	1 time
Beartooth Ambulance	0 times
PD Assisted Pt or Transported	0 times
FD Assisted Pt no transport	0 times
POV Transport	2 times
Refusal or no transport	2 times
YCSO Transported	0 times
MHP Transported	0 times

\*\*0 times the QRU responded and the patient refused / no transport to hospital or no patient found  
29 responses in Ward 5 = 31 % of calls outside of the city of Laurel



## 2023 Running Totals

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total 2023
Requests	107	98	102	85									392
Missed Calls	6	10	9	16									41
Shortest Delay (minutes)	25	10	17	5									5
Longest Delay (minutes)	28	42	52	70									70
Average Delay (minutes)	26	30	32	30									30
Fire Driver Available	22	14	8	7									51
City Driver Available	2	3	2	1									8
QRU Response w 1 Provider	0	0	3	3									6
On A Previous Call	6	6	0	1									13
No Crew / Provider Available	0	4	6	12									22
AMR Transported or Responded	6	7	8	9									30
Columbus Transported	0	1	1	0									2
Joliet Transported	0	1	0	2									3
Park City Transported	0	0	0	1									1
Red Lodge Transported	0	0	0	0									0
Beartooth Transported	0	0	0	0									0
HELP Flight Transported	0	0	0	0									0
POV Transport	0	0	0	2									0
Refusal or No Transport	0	0	0	2									2
PD Assisted Pt or <b>transported</b>	0	1	0	0									1
FD Assisted Pt no transport	0	0	1	0									1
YCSO Transported	0	0	0	0									0
MHP Transported	0	0	0	0									0
QRU/AMR, Refusal or No Patient	0	0	0	0									0
Responses in Ward 5	43	26	24	29									122

### Other Reporting Information

\*correction made after report given

-the new "used" ambulance – it has received all of the mechanical issue updates, cleaned from top to bottom and stocked. Waiting on striping. Have used it as a back up when main ambulance has been out for repairs. The plan is to replace our back up ambulance with it, Care 2, and then Care 2 will be parked in the back of the station and able to be used as a back up when one of our others is out for maintenance etc.

-2 community medicine providers – 1 completed clinical time and the other is nearly done. Will be working on getting it up and running.

-legal blood draw training has been completed and we are ready to help out whenever we can. 5 full timers and 1 volunteer/community ems provider are trained  
-2 new volunteer EMTs completed the driver portion of training and have started on the patient care end as well as 1 of our fire drivers that is an EMT, he has started on patient care training. 1 of our seasonal EMTs has started his training and doing great, our other seasonal worker will begin in June. Will work on interviews for hiring a couple more volunteers.

-1 full time employee still out on light duty, getting better and no surgery is needed but still out for a while with rehab

-working on updating policy and procedures / training manual

-EMS week is this week. Celebrating with crews. Troy and Mandi are upping our social media and working on getting info out about our staff. We have been working on getting photos of everyone. Doing an open house Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> for the EMS week celebration, 12-2pm, City Attorney is bringing Pitas and we will have cookies, hoping to do a kick off to the public for education about our service for the mill. Excited to get started with other public education projects soon.