



**MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024**

The Emergency Services Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00pm on Monday, February 26, 2024, by Chair- Heidi Sparks

Members Present: Heidi Sparks- Chair, Irv Wilke- Vice-Chair, Jodi Mackay, Richard Klose, Jamie Swecker, Bruce McGee

Others Present: Ambulance Director Lyndy Gurchiek, Travis Nagel-Assistant Captain, Police Chief Stan Langve

Public Input: None

General Items

1. Approval of Emergency Services Committee minutes of January 22, 2024. Jodi Mackay moved to approve the minutes; Irv Wilke seconded- Motion carried 6-0.

New Business

2. Update from Emergency Departments
 - a. Assistant Fire Captain Travis Nagel- Report attached
 - i. Currently working with 32 members- this includes a resignation, 3 in rookie school and 1 on a leave of absence
 - ii. Looking at purchasing 2-3 CO monitors with the Ambulance
 - iii. Working on a recruitment video to try to get new members- like to operate with about 45 members
 - iv. Zello app is working- used to expand the radio range, using Wi-Fi on cell phone
 - b. Police Chief Stan Langve- Report attached
 - i. Increase in mental health related calls including suicide
 - ii. Currently have 6 active reserves
 - iii. Squad Room project is mostly complete, new lockers were replaced and moved out of the hallway for additional privacy
 1. Additional wiring was added to the Chief's office, previously utilizing a single outlet with extension cords
 - c. Ambulance Director Lyndy Gurchiek- Report attached
 - i. The majority of the Fire Driver calls was Travis Nagel helping out
 - ii. Staffing/training has been a focus this month, 2 new full time staffers started- challenge has been only having 1 ambulance on to do training
 1. Need to have the full time staff trained before hiring additional volunteers

- iii. Zello app has been installed on all ambulance staff cell phones- has allowed individuals to utilize app to respond to calls for additional staff through app, rather than needing to call dispatch
- iv. Working on a recognition program which will include a certificate and a pin
- v. Community Integrated Health program is running and dispatch is taking those calls for our 2 community medical outreach individuals

Old Business:

Other Items:

Announcements

- 3. Next Meeting will be Monday, March 25, 2024, at 6:00pm in Council Chambers

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm



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Emergency Services Meeting 1/22/2023-2/26/2024

Calls-

- Responded to 43 Total Calls for 1/22/2024-2/26/2024. *+4 FIRE = 47 total*
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Training-

- Cold Water Rescue
- Extrication
- Car Fires
 - DNRC- S230, S231
 - Engine Boss Training in Laurel March 9th.

Rookie School Training-

- ICS
- Extrication
- Car Fires

Department News-

- Current Numbers
 - 32 Members
 - 1 firefighter on leave of absence.
 - 3 firefighters in Rookie School.
 - Levi Jones had to resign for personal and family reasons.
- Misc.-
 - Zillow App is up and running.
 - Working with Ambulance to purchase 2 to 3 CO Monitors. These will benefit both the community and the fire fighters.
 - Assistant Chief Nagel is working with truck manufacturers on a new front-line pumper.
 - 5 sets of new bunker gear have been delivered.
 - New gloves and hoods have started arriving.
 - Started working on recruiting video and ideas.

Laurel Emergency Services Report created 2/26/24:

2020	2021	2022	2023
1090 requests for service	1228 requests for service	1238 requests for service	1300 requests for service
159 times LEMS was unavailable	135 times LEMS was unavailable	177 times LEMS was unavailable	171 times LEMS was unavailable
72 times AMR was unavailable	34 times AMR was unavailable	48 times AMR was unavailable	23 times AMR was unavailable
288 responses in Ward 5=27% of calls outside of the city of Laurel	318 responses in Ward 5=26% of calls outside of the city of Laurel	351 responses in Ward 5=29% of calls outside of the city of Laurel	351 responses in Ward 5=27% of calls outside of the city of Laurel



Recent Month Summary:

January 2024:

Requests	124
Missed Calls	9 = 7%
Shortest Delay	22 minutes
Longest Delay	45 minutes
Average Delay	32 minutes
Fire Driver Available	20 times
City Driver Available	3 time
QRU Response With 1 Provider	5 times **
On A Previous Call	1 times
No Crew / Provider Available	2 times
AMR Transported or Responded	6 times
Red Lodge Transported	0 times
HELP Flight Transported	0 times
HELP Amb Transported or Responded	0 time
Columbus Transported	0 times
Joliet Transported	0 times
Park City Transported	0 times
Beartooth Ambulance	0 times
PD Assisted Pt or Transported	0 times
FD Assisted Pt no transport	0 times
POV Transport	3 times
Refusal or no transport	0 time
YCSO Transported	0 times
MHP Transported	0 times

**0 time the QRU responded and the patient refused / no transport to hospital or no patient found
 43 responses in Ward 5 = 35% of calls outside of the city of Laurel
 8 LEMS responses for mutual aid

2024 Running Totals

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total 2024
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YCSO Transported	0												
MHP Transported	0												
QRU/AMR, Refusal or No Patient	0												
Responses in Ward 5	43												
LEMS response for mutual aid	8												

*correction made after report given

Other Reporting Information

- Staffing - Training the two new staff members. They are both doing great, will keep you posted on the progress.
- License recertification is March 31, we are working on ensuring everyone has the hours that they need. There was a 20 hour refresher course this past weekend as well as making sure we have all of the additional CE hours, certifications such as PALS, ACLS and CPR completed.
- Working with Chief Hopper for CO monitors to monitor fire fighters during fire rehab as well as have access to monitoring patients of suspected carbon monoxide poisoning. I believe we have found the required funding, just looking at refurbished vs new equipment.
- Purchased the radio app called Zello that is available via cell phone apps and can theoretically allow us to communicate from anywhere that has cell service or internet service. We have made this available to all of our staff members. It has already proven to be a great resource for increased communication ability for staff both on and off of shift.
- Community Health program working well. It is not a large number of patients but we are seeing a few that I believe they are making a difference with as well as community outreach work.
- The fee schedule changes were approved by City Council. This is based on recommendations from Pinter Billing – old fee schedule was not up to date with bundled billing – confusing for billing people. Also proposed a out of district fee for ward 5 calls and a small lift assist fee. There was a typo that had to go back to for approval to amend.



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Chief of Police Stanley J Langve

Emergency Services Report February 2024

For the reporting period 1-22-24 through 2-26-24, the FAP had 791 calls for service. This is slightly ahead of last year's, year -to-date calls for service and down 7.8% from the 3-year average. For crimes reported as of this morning, there were 206 year-to- date with 150 in the reporting period. This is a 13% increase for crimes reported year-to- date for the 3-year average and a 32% increase for the 3- year average for the reporting period.

The majority of the increase is theft. We have seen an increase in reported thefts and have what is believed to be a targeted and coordinated hit on a retailer involving multiple suspects. It is believed they were timed to coincide when manpower was limited. The number of mental health related calls continues to increase as well.

We have 2 cadets in the Police Reserve Academy that runs from the first part of January through May. We recently lost two reserve Officers and have 6 active reserves with 1 on maternity leave.

We interviewed 8 candidates for the Patrol Officer positions on the 24th of February. We moved 5 to backgrounds. We have 2 current vacancies with a third anticipated vacancy coming at any time.

During the last cold spell, the blower motor for the FAP HVAC burned out and the motor and wiring had to be replaced. Also, the heater at the City Shop building went "End of Service". The pipes froze and burst. This was discovered prior to the pipes thawing out so water damage was kept to a relative minimum.

Most of the Squad Room project is complete. This was funded by the 2-year long efforts of Jessica McCartney to compile an auction. With those monies we were also able to improve the bay area and move the new officer lockers into the bay. We purchased new lockers for the dispatch and animal control and moved them down the hall along with some secure storage. This improved the workspace for the Officers and immensely opened up some new room in the squad.

Respectfully,

Chief Langve



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Total Calls

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[CFS Date/Time] is between '2024-01-22 00:00' and '2024-02-26 23:59' and

[Primary Incident Code->Code : Description] All

Code : Description	Totals	
10-15 : With Prisoner	0	0
: Abandoned Vehicle	14	14
: Agency Assist	62	62
: Alarm - Burglary	9	9
: Alarm - Fire	8	8
AMB : Ambulance	98	98
: Animal Complaint	2	2
: Area Check	17	17
: Assault	4	4
: Bad Checks	0	0
: Barking Dog	3	3
: Bomb Threat	0	0
: Burglary	0	0
: Child Abuse/Neglect	7	7
: Civil Complaint	10	10
: Code Enforcment Violation	1	1
: Community Integrated Health	5	5

Code : Description	Totals	
: Counterfeiting	0	0
: Criminal Mischief	10	10
: Criminal Trespass	5	5
: Cruelty to Animals	0	0
: Curfew Violation	5	5
: Discharge Firearm	1	1
: Disorderly Conduct	3	3
: Dog at Large	17	17
: Dog Bite	1	1
DUI : DUI Driver	7	7
: Duplicate Call	1	1
: Escape	0	0
: Family Disturbance	16	16
: Fight	0	0
FIRE : Fire or Smoke	19	19
: Fireworks	0	0
: Forgery	0	0
: Found Property	10	10
: Fraud	7	7
: Harassment	4	4
: Hit & Run	1	1

Code : Description	Totals	
: Identity Theft	1	1
: Indecent Exposure	0	0
: Insecure Premises	2	2
: Intoxicated Pedestrian	1	1
: Kidnapping	0	0
: Littering	0	0
: Loitering	1	1
: Lost or Stray Animal	9	9
: Lost Property	3	3
: Mental Health	0	0
: Missing Person	2	2
: Noise Complaint	1	1
: Open Container	0	0
: Order of Protection Violation	0	0
: Parking Complaint	14	14
: Possession of Alcohol	0	0
: Possession of Drugs	2	2
: Possession of Tobacco	1	1
: Privacy in Communications	1	1
: Prowler	0	0
: Public Assist	62	62

Code : Description	Totals	
: Public Safety Complaint	7	7
: Public Works Call	18	18
: Report Not Needed	9	9
: Robbery	0	0
: Runaway Juvenile	5	5
: Sexual Assault	1	1
: Suicide	1	1
: Suicide - Attempt	3	3
: Suicide - Threat	4	4
: Suspicious Activity	58	58
: Suspicious Person	12	12
: Theft	68	68
: Threats	3	3
: Tow Call	0	0
: Traffic Accident	21	21
: Traffic Hazard	4	4
: Traffic Incident	21	21
: TRO Violation	0	0
: Truancy	0	0
T/S : Traffic Stop	82	82
: Unattended Death	2	2

Code : Description	Totals	
: Unknown - Converted	0	0
: Unlawful Transactions w/Minors	0	0
: Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle	0	0
: Vicious Dog	0	0
: Warrant	9	9
: Welfare Check	16	16
Totals	791	791