



**MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2022**

The Emergency Services Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00pm on Monday, August 22, 2022 by Chair Heidi Sparks

Members Present: Heidi Sparks- Chair, Irv Wilke- Vice Chair, Richard Klose, Bill Mountsier, Bruce McGee, Jamie Swecker, Jim Irwin

Others Present: Police Chief Stan Langve, Ambulance Director Lyndy Gurchiek, Fire Chief Brent Peters

Public Input: None

General Items

1. Approval of Emergency Services Committee minutes of June 27, 2022. Bruce McGee moved to approve the minutes; Richard Klose seconded- Motion carried 7-0
2. Approval of Emergency Services Committee minutes of July 25, 2022. Jim Irwin moved to approve the minutes; Bill Mountsier seconded- Motion carried 7-0

New Business

3. Update from Emergency Departments
 - a. Police Department Chief Langve- - Report attached
 - i. Items to note:
 1. During the first few weeks of August, there was a lot of training for officers, and we had single unit shifts. Chief Langve served as backup during several of these shifts
 - b. Ambulance Director Lyndy Gurchiek – June and July Report attached
 - i. Items to note:
 1. Beartooth Ambulance (June 2022) is an inter-facility transport ambulance
 2. July had an increase in overall calls, and the city experienced staffing shortages during the month as well leading to the increase in missed calls during the month
 3. Filled vacant full-time positions with volunteers, so now will be looking to add to the volunteer staff. Seasonal EMT had good interest, but was started so late in the season that we were not able to take advantage, but with the interest we will be able to start right away with this program next year
 4. Community Medicine Grant- we have 2 providers starting class in September and class is 6 months, so optimistically this program will roll out in late spring- early summer timeframe
 - a. These providers are part of current staff, not an addition to staff
 - c. Fire Department Chief Peters- June and July Reports attached
 - i. Items to note:
 1. Severity Staffing began on July 18th, so 950 hours for a partial month

2. ISO rating- training hours as well as severity staffing go into this rating
 - a. Fire department is working on additional training and certifications. Chief Peters is working on becoming ICS4 certified to help run the bigger fire events in the state. There are currently on 12 ICS4 in the state
 - b. In addition, working of Fire Marshall for the city. Both Chief Peters and Jamie Swecker are working on their certifications to serve as Fire Marshall
3. A few years ago, the fire department recommended legalizing fireworks in the city. As a result, this year we only had 1 call in the county for fire related to fireworks, and 3 the previous year
4. Police Commission Oversight Committee discussion- This item was brought forward by Bill Mountsier. Bill stated at this time he believes this has been resolved based on the conversation at the council workshop last week. Based on the function of the commission there is no needs for this type of committee at this time.

Old Business

5. Traffic Study- This was passed by council last year and needed a letter submitted from Chief Langve for the city to submit to the state requesting the study. Chief Langve stated this letter was submitted to then Mayor Nelson. The city was then to forward this on to the state requesting the study. Chief Langve is not sure where this traffic study request sits or if it was forwarded onto the state. Chief Langve volunteered to follow up with the Mayor on where this request stands.

Other Items

6. Bruce gave a brief plug for becoming a police reservist as there are currently openings on the reserve force. Ideally, 14 on the reserve force is sufficient for staffing and coverage needs, the force is currently at 9 active police reserves. Laurel Ford recently donated \$600 to the police reserve program to help fund safety equipment.
7. Jim stated the refinery is knee-deep in the preparations for next year's turnaround. February and March things will be ramping up, April and May are the actual turnaround months, and they are expecting 2400 additional staff.

Announcements

8. Next Meeting will be Monday, September 26, 2022, at 6:00pm in Council Chambers

Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm