



**CITY OF LAUREL  
EMERGENCY SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING  
DRAFT MINUTES  
MONDAY, February 22, 2021  
6:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

☒ X\_Bruce McGee Chair  
☒ X\_Irv Wilke Co Chair  
☐ Pat Kimmet  
☐ Bill Mountsier

☒ X\_Richard Klose  
☒ X\_Heidi Sparks  
☒ X\_Taryn Massa

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Ambulance Director Lyndy Gurcheik, Fire Chief Peters, Police Chief Langve.

**Public Input:** None

**General Items:**

1. Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm by Chairman McGee.
2. Past draft minutes for September 28 and October 26 distributed to committee members and others present for review and future approval at the March 29, 2021 meeting.

**3. New Business:** None.

4. Report from Ambulance Director Lyndy Gurcheik: (see attached). Director Gurcheik concluded her report with suggesting that the safety mill levy should remain with the committee to accomplish for the ambulance service. When asked for direction from the committee what to include in future reports, Council Member Sparks asked for updated information on outstanding collections due the Ambulance service. Councilman member Klose desired to know the equipment needs of the Ambulance service. Director Gurcheik report was appreciated and told so by both Council Members Sparks, Wilke and Klose.

5. Report from Police Langve: Calls 690 to Dispatch in FAP. 657 to PD for an increase of 13% over same period in 2020. A 32% increase in crime, more crime and more violent crime. 40 lost and missing animals this has improved in the community.

Parking violations always needs attention. And increase in Mutual aid calls over same period as

last year. 5 DUI's including the 1<sup>st</sup> and Main injury accident, 37 mental health calls in same period, 45 public assist, 78 suspicious 28, thefts, 24 accidents, 10 traffic hazards, 15 traffic incidents, 76 officer initiated officer traffic stops, 3 unattended deaths, sexual assaults 3, child neglect cased for the detective, fraud case working with state, public assist, time consuming, suspect generated. Vehicles seized average at least 1 a week. Uptick in crime in the numbers.

10 year plan may include double the number in staffing, and improvement in FAP building.

Communications improving, repeaters coming, portables in place, a lot of old equipment removed, new rack and equipment change in equipment room.

FAP building needing roof repair, Chief reports some leakage, desire not to have new expensive equipment damaged because a roof leaks, also space growth needed. Long term goals to address these issues, public support will be necessary for this. Growth is good and coming new subdivisions mental health issues last Saturday example of domestic dispute when subject challenged officers to commit aid them in committing suicide by cop.

Chief Langve gave a verbal report of the time involved in evidence gathering and chasing leads in crimes from DUI to thief, and how he is trying to schedule officers for coverage while performing needed activity o mentioned crime. Committee member Massa asked if ambulance personal can perform blood draws in DUI cases, and the Ambulance Director stated no that was not possible to save time.

Chief Langve concluded with the pride he has in his officers and the job they are doing. Council member Sparks offered Chief Langve congrats on the new K9 officer that will be coming on board. Chief Langve praised Officer Booth for his effort to raise the money and to launch the K9 program.

Chief Langve also reported on his vehicles may come in the future from used sources, and the parking challenges at FAP.

Council Member Sparks also asked about older school buildings maybe coming available that the PD could use. Chief Langve responded that South School might be the only building in the future not knowing the school district plans and South School is not located very well. Investment in the future needed for the future. Growth and what comes with it is not going away.

6. Report from Fire Chief Peters ending January 21, 2021 (see attached). The Chief noted that Billings recently fighting 3 structure fires at once requested LVFD to cover the Billings West end.

Command rig repair after recent accident to slow traffic down more for safety of emergency services responders with additional purchases of traffic cones etc. to make it safer. The command rig will be out of service for repairs when the weather is less winter.

Questions from members, Councilman member Klose commented on the unsafe driving that occurs around traffic accidents. Chief Peters cited the current law in Montana on accident traffic control law and possible future changes.

Council member Sparks asked about the House Bill under consideration, Chief Peters believed it was HB 158 and she appreciated sitting in the incident meeting after the accident involving the crash into the Command rig.

Chief Peters responded with his desire to make classroom training by zoom available to council members to see, and his personal views on the equipment in trucks to do the job and understanding of what will do the job the best.

7. Safety Mill Levy, report by Chairman McGee that nothing new has come about from the Mayor or city to Chairman McGee, he requested that he be allowed to bring it up for a workshop item to gain information, and the committee agreed to allow Chairman McGee to bring it forward at the next Council meeting for the workshop following a discussion.

8. Committee members thanked all the Department Heads for their report, and Ambulance director Gurcheik gave praise to the other Department members for their help in ambulance calls.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman McGee

**Laurel Emergency Services:**

The department's response area encompasses roughly 205 square miles of Yellowstone County, responding to Homeward Park area to the North, Fort Rockvale to the south, 72<sup>nd</sup> Street West to the east and the county line to the west.

Laurel EMS provides emergency care and transport of the sick and injured, care at special event standbys and public education programs. In February of 2020, the department moved to a part paid, part volunteer service. We currently have a staff of 1 Director, 5 full time providers and 15 volunteer providers. We also rely heavily on the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department for "fire drivers" to respond during emergent calls to assist with driving the ambulance.

**Responses:****2018**

929 requests for service  
254 times LEMS was unavailable  
103 times AMR was unavailable\*

\*When AMR is unavailable, mutual aid will be Park City, Columbus, Joliet possibly even Red Lodge. The wait for any mutual aid, after called, will typically be a minimum of 25 minutes and up to an hour or more

**2019**

953 requests for service  
233 times LEMS was unavailable  
115 times AMR was unavailable\*

226 responses in Ward 5 = 24% of calls outside of the city of Laurel

**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

**Response Breakdown 2020:**

Requests	1090
Missed Calls	159 = 15%
Shortest Delay	5 minutes
Longest Delay	4 hours
Average Delay	30 minutes
Fire Driver Available	149 times
QRU Response With 1 Provider	51 time
On A Previous Call	22 time
No Crew / Provider Available	87 times
AMR Transported	84 times
Columbus Transported	19 times
Park City Transported	16 times
Joliet Transported	1 time
HELP Flight Transported	1 time
POV Transport	25 times
LPD Transported	9 times
YCSO Transported	1 time



# Laurel Fire Department

Report for the Month of Jan-21

	Calls		Hours
Structure Fires	2		76
Wildland Fires	7		190
Extrications	9		319
Medical	2		11
Alarms	7		65
Public Assist			
Vehicle Fires	2		13
Other calls	22		381
	51	Totals	1055
Fire Prevention			
Total Training			267
Total Maintenance			36
Community Service			
		Total	1358

NOTES: 1 Mutual aid request to Stillwater County for possible grass fire. 1 mutual aid request with Molt Fire for possible structure/grass fire. 12 calls for downed power lines during wind event we had, along with 3 grass fires-same day. 1 mutual aid request for Billings Fire- Standby

## Structure Firefighting

Conduct all levels of Structure Firefighting to include entry and attack, ventilation, salvage, overhaul, and investigation.

A structure fire is a fire involving the structural components of various types of residential, commercial or industrial buildings.

## Wildland Firefighting

Wildfire, brush fire, bush fire, desert fire, forest fire, grass fire, hill fire, peat fire, vegetation fire.

## Extrications

Rescue victims entrapped in automobiles, machinery, farm equipment, buildings, and trenches.

## Other Rescues

Rope Rescue, Water Rescue, Ice Rescue

## Alarms

Any false alarms or malfunctions.

## Other Calls

EMS assist, Industrial or Aircraft firefighting, Vehicle Fire, Hazmat, Spills, Public safety, Investigations, gas leaks, Carbon Monoxide problems, etc.