



MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025

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

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

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

Public Input:

General Items:

1. Approval of Emergency Services Committee minutes of January 27, 2025. Irv moved to approve the minutes; Jodi seconded- Motion carried 6-0.
2. Update from Emergency Departments
 - a. Fire Chief Hopper- Report attached
 - i. Training taking place with Police Department and EMS
 - ii. County-Wide Protection Plan taking place this week
 1. This is being put on by Billings, Laurel and Lockwood
 2. This is allowing the department to move to Fuel Mitigation crews
 - iii. Shepherd participated in the Cold Water Rescue at South Pond
 1. Shepherd is having a pond built that is bigger than Lake Elmo and they do not have experience with water rescue
 - iv. Montana State Firefighters Memorial Meeting
 1. Memorial is in June
 2. There are 3 or 4 firefighters being added to the memorial and 2 are local
 3. Expect there will be a large turnout and will ask for volunteers to serve lunch
 - b. Police Chief Langve- Report attached
 - i. Typo on the beginning of the report on increase
 - ii. All 15 positions filled
 - iii. Bruce McGee has retired for the reserves after 15 years of service
 - iv. Fundraiser to purchase uparmor vests has started through Shield616
 - c. Ambulance Chief Gurchiek- Report attached
 - i. Only 1 call missed in January
 - ii. Significant issues with Care 1 and 2, which are the oldest ambulances
 1. Care 3 is the main ambulance and is almost 10 years old and is at 180,000 miles

New Business:

Old Business:

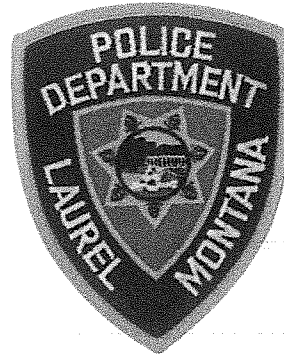
Other Items:

3. Richard thanked Bruce for his service on the Police Reserves

Announcements:

4. Next Meeting will be Monday, March 24, 2025, at 6:00pm in Council Chambers

Meeting adjourned at 6:16pm



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

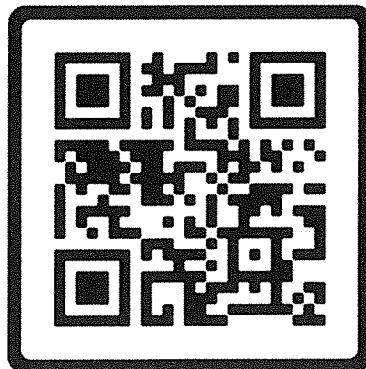
LAUREL POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Laurel Emergency Services Report created 1/17/25:

2021	2022	2023	2024
1228 requests for service	1238 requests for service	1300 requests for service	1363 requests for service
135 times LEMS was unavailable	177 times LEMS was unavailable	171 times LEMS was unavailable	73 times LEMS was unavailable
34 times AMR was unavailable	48 times AMR was unavailable	23 times AMR was unavailable	14 times AMR was unavailable
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	373 responses in Ward 5=27% of calls outside of the city of Laurel

Recent Month Summary:

January 2025:

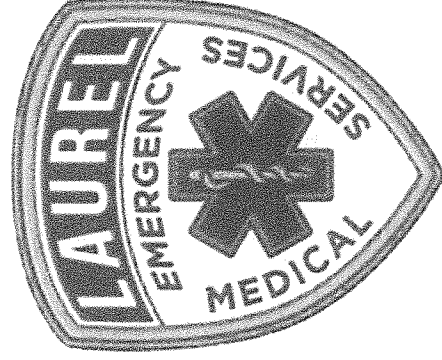
Requests	124
Missed Calls	1 = 1%
Shortest Delay	38 minutes
Longest Delay	38 minutes
Average Delay	38 minutes
Fire Driver Available	2 times
City Driver Available	1 times
QRU Response With 1 Provider	2 times **
On A Previous Call	1 time
2 Units On A Call	8 times
No Crew / Provider Available	0 time
AMR Transported or Responded	0 times*
Red Lodge Transported	0 times
HELP Flight Transported	0 times
HELP Amb Transported or Responded	0 time
Columbus Transported or Responded	0 times
Joliet Transported	1 time
Park City Transported	0 times
PD Assisted Pt or Transported	0 time
FD Assisted Pt no transport	0 times
POV Transport	0 times
Refusal or no transport	0 time
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.

*0 times AMR responded ant the patient refused – they were cancelled enroute

28 responses in Ward 5 = 23% 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												124
Missed Calls	1												1
Shortest Delay (minutes)	38												38
Longest Delay (minutes)	38												38
Average Delay (minutes)	38												38
Fire Driver Available	2												2
City Driver Available	1												1
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FD Assisted Pt no transport	0												0
YCSO Transported	0												0
MHP Transported	0												0
QRU/AMR, Refusal or No Patient	0												0
Responses in Ward 5	28												28
LEMS response for mutual aid	1												1

Other Reporting Information *correction made after report given

- staffing – 1 FT employee back from light duty. 2 FT staff still in the training process for the patient care side. 1 seasonal employee still training on the driving side. Once they are all done we will re evaluate where we are sitting for volunteer numbers.
- Been very busy with recertification for licensure is March 31st. Recertification class in February several attended and making sure everyone has hours that they need.
- Interdepartmental training schedule for February 26th.
- Vehicle issues, our 2 older rigs have had a lot of mechanical issues. Maintenance since 2023 for Care 1 has been \$8000.00 and for Care 3 has been \$4,400.00 with \$2,500.00 being in the last 2 months. Care 3 does need to go out of service to have the rear differential worked on. We are making sure the other 2 are in working order and the streets to clear before we send it away. Care 3 is a 2017 ambulance with 180,000 miles on it. We really need to start working on a new ambulance for safety and reliability before Care 3 hits 10 years and 200,000 miles.
- We presented our to 3 needs to the Laurel Small Business Alliance on the 21st. Our list included the need for a new ambulance, a new station and discussion of equipment that we will need to look at replacement plans likely in the next 3-5 years. We really appreciate the opportunity that this group has given us and their willingness to help us educate the public and hopefully find alternative ways to fund some of the things we really need!



LAUREL FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Emergency Services Meeting 1/27/2025 – 2/24/2025

Calls-

- Responded to 53 **Total** Calls for 1/27/2025 – 2/24/2025.
- Ambulance driver calls- 4
- Total Hours on Calls-
 - Firefighters – 497
 - Officers – 292
 - Combined Hours – 789
 - Training Hours - 675 HRS YTD

Training-

- Joint Training with PD/EMS/Fire
 - Vehicle and Apparatus Training.
 - Getting Police Officers out vests and Firefighters out of air packs and bunker gear.
 - K9 training.
 - Stop the bleed.
- County Wide Protection Plan (Billings, Lockwood and Laurel)
 - Open to the public.
 - Dispatchers will be attending.
- Cold Water Rescue
 - Joint Training with Shepherd Fire.
- Structure Fire
- Firefighters attending Industrial Fire Training with CHS.
- DNRC Training will continue over the next three months.
 - Started registering for staffed stations.
 - Completing Chiefs Certifications.

Rookie School Training-

- Vehicle Extrication
 - Hands on and Practical
- Structure Fires
 - Hands on and Practical

Department News-

- Current Numbers
 - 35 Members
 - 8 firefighters currently in various stages of rookie school.
 - One rookie resigned for personal reasons related to work schedule.
- Yellowstone County Fire Chiefs Meeting (2/25/2025 in Huntley)
- Montana State Firefighters Memorial Meeting (2/25/2025 @ 1730 Laurel Fire Training Room)

- Appointments
 - Assistant Chief – Travis Nagel
 - Battalion Chief – Corey McIlvain and Shane Willis
 - Fire Marshal – Ryan Robertus
 - In March we will appoint the following.
 - Captains
 - Lieutenants
 - Assistant Fire Marshal
 - Deputy Fire Marshals
 - Training Officer
 - Maintenance Officer
- Misc.-
 - Winter Safety
 - Leaking roof
 - Maintenance on Trucks.
 - ***DNRC Grant***
 - New radios and pagers are here and in service.



Laurel Police Department

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Chief of Police Stanley J Langve

Emergency Services Report February 24, 2025

For the reporting period of January 27th through February 24th, 2025, the FAP received 685 Calls For Serve for a year-to-date total of 685 that is an increase from the 3-year average of 642. For the reporting period we had sixty-six crimes reported, down from the 3-year average of 84. I believe very cold temperatures are a factor in this as Police calls have been markedly increased in the last week.

On the personal front, we are welcoming Austin Gearhart this week. He will begin his FTO in March and we anticipate having him on his own by summer. This will fill the 15th Officer position that was budgeted nearly two years ago. We have had a couple of milestone anniversaries in the department in February. Detective Bryant was pinned for his 20 years of service and Captain Anglin received his second star representing 10 years. I would like to acknowledge Reserve Officer Bruce McGree, he recently resigned his position with nearly 15 years of service. We are all very thankful for him and what he has given to the community.

We are working on wrapping up budget year 2024/2025 items and preparing for this year's budget cycle. We are also beginning a fundraising drive to purchase uparmor vests through Shield 616. This is the organization that was able to uparmor Billings Police.

Respectfully,

Chief Langve

