



**MINUTES  
CITY OF LAUREL  
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024**

The Emergency Services Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00pm on Monday, September 23, 2024 by Chair- Heidi Sparks

**Members Present:** Heidi Sparks- Chair, Jodi Mackay- Vice Chair, Irv Wilke, Jim Irvin, Bruce McGee

**Others Present:** Police Chief Stan Langve, Police Sargeant Haley Swan, Ambulance Chief Lyndy Gurchiek, Fire Chief JW Hopper

**Public Input:**

**General Items:**

1. Approval of Emergency Services Committee minutes of July 22, 2024. Irv moved to approve the minutes; Jodi seconded- Motion carried 5-0.
2. Approval of Emergency Services Committee minutes of August 26, 2024. Jodi moved to approve the minutes; Irv seconded- Motion carried 5-0.
3. Update from Emergency Departments
  - a. Police Chief Stan Langve- Report attached
    - i. Alcohol and drug use is prevalent in calls for service. Large number of Family Disturbance and Traffic Issues.
    - ii. Officer will be back from the academy soon.
    - iii. Headed to Chicago to pick up the replacement vehicle. This will be a silver car and is replacing Car #1 which was totaled this past summer.
    - iv. Jodi asked about patrol- how is it determined where in town to patrol? Chief Langve stated at the officers discretion, but citizens can call the non-emergency number and ask for patrol in the area. Have received calls about concerns for lighting by the schools.
  - b. Ambulance Chief Gurchiek- Report attached
    - i. Missed Calls- going to get the reporting updated to include delays on how many of these are multiple calls. One time this month received 3 calls at the same time and the 3<sup>rd</sup> call is the one that was missed.
    - ii. With mill levy funds have hired the last full time staff, so now have 10 full time staff. Training should be completed by November. This will allow 3 on shift during peak daytime hours plus Chief Gurchiek so if receive 2 calls at the same time will be easier to staff.
    - iii. Life vests and bike helmets were given out at Fall Fest. Life vests came from the community grant the ambulance department received and the bike helmets were donated by Your Pie.

- iv. Billings Fire Department donated 800mHz radios to put in the frontline vehicles so the team can communicate with Billings units when in town.
- c. Fire Chief Hopper- Report attached
  - i. Help Flight training will be at the High School tomorrow, 9/24, with the helicopter around 7:00pm.
  - ii. Brush 4 brought in \$5,000 from DNRC for the 3 days it was at the Short Draw Fire.
  - iii. Wildland Pants- this purchase is from a grant and need to be paid for by May. These pants are difficult to get, so that is causing the delay.
  - iv. Purchase Requisition for the bunker gear will go to Budget/Finance committee tomorrow, 9/24.

**New Business:**

**Old Business:**

**Other Items:**

**Announcements:**

- 4. Next Meeting will be Monday, October 28, 2024, at 6:00pm in Council Chambers

Meeting adjourned at 6:32pm



# Laurel Police Department

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**Chief of Police Stanley J Langve**

## Emergency Services Report September 23rd, 2024

For the reporting period of August 26th through this morning, the FAP had a combined 879 calls for service. This is up 11% from the three-year average of 790. Year to Date calls for service were 7,044 which represents a 5% decrease of the three-year average of 7,415. Total year to date crimes reported are at 931 and are statistically even with the 3-year average of 935. For the reporting period, 96 crimes reported or charged represents a 5% decrease from the three-year average of 101.

Of note, alcohol and drug use is a common factor in our calls for service particularly in the disturbance and mental health related calls. Detective Bryant noted the continued barrage of scams targeting the elderly. This last reporting period had a high number of traffic accidents and traffic incidents. Officers conducted 250 traffic stops.

We have closed applications for the open Officer's position and are moving ahead with testing and interviews. Of the 17 applicants, 6 are POST certified and we are hopeful that we can find a qualified candidate.

We have purchased another used patrol vehicle from Asia Motor in Chicago, and I will be traveling there this week to take delivery. This replaces Car #1 which was totaled on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and is funded by Federal Equitable Sharing money.

Respectfully,

Chief Langve



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Total Calls

Printed on September 23, 2024

[CFS Date/Time] is between '2024-08-26 13:50' and '2024-09-23 13:50' and

[Primary Incident Code->Code : Description] All

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<b>Code : Description</b>	<b>Totals</b>	
10-15 : With Prisoner	0	0
: Abandoned Vehicle	10	10
: Agency Assist	43	43
: Alarm - Burglary	12	12
: Alarm - Fire	2	2
AMB : Ambulance	85	85
: Animal Complaint	5	5
: Area Check	7	7
: Assault	5	5
: Bad Checks	0	0
: Barking Dog	7	7
: Bomb Threat	0	0
: Burglary	0	0
: Child Abuse/Neglect	1	1
: Civil Complaint	9	9
: Code Enforcment Violation	7	7
: Community Integrated Health	10	10

<b>Code : Description</b>	<b>Totals</b>	
: Counterfeiting	0	0
: Criminal Mischief	5	5
: Criminal Trespass	6	6
: Cruelty to Animals	6	6
: Curfew Violation	10	10
: Discharge Firearm	0	0
: Disorderly Conduct	7	7
: Dog at Large	32	32
: Dog Bite	1	1
DUI : DUI Driver	3	3
: Duplicate Call	3	3
: Escape	0	0
: Family Disturbance	15	15
: Fight	1	1
FIRE : Fire or Smoke	30	30
: Fireworks	0	0
: Forgery	0	0
: Found Property	11	11
: Fraud	2	2
: Harassment	4	4
: Hit & Run	3	3

<b>Code : Description</b>	<b>Totals</b>	
: ICAC	2	2
: Identity Theft	2	2
: Indecent Exposure	0	0
: Insecure Premises	1	1
: Intoxicated Pedestrian	0	0
: Kidnapping	0	0
: Littering	0	0
: Loitering	1	1
: Lost or Stray Animal	9	9
: Lost Property	3	3
: Mental Health	3	3
: Missing Person	2	2
: Noise Complaint	2	2
: Open Container	0	0
: Order of Protection Violation	4	4
: Parking Complaint	10	10
: Possession of Alcohol	0	0
: Possession of Drugs	1	1
: Possession of Tobacco	1	1
: Privacy in Communications	2	2
: Prowler	0	0

<b>Code : Description</b>	<b>Totals</b>	
: Public Assist	43	43
: Public Safety Complaint	17	17
: Public Works Call	11	11
: Report Not Needed	7	7
: Robbery	0	0
: Runaway Juvenile	2	2
: Sexual Assault	2	2
: Suicide	0	0
: Suicide - Attempt	0	0
: Suicide - Threat	3	3
: Suspicious Activity	52	52
: Suspicious Person	11	11
: Theft	16	16
: Threats	4	4
: Tow Call	4	4
: Traffic Accident	14	14
: Traffic Hazard	10	10
: Traffic Incident	10	10
: TRO Violation	0	0
: Truancy	0	0
T/S : Traffic Stop	250	250

<b>Code : Description</b>	<b>Totals</b>	
: Unattended Death	2	2
: Unknown - Converted	0	0
: Unlawful Transactions w/Minors	0	0
: Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle	0	0
: Vicious Dog	2	2
: Warrant	9	9
: Welfare Check	25	25
<b>Totals</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>879</b>



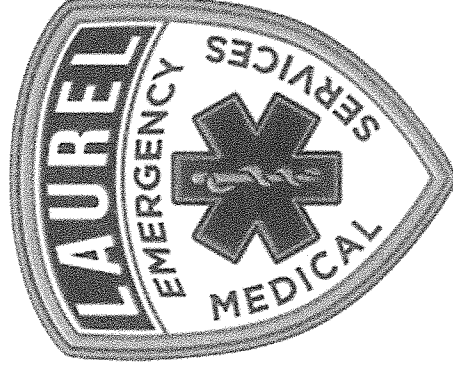
**Laurel Emergency Services Report created 9/23/24:**

<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
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:**

**August 2024:**

Requests	127
Missed Calls	9 = 7%
Shortest Delay	13 minutes
Longest Delay	35 minutes
Average Delay	22 minutes
Fire Driver Available	3 times
City Driver Available	0 times
QRU Response With 1 Provider	2 times **
On A Previous Call	5 times
2 Units On A Previous Call	1 time
No Crew / Provider Available	0 time
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 or Responded	0 times
Joliet Transported	0 times
Park City Transported	0 times
PD Assisted Pt or Transported	0 time
FD Assisted Pt no transport	0 times
POV Transport	2 times
Refusal or no transport	1 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.

43 responses in Ward 5 = 34% of calls outside of the city of Laurel

4 LEMS responses for mutual aid. None of these responses resulted in LEMS not being available for another call.

**2024 Running Totals**

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total 2024
Requests	124	114	95	99	114*	117*	134	127					825
Missed Calls	9	7	5	9	6	7	10	9					62
Shortest Delay (minutes)	22	11	17	19	8	18	15	13					8
Longest Delay (minutes)	45	40	24	51	38	37	53	35					53
Average Delay (minutes)	32	27	21	30	26	28	28	22					25
Fire Driver Available	20	15	4	16	17	12	2	3					92
City Driver Available	3	1	0	3	0	0	2	0					9
QRU Response w 1 Provider	6*	3	0	4	1	1	3	2					20
On A Previous Call	1	5	2	3	4	5	8	5					63
2 Units On A Previous Call								1					1
No Crew / Provider Available	2	0	3	2	1	0	0	0					8
AMR Transported or Responded	6	5	3	4	3	5	4	6					36
Columbus Transported or Responded	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0					1
Joliet Transported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
Park City Transported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
Red Lodge Transported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
HELP Flight Transported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
HELP Amb Transported or Responded	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0					3
POV Transport	3	2	2	3	1	0	2	2					15
PD Assisted Pt or transported	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0					1
FD Assisted Pt no transport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
YCSO Transported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
MHP Transported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
QRU/AMR, Refusal or No Patient	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	1					5
Responses in Ward 5	43	20	29	24	37	30	35	43					261
EMS response for mutual aid	8	2	6	1	4	3	5	4					33

\*correction made after report given

**Other Reporting Information**

-Staffing – volunteers –With the mill levy money for full time staffing, we have hired our last full time EMT, she will be starting this week. I anticipate having all of the new hires trained and working their shifts by November if all goes well. The first part of October we do have 1 full time staff member going out on medical leave for approximately 3 months.

-We are still busy with training of the volunteers and our new full time staff. All is going well.

-We have been given an amazing opportunity for our paramedics to train with an anesthesiologist at a pediatric dentist office. He is allowing us to come and assess and treat pediatric patients ranging from 2-8 years old. The biggest focus is on establishing IVs and airway care. Each paramedic will rotate through a 4-6 hour shift with him with the goal to treat 3-4 patients in that time frame.

-Care 1, is out of service due to the hydraulic lift, the mechanic that came to evaluate it is working on trying to find the needed part. We will keep you posted on its progress.

-Our old QRU – 1998 expedition, only used as back up for our main QRU or short drives in town, sold at auction. Matt's city truck, 2015 F150, he is replacing and has been given to us to replace the old QRU and used as a medical command vehicle. It is striped and waiting for lights and sirens to be installed. Once this happens we will license it with the state as a QRU vehicle.

-We have been busy with PR events. At the Fall Fest our child safety technician was able to provide education and appropriately size kids for 56 free life vests and 17 bike helmets in hopes to help keep kids safe! We were able to participate in the homecoming parade and standby for the football game. We also had a paid standby for a rodeo event on Saturday 9/21.



# LAUREL FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## *Emergency Services Meeting 8/26/2024 – 9/22/2024*

### Calls-

- Responded to **39** Total Calls for 8/26/2024 – 9/22/2024.
- Ambulance driver calls- **1**
- Total Hours on Calls-
  - Firefighters – **396 - 8/26-9/22**
  - Officers – **193 – 8/26-9/22**
  - Combined Hours – **589– 8/26**
  - Training Hours - **2271 YTD**
  - DNRC Staffing Hours – **3301 YTD**

### Training-

- Fire Reports
- BNSF
- Help Flight
- Fire Prevention Activities

### Rookie School Training-

- Engine Operations
  - Driving
  - Pumping

### Department News-

- Current Numbers
  - 33 Members
    - 2 firefighters on leave of absence. (one set to come back soon)
    - Mykal Kuchera graduated from rookie school.
    - 1 firefighter halfway through rookie school.
    - 5 firefighters just started rookie school.
    - 2 waiting for approval by CC.
    - 2 firefighters in application process.
- Misc.-
  - New Truck
    - In the build process.
  - DNRC Staffing
    - Staffing has been busy.
    - Responded to 27 DNRC fires.
    - DNRC staffing is complete for the year.
    - B4 went to Short Draw Fire for 3 days. DNRC pays the department for the use of B4.
  - Maintenance on Apparatus
  - Wildland Pants
    - Am working to purchase from donations from last year.
- Fire Prevention Month (October)
  - School visits and Station Visits
  - Open House October 9<sup>th</sup> 6 PM to 9 PM.
  - Arbor Day October 8<sup>th</sup>