



**MINUTES  
CITY OF LAUREL  
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026**

The Emergency Services Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00pm on Monday, January 26, 2026 by Vice Chair Jodi Mackay

**Members Present:** Jodi Mackay- Vice Chair, Irv Wilke, Brent Edgmond, Sara Naylor, Jamie Swecker, Bruce McGee, Shane Lacasse

**Others Present:** Ambulance Chief Lyndy Gurchiek, Police Chief Jarred Anglin, Fire Chief JW Hopper

**Public Input:**

**General Items:**

1. Approval of the Minutes from November 24, 2025. Irv made motion to approve, Bruce seconded. Motion carried 7-0
  
2. Update from Emergency Departments
  - . FD Chief Hopper – report attached
  - . Fire Department saw an increase of 100 calls for the year of 2025
  - . Report shows a breakdown of calls / district with the city making up the majority
  - . Firefighters rec'd 4469 hours of training in 2025 – this is all unpaid time
  - . Switching to a new platform for reporting of incidents – Emergency Networking
  - . CHS rec'd a site safety award and granted the FD \$5000
  - . Emergency Services fundraiser on 2/14 – a murder mystery dinner
  
  - . Police Chief Jarred Anglin- report attached
  - . Police Department saw an increase of 241 calls for the year of 2025
  - . Recent homicide still under investigation – no official charges
  - . Bill Brew has been acting Captain – leaving room for an inhouse promotion
  - . Animal Control managed 646 calls for 2025 – grateful for Sauter's work
  - . Dispatch continues to support and work well with officers
  - . PD, FD and Amb will continue quarterly interagency training
  - . PD received new vests with front and back armor plates – all officers fitted
  - . Next purchase will be a rifle rated shield
  - . Vests and shield purchased through fundraising and donations. PD will request city cover new officer gear should the need arise
  - . Still in the running for a \$70000 grant for 10 new tough books for officers
  - . Regarding vehicle break ins – from summer issues, 48 suspects now incarcerated. Current suspects appear to be new and possibly adults. Officers continue to patrol. Residents advised to lock vehicles
  
  - . Amb Chief Gurchiek – report attached

- . Amb saw an increase of 100 calls for 2025
- . Missed 3 calls during reporting period – were on another call – AMR responded
- . No big staffing changes for reporting period
- . Ambulance continues to see support of community in the purchase of a new ambulance. Ambulance has been striped and will be registered and licensed soon. Will be presented to the community soon.
- . Lyndy serving on Rural Health Transformation Program Stakeholder Advisory Committee – MT awarded funds to stabilize rural health care – committee to advise on how to spend – hoping to figure out better ways to bill, recruitment and retention and provide equipment

**New Business:**

Nominations and Appointments of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

Irv nominated Jodi for Chair. Sara seconded. Passed 7 – 0

Jodi nominated Irv for Vice Chair. Bruce seconded. Passed 7 - 0

**Old Business:**

**Other Items:**

**Announcements:**

3. Next meeting will be Monday, February 23, 2026 at 6:00pm in Council Chambers

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.



# Laurel Police Department

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## Emergency Services Report – FAP

### Calendar Year 2025

During the 2025 calendar year, the FAP facility supported a total of **9,903 calls for service across all emergency service disciplines**. This represents an increase from **9,662 calls for service in 2024**, reflecting a net **increase of 241 calls**, or approximately a 2.5% year-over-year increase.

The increase in calls for service highlights the continued demand placed on emergency services within the City of Laurel and emphasizes the importance of coordinated operations among police, fire, and ambulance personnel housed within the FAP facility.

### Law Enforcement Activity

Law enforcement activity during the 2025 calendar year included a total of 1,130 reported crimes. Of those reported crimes:

- **551 cases resulted in charges being filed**
- **461 cases involved no suspect information or did not meet the criteria for charges**
- **61 cases resulted in warrant requests**
- **116 arrests were made**
- **527 citations were issued**

At the start of the new year, the FAP facility has already received 663 calls for service, indicating continued demand for emergency response services moving into the next reporting period. Of those calls for service:

- **82 crimes were reported**
- **51 cases resulted in charges being filed**
- **24 cases involved no suspect information and/or no charges being filed**
- **2 arrests were made**
- **51 citations were issued**
- **5 warrant requests were submitted**

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### Animal Control / Code Enforcement Activity – 2025

Animal Control Officer (ACO) Sauter

During the 2025 calendar year, Animal Control Officer Sauter responded to a total of **646 calls for service, broken down as follows:**

- **216 abandoned vehicle complaints**
- **97 parking complaints**
- **86 code enforcement complaints**
- **187 animal-related complaints**

The Animal Control / Code Enforcement Officer position continues to be a valuable asset to the Laurel Police Department and overall FAP operations. This position absorbs a significant number of calls for service that would otherwise require response by sworn patrol officers.

Without a dedicated Animal Control / Code Enforcement Officer, many abandoned vehicle complaints, parking issues, code enforcement matters, and animal-related calls would be handled by patrol officers, reducing their availability for priority calls, criminal investigations, and proactive enforcement activities.

By assigning these responsibilities to a specialized position, the department improves efficiency, ensures timely response to quality-of-life concerns, and allows sworn officers to remain focused on higher-priority public safety duties.

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### **Dispatch Operations**

Dispatch continued to play a critical role in emergency response throughout 2025, managing call intake, prioritization, and coordination for police, fire, and ambulance services. Dispatchers handled increased call volume while maintaining effective communication and providing consistent support to field units.

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### **Interagency Coordination**

Coordination between police, fire, ambulance, and dispatch staff remained strong throughout the year. Operating together out of the FAP facility allowed for efficient response, improved communication, and effective collaboration during both routine calls and critical incidents.

### **Officer Safety Equipment Update**

At the beginning of January, all sworn officers received new ballistic vests through Shield616 in partnership with Angel Armor. In addition to the soft armor vests, officers were also issued Angel Armor rifle plates, providing enhanced protection during higher-risk incidents.

With the help of other donations the department has received, the next planned purchase is a rifle-rated ballistic shield for patrol use. This equipment will further enhance officer safety during high-risk incidents and improve overall preparedness.

In addition, Sergeant Booth and I are currently awaiting a decision on a grant application that was submitted for the purchase of new patrol laptops (Panasonic Toughbooks). If approved, these devices would replace aging equipment and improve reliability and efficiency for officers in the field.

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### **Training & Professional Development**

Throughout 2025, officers continued to complete required and ongoing training to maintain certifications, improve skills, and stay current with legal updates and best

practices. Training focused on officer safety, use of force, investigations, and overall operational readiness.

The department also recently implemented the PoliceOne Academy for both sworn officers and dispatchers. This platform provides expanded access to online training courses and allows for more flexible, consistent training delivery while ensuring staff remain current on required and specialized training topics.

Ongoing training and professional development remain a priority to support effective response, professionalism, accountability, and public safety.

### **Looking Ahead**

I have begun reviewing and planning for the upcoming year's budget, taking into account current call volume, staffing demands, and equipment needs. As part of this process, priority is being placed on maintaining current service levels, supporting officer safety, addressing equipment replacement needs, and ensuring the department remains prepared to meet ongoing and future demands.

### **Closing**

Overall, **2025** was a year of continued demand and steady operations across all areas of the FAP facility. Police, fire, ambulance, dispatch, and animal control personnel worked collaboratively to respond to calls for service, address community concerns, and maintain public safety.

The efforts of staff, along with the support of community partners and donors, have allowed the department to remain responsive while continuing to improve officer safety, training, and operational readiness. As we move forward, the department remains committed to using available resources responsibly while preparing for the ongoing needs of the Laurel community.

Respectfully,  
Chief Anglin



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Total Calls City Council

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[CFS Date/Time] is between '2025-01-01 00:00:00' and '2025-12-31 23:59:59' and

[Primary Incident Code->Code : Description] All

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<b>Code : Description</b>	<b>Totals</b>	
10-15 : With Prisoner	4	4
: Abandoned Vehicle	245	245
: Agency Assist	733	733
: Alarm - Burglary	176	176
: Alarm - Fire	47	47
AMB : Ambulance	1190	1190
: Animal Complaint	85	85
: Area Check	44	44
: Assault	39	39
: Bad Checks	0	0
: Barking Dog	47	47
: Bomb Threat	0	0
: Burglary	9	9
: Child Abuse/Neglect	41	41
: Civil Complaint	152	152
: Code Enforcement Violation	97	97
: Community Integrated Health	27	27

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<b>Code : Description</b>	<b>Totals</b>	
: Counterfeiting	4	4
: Criminal Mischief	87	87
: Criminal Trespass	133	133
: Cruelty to Animals	29	29
: Curfew Violation	67	67
: Discharge Firearm	23	23
: Disorderly Conduct	83	83
: Dog at Large	314	314
: Dog Bite	31	31
DUI : DUI Driver	90	90
: Duplicate Call	57	57
: Escape	0	0
: Family Disturbance	194	194
: Fight	25	25
FIRE : Fire or Smoke	199	199
: Fireworks	39	39
: Forgery	1	1
: Found Property	112	112
: Fraud	51	51
: Harassment	46	46
: Hit & Run	43	43

<b>Code : Description</b>	<b>Totals</b>	
: ICAC	11	11
: Identity Theft	15	15
: Indecent Exposure	5	5
: Insecure Premises	49	49
: Intoxicated Pedestrian	18	18
: Kidnapping	0	0
: Littering	5	5
: Loitering	23	23
: Lost or Stray Animal	123	123
: Lost Property	63	63
: Mental Health	54	54
: Missing Person	37	37
: Noise Complaint	28	28
: Open Container	0	0
: Order of Protection Violation	27	27
: Parking Complaint	157	157
: Possession of Alcohol	2	2
: Possession of Drugs	19	19
: Possession of Tobacco	9	9
: Privacy in Communications	15	15
: Prowler	2	2

<b>Code : Description</b>	<b>Totals</b>	
: Public Assist	672	672
: Public Safety Complaint	136	136
: Public Works Call	137	137
: Report Not Needed	39	39
: Robbery	1	1
: Runaway Juvenile	35	35
: Sexual Assault	23	23
: Suicide	1	1
: Suicide - Attempt	11	11
: Suicide - Threat	48	48
: Suspicious Activity	610	610
: Suspicious Person	144	144
: Theft	290	290
: Threats	68	68
: Tow Call	42	42
: Traffic Accident	262	262
: Traffic Hazard	109	109
: Traffic Incident	262	262
: TRO Violation	10	10
: Truancy	5	5
T/S : Traffic Stop	1396	1396

<b>Code : Description</b>	<b>Totals</b>	
: Unattended Death	11	11
: Unknown - Converted	0	0
: Unlawful Transactions w/Minors	0	0
: Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle	2	2
: Vicious Dog	37	37
: Warrant	115	115
: Welfare Check	211	211
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9903</b>	<b>9903</b>



# LAUREL FIRE DEPARTMENT

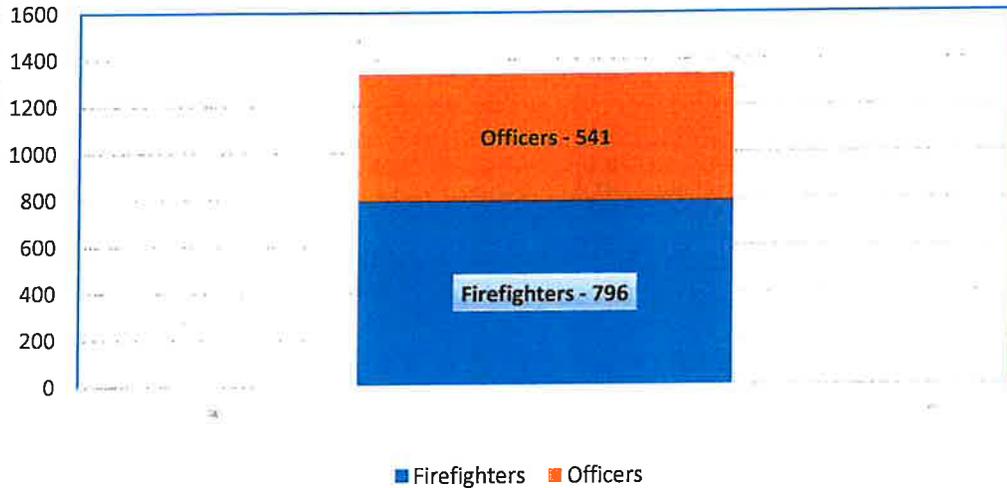
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## Emergency Services Meeting 11/24/2025 – 1/26/2026

### Calls (11/24/2025 – 1/26/2026)

- Responded to 95 Total Calls

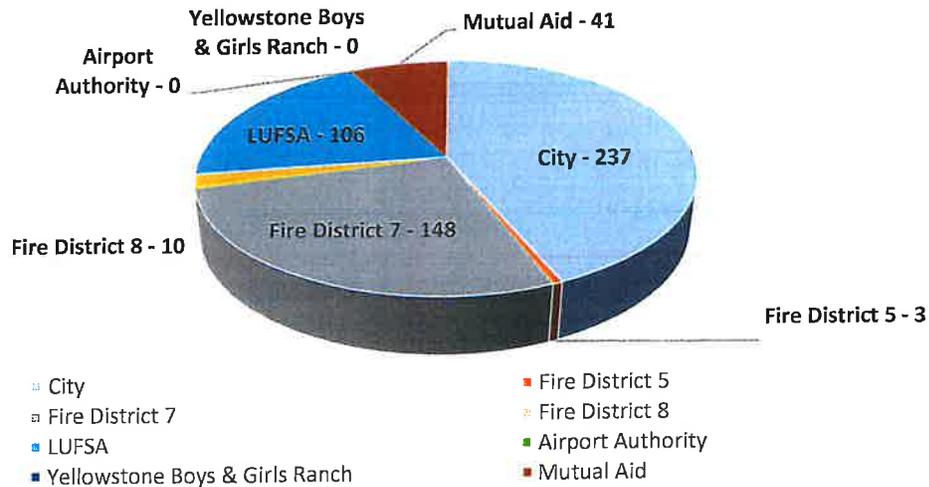
### Total Hours on Call - 1337



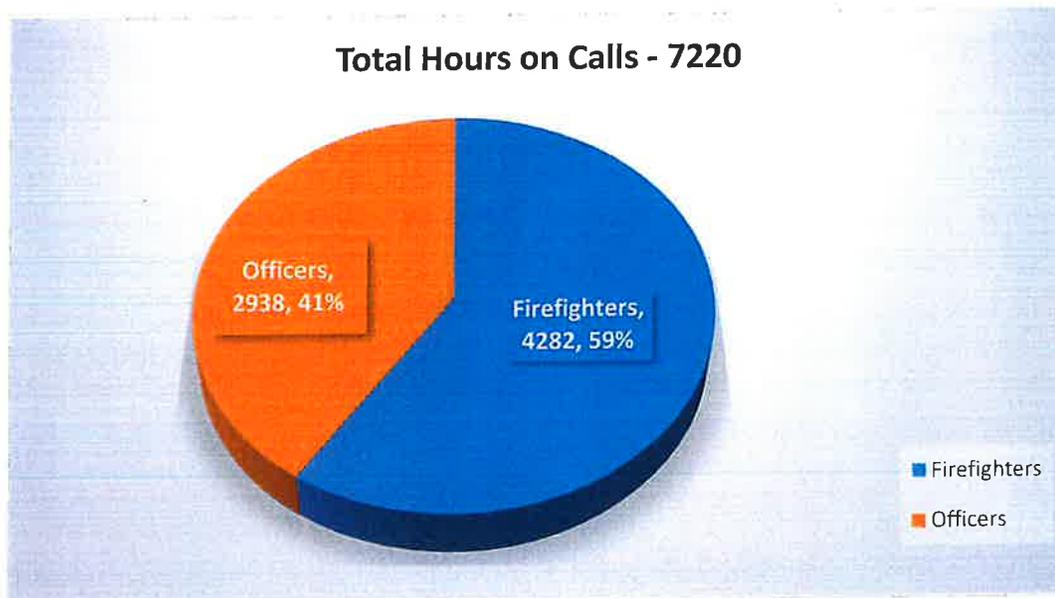
- Training Hours – 167 HRS YTD

### 2025 Calls and Hours

### 2025 Calls - 545



## Total Hours on Calls - 7220



- Training – 4469 hours

### Training

- Fire Science
- Traffic Incident Management
- Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA)
- Apparatus Maintenance

### Rookie School Training

- Driving
- Pump Operations
- Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA)
- Confined Spaces

### Department News

- Current Numbers
  - 30 Members
    - 3 firefighters in rookie school
- DNRC Staffing
  - Training will start in January
- Misc.-
  - Emergency Networking vs Emergency Reporting
    - National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS)
    - National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS)
  - Thank you to all firefighters for their continued dedication and thank you to city staff for their continued support



# Hearts. Lies @ Alibis

A Murder Mystery Dinner Fundraiser Benefitting

Laurel Emergency Services

PRODUCED BY:



Feb 14th at Millers Horse Palace  
Per ticket \$125 | Table of 8 \$900

Interactive Murder Mystery Show

- Handcrafted Buffet Dinner
- 1 Drink Ticket
- Gratuity
- Music by Cimarron



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Information



**Laurel Emergency Services Report created 1/26/26:**

<b>2021</b>	1228 requests for service	<b>2022</b>	1238 requests for service	<b>2023</b>	1300 requests for service	<b>2024</b>	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:

**December 2025:**

Requests	137
Missed Calls	3 = 5%
Shortest Delay	24 minutes
Longest Delay	44 minutes
Average Delay	32 minutes
Fire Driver Available	2 times
City Driver Available	0 time
QRU Response With 1 Provider	1 time **
On A Previous Call	3 times
2 Units On A Call	6 times
No Crew / Provider Available	0 times
AMR Transported or Responded	3 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 time
PD Assisted Pt or Transported	0 times
FD Assisted Pt no transport	0 times
POV Transport	0 times
Refusal or no transport	0 times
YCSO Transported	0 times
MHP Transported	0 times



\*\*0 times the QRU responded to begin patient care. 0 times the QRU responded and the patient refused / no transport to hospital or no patient found.

39 responses in Ward 5 = 28% of calls outside of the city of Laurel

1 LEMS response for mutual aid. 1 with Joliet. 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 2025
Requests	124	123	99	124	115	134	130	127	112	150	117	137	1492
Missed Calls	1	7	5	4	1	4	1	6	2	7	3	3	44
Shortest Delay (minutes)	38	12	18	26	27	18	24	4	38	18	16	24	4
Longest Delay (minutes)	38	40	38	38	27	26	24	53	39	37	21	44	53
Average Delay (minutes)	38	29	27	33	27	22	24	28	39	27	19	32	28
Fire Driver Available	2	6	1	1	7	3	2	2	1	4	0	2	31
City Driver Available	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	5
QRU Response w 1 Provider	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	7
On A Previous Call	1	7	5	4	1	4	1	6	2	7	3	3	44
2 Units On A Call	8	6	5	7	6	7	4	10	8	8	1	6	76
No Crew / Provider Available	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AMR Transported or Responded	0	2	3	3	1	3	1	3	1	6	3	3	29
Columbus Transported or Responded	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Joliet Transported	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Park City Transported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Red Lodge Transported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HELP Flight Transported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HELP Amb Transported or Responded	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	5
POV Transport	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
PD Assisted Pt or transported	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
FD Assisted Pt no transport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YCSCO Transported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MHP Transported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
QRU/AMR, Refusal or No Patient	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Responses in Ward 5	28	36	29	33	33	39	35	30	36	32	34	39	404
LEMS response for mutual aid	1	3	1	0	2	1	3	0	0	1	4	1	17

\*correction made after report given

**Other Reporting Information**  
 -Staffing – no changes, working on training the new crew members and credentialing 2 of our new paramedics. 1 paramedic successfully completed the credentialing process in the middle of December and they are now approved to work on their own as a paramedic.

-Recertification for our individual EMS licenses is due March 31<sup>st</sup>, working on our continuing education hours and recertification classes will be attended in Billings. Approximately half of our staff is recertifying this year.

-We have been continuing to work on ambulance fund raising and have been blown away by the continued support of the community, the continued fundraisers and donations. We hope to have the new ambulance ready to go in the next couple of weeks. It is striped and we have moved everything we could retrofit from the 2004 ambulance to the new one.

-Mandi had 2 Safe Kids events and provided 10 car seats for November and 1 event and provided 2 seats for December.

-Tony presented and in house show and tell for us on January 22<sup>nd</sup> to the Laurel Chamber.

-I have been selected to sit on Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) Stakeholder Advisory Committee representing the DPHHS EMSAC Committee and EMS. The purpose of the RHTP Stakeholder Advisory Committee is to provide strategic guidance, statewide coordination, and stakeholder-informed input throughout Montana's five-year Rural Health Transformation Program. The Committee serves in an advisory, non-voting capacity. MT has been awarded \$233 million investment from the federal government to stabilize and modernize rural health care delivery throughout Montana. These funds will support Montana's rural health care providers in delivering sustainable, high-quality affordable care. The 5 initiatives are Workforce Development, Sustainable Access, Innovative Care Models, Community Health & Prevention and Technology Innovation.