



**MINUTES  
CITY OF LAUREL  
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2022**

The Emergency Services Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00pm on Monday, November 28, 2022 by Chair Heidi Sparks

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

**Others Present:** Police Chief Stan Langve, Fire Chief Brent Peters and Sampson the dog, Ambulance Director Lyndy Gurchiek, Troy Charbonneau- Ambulance Dept

**Public Input:** None

**General Items**

1. Approval of Emergency Services Committee minutes of September 26, 2022. Irv Wilke moved to approve the minutes; Richard Klose seconded- Motion carried 6-0
2. Approval of Emergency Services Committee minutes of October 24, 2022. Bill Mountsier moved to approve the minutes; Irv Wilke seconded- Motion carried 6-0

**New Business**

3. Update from Emergency Departments
  - a. Police Department Chief Langve – Report attached
    - i. Items to note:
      1. 790 total calls for the month of November. This is up over the last few months, theft is up. Vandalism was tied to a rash of incidents in Billings as well. DUIs are up and expected to stay up with the holidays. Increased weapons calls, including a call with SWAT involved.
      2. Getting a dispatcher back Dec 1<sup>st</sup> from FMLA.
      3. Reopened application for pool of officers to hire from since the pool was not large enough. Carbon County, Bozeman both hiring causing issues for our hiring pool. Bill Mountsier asked how big of a pool Chief Langve looks for. He stated a pool of 10 is usually a good number knowing that we will have at least 1 maybe 2 positions to hire for the year.
      4. We should have a reserve academy this year as well.
      5. Received an unexpected donation from a private donor for the range and shed. Will be sitting down with Sheriff's Office and MHP to make improvements at the range since they share this range with us. Hoping this can be improvements to the targets, shed and shelter.
    - b. Ambulance Director Lyndy Gurchiek – Report attached
      - i. Items to note:
        1. Busy month, 2<sup>nd</sup> highest for 2022
        2. Looking to partner with St Vs Walk-in for community medicine responders to complete their 10-20 hours of clinical training. Will look to

continue partnership for referrals for these individuals to follow up with as part of this program.

3. Heidi Sparks asked about the Ward 5 area and where the conversation is at with creating a district. After conversations with the City Attorney this might not be the best time to move forward with a district creation with some of the changes in the county. Looking to possibly do a mill levy for the time being and then looking for a district creation in the future.

c. Fire Chief Brent Peters – Reports attached

i. Items to note:

1. 3 months' worth of reports provided (Aug, Sept and Oct), due to scheduling and lack of quorum at previous month's meeting.
2. Severity staffing for wildfires ended on Sept 14, 2022
3. Fire prevention week took place in Oct and spent 122 hours going to schools and presenting as part of that
4. Will be presenting 2 new members to council at the next workshop for approval
5. Implemented a billing system for the fire department. Worked with Kelly to get the billing in place. This is for anyone receiving our services who are not within the city of Laurel. Have been able to send out our first bill, this was for a fire in the Molt area.
6. New brush truck should arrive beginning of February.

**Old Business:**

**Other Items:** Next meeting is slated for December 26<sup>th</sup>. Bill Mountsier moved to cancel the December meeting and meet again in January. Irv Wilke seconded. Motion carried 6-0

**Announcements**

8. Next Meeting will be Monday, January 23, 2023, at 6:00pm in Council Chambers

Meeting adjourned at 6:31pm