



**MINUTES
CITY OF LAUREL
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025**

The Emergency Services Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00pm on Monday, September 22, 2025 by Chair Heidi Sparks

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

Others Present: Ambulance Chief Lyndy Gurchiek, Police Chief Jarred Anglin, Fire Chief JW Hopper, City Attorney Michele Braukmann, Shane Lacasse

Public Input:

General Items:

1. Approval of the Minutes from July 28, 2025. Motion made by Irv, seconded by Jodi. Motion carried 5-0.
2. Approval of the Minutes from August 25, 2025. Motion made by Irv, seconded by Jodi. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Update from Emergency Departments
 - . Police Chief Jarred Anglin- report attached
 - . This has been a quieter month than last year at this time
 - . With school in session, SROs are reporting traffic congestion by the new Laurel Intermediate School. Looking at making the intersection of Alder and 8th a 3-way stop. Also need to take down the school zone signs where no longer applicable
 - . Budget constraints- will not be able to fill the open position at this time
 - . Ambulance Chief Gurchiek- report will be included- both July and August
 - . July reported included since not provided last month
 - . 6 calls missed due to being on a previous call
 - . One of these times, were on 3 calls already when the call came in
 - . Chief Gurchiek stated this is the first time she can remember the Ambulance Service being on 3 calls at once
 - . Staffing- hired a volunteer EMT and interviewing for a paramedic
 - . Stop the Bleed is scheduled for school district staff in conjunction with training from the police department. This will be for roughly 150 staff
 - . Department needs a new ambulance. Chief Gurchiek provided the estimates along with options for the purchase
 - . Chief Gurchiek stated that there is some money in the CIP and the budget. This would total roughly \$70K
 - . Bruce stated there are groups that could be interested in doing fundraising for this project

- . Jodi will reach out to the group Bruce mentioned to see if they would do a fundraiser
 - . Chief Hopper stated he has Engine 4 that the fire department is going to sell. This could be used as a trade-in instead
- . Fire Chief Hopper- report attached- July and August included
 - . 34 members on the roster currently, 6 recently completed rookie school. 4 new members approved last council cycle
 - . Fire Prevention Month- October 5-11
 - . Open House Oct 8 from 6pm-8pm
 - . Received DNRC Grant for \$13,000
 - . This will go for wildland backpacks
 - . Presenting at Budget/Finance committee tomorrow for bunker gear and ready lockers for the station
 - . Will be going to the high school in October to do extinguisher training with the buses
 - . Irv thanked Chief Hopper for having some of the firefighters come out for the field day for hunters education

New Business:

4. Committee Bylaws- City Attorney Braukmann spoke regarding these
 - . There was a previous situation that came from Public Works committee that brought to light that most of the city's committees do not have formalized bylaws to govern and operate the committees
 - . Most of the committees are covered in Laurel LMC, but not in great detail around how they are to function
 - . This can allow for issues and stalemates
 - . This can also be used as a great training tool for new members coming on to the various committees
 - . Attorney Braukmann has prepared a draft of the bylaws which she hopes to distribute this week. These will then be reviewed by the committee and voted on at next month's meeting before going to the full city council

Old Business:

Other Items:

Announcements:

5. Next meeting will be Monday, October 27, 2025 at 6:00pm in Council Chambers

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.



LAUREL POLICE DEPARTMENT

215 West 1st Street, Laurel, MT 59044 Phone: 406-628-8737 Fax: 406-628-4641

Emergency Services Report September 22, 2025

Between August 25, 2025, and September 22, 2025, the FAP had a total of **780 calls for service**. This marks a decrease from 907 calls during the same period in 2024, representing a 14% reduction.

Year-to-date, the department has responded to **7,358 calls for service**, up from **7,037 calls** at this point last year, an increase of 4.6% in overall activity.

During the reporting period, a total of 78 crimes were reported. Of these cases, 36 resulted in charges being filed. There were 10 arrests made and 3 warrant requests submitted. Eleven cases resulted in no charges being filed. Thirteen remain open due to a lack of suspect information, and the remaining cases are still under active investigation.

School Traffic Concern:

With school now back in session, our School Resource Officers have identified traffic congestion at the new intermediate school, particularly during drop-off and pick-up hours. SRO Sedgwick reports that the intersection of E 8th Street and Alder is a recurring issue. Currently, E 8th (westbound) has a stop sign, while Alder does not, leading to frequent backups and traffic delays.

Training Update:

Officer Schaff is currently attending the police academy and is performing well. He is expected to complete training in approximately two months.

Staffing Update:

Due to budget constraints, the department is unable to fill its 15th officer position at this time. Staffing remains at 14 sworn officers, with coverage managed through scheduling adjustments and overtime as needed.

Closing:

As always, we'll continue doing everything we can to meet the needs of the community with the resources we have. I'll keep you updated as things develop with staffing, academy progress, and traffic concerns near the school. Let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully,

Captain Anglin



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Total Calls

Printed on September 22, 2025

[CFS Date/Time] is between '2025-08-25 08:42' and '2025-09-22 08:26' and

[Primary Incident Code->Code : Description] All

Code : Description

Totals

10-15 : With Prisoner	0	0
: Abandoned Vehicle	18	18
: Agency Assist	52	52
: Alarm - Burglary	9	9
: Alarm - Fire	1	1
AMB : Ambulance	86	86
: Animal Complaint	6	6
: Area Check	6	6
: Assault	4	4
: Bad Checks	0	0
: Barking Dog	1	1
: Bomb Threat	0	0
: Burglary	0	0
: Child Abuse/Neglect	4	4
: Civil Complaint	14	14
: Code Enforcment Violation	6	6
: Community Integrated Health	1	1

Code : Description	Totals	
: Counterfeiting	1	1
: Criminal Mischief	4	4
: Criminal Trespass	9	9
: Cruelty to Animals	1	1
: Curfew Violation	5	5
: Discharge Firearm	4	4
: Disorderly Conduct	5	5
: Dog at Large	20	20
: Dog Bite	3	3
DUI : DUI Driver	11	11
: Duplicate Call	4	4
: Escape	0	0
: Family Disturbance	16	16
: Fight	3	3
FIRE : Fire or Smoke	24	24
: Fireworks	1	1
: Forgery	0	0
: Found Property	8	8
: Fraud	5	5
: Harassment	8	8
: Hit & Run	3	3

Code : Description	Totals	
: ICAC	2	2
: Identity Theft	2	2
: Indecent Exposure	0	0
: Insecure Premises	3	3
: Intoxicated Pedestrian	0	0
: Kidnapping	0	0
: Littering	0	0
: Loitering	2	2
: Lost or Stray Animal	10	10
: Lost Property	7	7
: Mental Health	5	5
: Missing Person	1	1
: Noise Complaint	0	0
: Open Container	0	0
: Order of Protection Violation	3	3
: Parking Complaint	9	9
: Possession of Alcohol	0	0
: Possession of Drugs	2	2
: Possession of Tobacco	0	0
: Privacy in Communications	0	0
: Prowler	1	1

Code : Description	Totals	
: Public Assist	57	57
: Public Safety Complaint	5	5
: Public Works Call	4	4
: Report Not Needed	0	0
: Robbery	0	0
: Runaway Juvenile	6	6
: Sexual Assault	0	0
: Suicide	0	0
: Suicide - Attempt	0	0
: Suicide - Threat	5	5
: Suspicious Activity	56	56
: Suspicious Person	15	15
: Theft	21	21
: Threats	6	6
: Tow Call	1	1
: Traffic Accident	20	20
: Traffic Hazard	8	8
: Traffic Incident	19	19
: TRO Violation	0	0
: Truancy	1	1
T/S : Traffic Stop	137	137

Code : Description	Totals	
: Unattended Death	1	1
: Unknown - Converted	0	0
: Unlawful Transactions w/Minors	0	0
: Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle	0	0
: Vicious Dog	3	3
: Warrant	12	12
: Welfare Check	13	13
Totals	780	780

Laurel Emergency Services Report created 9/22/25:

2021

1228 requests for service
 135 times LEMS was unavailable
 34 times AMR was unavailable
 318 responses in Ward 5=26% of calls outside of the city of Laurel

2022

1238 requests for service
 177 times LEMS was unavailable
 48 times AMR was unavailable
 351 responses in Ward 5=29% of calls outside of the city of Laurel

2023

1300 requests for service
 171 times LEMS was unavailable
 23 times AMR was unavailable
 351 responses in Ward 5=27% of calls outside of the city of Laurel

2024

1363 requests for service
 73 times LEMS was unavailable
 14 times AMR was unavailable
 373 responses in Ward 5=27% of calls outside of the city of Laurel

Recent Month Summary:

August 2025:

Requests	127
Missed Calls	6 = 5%
Shortest Delay	4 minutes
Longest Delay	53 minutes
Average Delay	28 minutes
Fire Driver Available	2 times
City Driver Available	1 time
QRU Response With 1 Provider	0 times **
On A Previous Call	6 times
2 Units On A Call	10 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	1 time
Columbus Transported or Responded	0 times
Joliet Transported	0 times
Park City Transported	0 times
PD Assisted Pt or Transported	0 times
FD Assisted Pt no transport	0 times
POV Transport	1 time
Refusal or no transport	1 times
YCSO Transported	0 times
MHP Transported	0 times

**2 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.
 ***3 units were out on a call at the same time.

30 responses in Ward 5 = 24% of calls outside of the city of Laurel
 0 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	123	99	124	115	134	130	127					842
Missed Calls	1	7	5	4	1	4	1	6					29
Shortest Delay (minutes)	38	12	18	26	27	18	24	4					12
Longest Delay (minutes)	38	40	38	38	27	26	24	53					53
Average Delay (minutes)	38	29	27	33	27	22	24	28					27
Fire Driver Available	2	6	1	1	7	3	2	2					24
City Driver Available	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1					2
QRU Response w 1 Provider	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	0					5
On A Previous Call	1	7	5	4	1	4	1	6					29
2 Units On A Call	8	6	5	7	6	7	4	10					53
No Crew / Provider Available	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
AMR Transported or Responded	0	2	3	3	1	3	1	3					16
Columbus Transported or Responded	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0					1
Joliet Transported	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0					2
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	1	1	1	0	0	0	1					4
POV Transport	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1					2
PD Assisted Pt or transported	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	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	1	1	0	0	0	0	1					3
Responses in Ward 5	28	36	29	33	33	39	35	30					263
LEMS response for mutual aid	1	3	1	0	2	1	3	0					11

*correction made after report given

Other Reporting Information

- Staffing – we have hired 1 volunteer EMT – he has started training and we have a paramedic that we are planning to interview at the end of the month.
- We are scheduled to teach a Stop the Bleed class with LPD for the school district teachers/staff at the end of September.
- Mandi was able to give away 15 bike helmets and 39 life vests at the Fall Fest, the majority of these were donated by Scheels for the Laurel Safe Kids prevention program. Tony has done several show and tells for church/school kids.
- We had our MT State ambulance inspection and have successfully been relicensed.
- Our patient care protocol update has been finalized and approved by our Medical Director. He will be at the station on the 24th to provide initial training and then we will be doing in house training and testing with hopes of implementation by November 1st at the latest.
- SJ 13 is going to be presented 9/23 at 0900. It is listed as a "A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF STATEWIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PLANNING, COORDINATION, AND FUNDING TO ENSURE THE EQUIABILITY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES THROUGHOUT MONTANA; AND REQUIRING THAT THE FINAL RESULTS OF THE STUDY BE REPORTED TO THE 70TH LEGISLATURE" It discusses the lack of EMS services, personnel and funding, as well as EMS not being an essential service. There was a recent incident in the Anaconda area that has spurred a friend of the patients, Tim Montana – who is a Montana music celebrity, to bring this issue forward publicly and he is gaining a bit of traction. There was a recent article in many local newspapers, including the Gazette, discussing this and he is going to present at the hearing on 9/23. The important thing to remember, if it does move forward in our state, making us an essential service does not automatically include funding. We really need to make sure that our representatives understand funding is the root issue.

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Recent Month Summary:

July 2025:

Requests	130
Missed Calls	1 = 1%
Shortest Delay	24 minutes
Longest Delay	24 minutes
Average Delay	24 minutes
Fire Driver Available	2 times
City Driver Available	0 times
QRU Response With 1 Provider	0 times **
On A Previous Call	1 times
2 Units On A Call	4 times
No Crew / Provider Available	0 times
AMR Transported or Responded	1 time*
Red Lodge Transported	0 times
HELP Flight Transported	0 times
HELP Amb Transported or Responded	0 times
Columbus Transported or Responded	0 times
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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.
35 responses in Ward 5 = 27% of calls outside of the city of Laurel
3 LEMS responses for mutual aid. None of these responses resulted in LEMS not being available for another call.

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Fire Driver Available	2	6	1	1	7	3	2						22
City Driver Available	1	0	0	0	0	0	0						1
QRU Response w 1 Provider	2	0	1	0	0	2	0						5
On A Previous Call	1	7	5	4	1	4	1						23
2 Units On A Call	8	6	5	7	6	7	4						43
No Crew / Provider Available	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
AMR Transported or Responded	0	2	3	3	1	3	1						13
Columbus Transported or Responded	0	1	0	0	0	0	0						1
Joliet Transported	1	1	0	0	0	0	0						2
Park City Transported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
Red Lodge Transported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
HELP Flight Transported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
HELP Amb Transported or Responded	0	1	1	1	0	0	0						3
POV Transport	0	0	0	0	0	1	0						1
PD Assisted Pt or transported	0	1	0	0	0	0	0						1
FD Assisted Pt no transport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
YCISO Transported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
MHP Transported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0
QRU/AMR, Refusal or No Patient	0	1	1	0	0	0	0						2
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Other Reporting Information

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2024 RAM 4500 MXP 150 Demo Demers Ambulance

V.I.N. Is 3C7WRLBL9RG280022

Cost:

Ambulance as is - \$250,676.00

Rough estimate to make it road ready:

- \$79,000.00 - Stryker V2 and V2 Stryker Cot
- \$5,900.00 - Graphics
- \$450.00 - Install Radio of Customers
- \$4,600.00 - Ali-Arc Aluminum Grille Install
- \$1,800.00 - Dealer Prep, hook up batteries, wash detail,

Option #1 - Total from Apgar Ambulance for Road Ready - \$342,426.00

Option #2 - Total from Apgar Ambulance for Ambulance and Stryker Power Cot/Power load system - \$329,676.00

Option #3 - Total from Apgar Ambulance for Ambulance only / not road ready - \$250,676.00. We would have to pay to have our old radios, cot system taken from the old ambulance and purchase the grill guard and striping graphics once we receive it.

- \$2,000.00 - Moving old cot from Care 2 to new ambulance and then Care 1 cot to Care 2 approximately
 - \$4,990.00 - Inferno Auto Body estimate for grill guard and striping
 - \$1,000.00 - Radio wiring and in house moving radio from Care 1 to new ambulance
 - \$1,500.00 - Lifepak EKG monitor mount
- Total to make road ready - \$260,166.00



Steve Apgar

Cell - (503) 720-4067

Website - www.apgarambulance.com

APGAR AMBULANCE LLC
300 Dunwoody Lane
Columbia Falls, Montana 59912
503-720-4067
Federal I.D. No.: 20-3365474

Purchase Agreement Invoice for:	Purchase from
City of Laurel Upon approval. PO Box 10 Laurel, Montana 59044	Apgar Ambulance LLC 300 Dunwoody Lane Kalispell, Montana 59901 503-720-4067 Shop Phone 406-885-0086

Customer P.O.	Order Day	Ship Day	Ship Via	Delivered To	Terms
CLEMS001	9-12-2025		driver	customer	30 Days

Description	VIN Number	Price US\$
Proposal for purchase of a new built 2024 RAM 4500 MXP 150E - D24-117563. Demo Demers Ambulance V.I.N. Is 3C7WRLBL9RG280022 Cost: Ambulance as is - \$250,676.00 Rough estimate to make it road ready: -\$79,000 Stryker V2 and V2 Stryker Cot -\$5900.00 Graphics -\$450. Install Radio of Customers -\$5600. Ali-Arc Aluminum Grille Install -\$1800. Dealer Prep, hook up batteries, wash detail, Total from Apgar Ambulance for Road Ready - \$343,426.00 Total from Apgar Ambulance for Ambulance and Stryker Power Cot/Power load system - \$329,676.00 Total from Apgar Ambulance for Ambulance only / not road ready - \$250,676.00 2024 RAM 4500 Chassis Demers MXP 150 module. 150" Ambulance March 2024 Build. C.A.S.S. Certified.	VIN:3C7WRLBL9RG290022 MXP 150E -D24-117563 Include Installing cost for Apgar supplied Power floor Plate TOTAL Ambulance With shipping \$1500. and Install price of \$2780. client supplied.Loader and Power Cot. Graphics per new regulations including Chevrons Estimated by local Vendor Cost for All new 2025 Installed STRYKER V2 Cot and Loader >> TOTAL AMOUNT TO for Title and Delivery PAY —————> We do offer Trade ins.	MSRP. Insured Value \$279,863.00 \$250,676.00 Clearance \$2,780.00 Total Ambulance Only First Price \$250,676.00 \$2,780.00 Existing Stryker V2 Cot and Loader Installed. All new \$77,890.00 Ali-Arc Aluminum Full Bumper Grille Install move lights speakers as needed \$5790.00 \$343,426.00

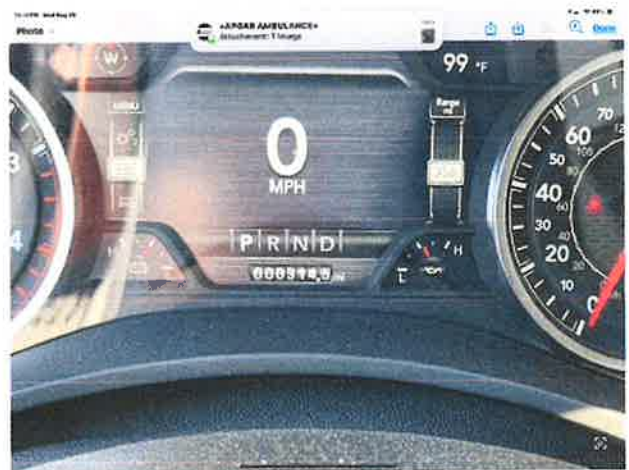
Payment and wire transfer account information:

APGAR AMBULANCE L.C. OFFICE • 300 Dunwoody Lane • Columbia, Montana 59912

Bank Information	Account Information
Freedom Bank Columbia Falls 530 9 TH STREET WEST COLUMBIA FALLS, MT 59901 (406)-892-6631	Account Name: Apgar Ambulance LLC Business Account Number: 21009667 ABA Routing Number: 092905456 All County Checks please Note send to Bank Address.









Inferno Auto Body & Glass Inc.
Zack Winchell
2742 S Ramshorn Dr.
Laurel, MT 59044
Business Phone: (406) 545-9554
firejnkee@gmail.com

Estimate

Est # 281
ID # 16316239

Vehicle Info
2025 Ram -3500 Tradesman
Body Type: 2 Door Regular Cab 140

Owner
City of Laurel Ambulance Service
lgurchiek@laurel.mt.gov
215 W 1st Street
Laurel, MT 59044

Insurance Company
Inspection Date: 08/26/2025
Repair Days: 5

Shop Info
Tax ID: 81-2784059

	Oper	Description	Part Number	Price	Labor
OTHER					
1	Replace	INSTALL REFLECTIVE STRIPPING		\$1,650.00	20 hrs. Body
2	Replace	INSTALL RANCH HAND GRILL GUARD		\$1,500.00	3 hrs. Body

Totals

Type	Labor Time	Cost	Total	Taxable
Body Labor	23.0	\$80.00	\$1,840.00	
OEM Parts			\$3,150.00	
Taxable Amount			\$0.00	
Tax	0%		\$0.00	
Nontaxable Amount			\$4,990.00	
Grand Total			\$4,990.00	



LAUREL FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Emergency Services Meeting 7/21/2025 – 9/22/2025

Calls-

- Responded to 96 **Total** Calls for 7/21/2025 – 9/22/2025.
- Total Hours on Calls-
 - Firefighters – 885
 - Officers – 584
 - Combined Hours – 1469
 - Training Hours – **3445 HRS YTD**

Training-

- Water Rescue
- Rope Rescue
- Search and Rescue
- Apparatus Maintenance
- Training on E25
 - October 1st and 2nd Night burn with CHS.

Rookie School Training-

- Water Rescue
- Rope Rescue
- Search and Rescue
 - Administrative Training
 - Structure Fires

Department News-

- Current Numbers
 - 34 Members
 - 6 firefighters (Matt Vanderpool, Zach Crone, Dylan Scott, Kylan Scott, John Herr JR and Landon Gradwohl)
 - 4 New firefighters in rookie school.
- DNRC Staffing
 - DNRC Staffing will end on 9/24/2025 unless we get increased fire activity in the DNRC Southern Land Office.
- Misc.-
 - Fire Prevention Month (October 5th – 11th Lithium – Ion Batteries in Your Home)
 - Arbor Day October 7th
 - Open House October 8th 6pm – 8pm
 - School Tours October 8th
 - Moser Dome Fire (1000 Acres)
 - DNRC Grant for \$13,000
 - Bunker Gear
 - Ready lockers for station (lockers)
 - Thank you to all firefighters!