



**MINUTES  
CITY OF LAUREL  
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026**

The Emergency Services Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00pm on Monday, February 23, 2026, by Chair Jodi Mackay

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

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

**Public Input: NONE**

**General Items:**

1. Approval of the Minutes from January 26, 2026. Irv made motion to approve, Bruce seconded. Motion carried 7-0

2. Update from Emergency Departments – reports attached  
Fire Department

35 calls during the reporting period resulting in 494 hours for firefighters and officers

FD consists of 30 members (new ff will be voted on by CC on 2/24/26)

Completed 180 hours of training to include Cold Water Rescue and training on new ambulance and PD vests

DNRC staffing continues – Wildland training and Pack Test upcoming

DNRC completed upgrade to Brush 5 truck – completed custom bed, new toolboxes, etc. 100% covered by DNRC

CHS recent \$5000 donation to FD. Working to develop relationship with NWE.

FD applying for grants – Firehouse Subs and tourism grant

Working on getting new reporting system up and running

JW having conversations with school district about 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks – NFPA sets guideline for distances between public and fireworks – FD and school district working well together to maximize safety

Concerns about FAP garage doors – need fixed – concerned about trucks not getting out  
Hearts, Lies & Alibies fundraiser successful – likely use funds toward cold water suits

Ambulance

113 requests for service

Missed 5 calls due to being on previous call (picked up by AMR / Park City)

30% of calls from Ward 5

2 calls for mutual aid – Joliet and Park City

Continue working on recertifications

New ambulance striped and registered – soft roll out this week while staff cont. to train

Doing joint training with FD on new ambulance

Opportunities to meet with Commissioner Chris White and Congressman Troy Downing about issues facing ambulance services

Police

699 FAP calls for the reporting period (471 for pd) with 96 crimes reported plus over 100 traffic stops

Met with Shane at CHS about upcoming turnaround – new bussing system eases traffic issues

Continued firearms training – low-light and nighttime drills

Ofc. Mayo requested Test & Evaluation Active Shooter Response Training Kit

Active Shooter Training to be better prepared for emergency  
Sgt. Booth and K9 Colt had productive 2025 with 30 deployments – successful in seizing drugs and firearms and locating missing individuals  
Colt turns 7 in June. Careers for K9's are usually about 10 years  
Sgt. Booth working on grants for a new patrol vehicle  
Ofc. Baumgartner continues to work with the Yellowstone Cty Tactical Response Team  
11 callouts to deal with high risk search warrants, sex trafficking, crimes against children  
Ofc. Baumgartner needs a suppressor for his AR – have been working with On Target in Laurel for PD needs  
PD concerned about communications / radios – cannot hear or be heard by partner agencies –  
Chief working on quotes or options for updated radios

**New Business:**

3. Noise Ordinance Discussion – Mayor and Council rec'd an email from a constituent upset about a parking lot near her home being pressure washed around 11 pm. She felt that Laurel needed to adopt a noise ordinance.
  - . In order to adopt a noise ordinance, all officers need to have a decibel reader. Decibel readers have to be calibrated daily. Each neighborhood has to have a decibel level baseline established and documented.
  - . Chief Anglin reports noise complaints vary by season and weather. Will get complaints in winter about snow plows in parking lots at 3 am. Typical calls come from apartment complexes regarding loud music or noisy neighbors. Officers do respond and make contact. Majority of public respond appropriately. PD can use “disorderly conduct” if offense rises to level.
  - . Chief Anglin will provide last years data regarding noise complaints to Chair. This reporting period had 4 complaints.
  - . Bruce felt the department had larger issues facing them (i.e. new radios). Irv felt the “disorderly conduct” ticket option was appropriate unless we saw a documented spike in complaints. Sara thought it would be good to look at the data to see where / if issues were prevalent.
  - . Chair will keep this item on the agenda for next month to follow up on numbers.
4. Traffic Pattern Discussion – Council Member Klose approached the Chair and Chief Anglin about issues west bound on Main Street at the intersection of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. He wanted to inquire about a turn hour for turning South. Chief Anglin emailed his DOT contact to initiate a traffic study. The committee discussed the domino effect of having a longer light for that direction and how it would effect southbound traffic that already backs up at the 4 way stop intersection of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 1<sup>st</sup> Street. The decision to do a study and / or act on adding a turn arrow is up to the state.

**Old Business:**

**Other Items:**

**Announcements:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.



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Officer Steven Baumgartner  
Laurel Police Department  
Badge #105

Re: End of Year Activity Report

Dear Emergency Services Committee,

Another year has passed with being a team member for the Yellowstone County TRT. 2025 had a total of 11\* callouts. These calls ranged from Drug High Risk Search Warrant, Search Warrant, Barricades. Yellowstone County TRT worked jointly with several agencies including Billing Police Department, DEA, US Marshalls, and HIDTA(Drug Enforcement), HIS and CCSIU.

The range for the team is anywhere withing driving distance. Team calls can range across the state including Anaconda, MT in a search for the homicide suspect. Woking sex trafficking/crimes against children. Along with activations increased training in tactics and hostage rescue incidents that may occur.

With Officer Baumgartner on TRT, the team has started to implement the use of night vision optics where stealth is a priority. Not having a suppressor for his rifle hinders his ability to stay covert when moving into position for dangerous situations.

Being on the team for nearly four years now has shown me the time and dedication it takes to keep the area a safer one so that others may live in relative safety in their day-to-day lives.

Sincerely,

Steve Baumgartner



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Chief of Police Jarred Anglin

## To Whom It May Concern,

Sergeant Booth and K9 Colt had another productive year. The year 2025 marks the team's fifth year serving the community of Laurel. While the team remained busy, they also had time to celebrate at home as the Booth family welcomed a baby boy into the world...K9 Colt's newest snack buddy.

The team had approximately 30 K9 deployments, keeping pace with the last few years. These deployments included a variety of assignments ranging from traffic stops and postal sniffs to search warrant operations. The team also conducted a successful track this winter, locating a runaway female during freezing temperatures. This marked the team's fifth successful track and reflects one of the highest tracking success rates in the state of Montana.

K9 Colt and Sergeant Booth assisted in the seizure of the following:

- 50 pounds of methamphetamine
- 2 kilograms of cocaine
- Approximately 100,000 fentanyl pills
- 20 stolen firearms

Of the 50 pounds of methamphetamine seized, 43 pounds were recovered here in Laurel, along with 17 of the stolen firearms. The remaining seven pounds of methamphetamine and three firearms were seized throughout the Laurel and Yellowstone County area. The majority of the fentanyl pills were seized from mail deliveries to the Billings and Laurel areas, as well as during traffic stops. The two kilograms of cocaine were seized during a traffic stop outside of Laurel.

Sergeant Booth and K9 Colt have continued to demonstrate why they are such valuable assets to the community. As they move into the latter part of their career together, Sergeant Booth is still collecting donations for a new patrol vehicle. His current patrol vehicle has the highest mileage of all Laurel Police Department patrol vehicles. Having reliable and safe equipment makes it possible for the team to continue their success.

Several people have asked Sergeant Booth how much longer K9 Colt will continue to work, and the answer is simple: when K9 Colt shows signs of slowing down, he will retire. K9 Colt will turn seven years old this June. The average working career of a patrol canine is approximately seven to nine years, with most dogs retiring around 10 years of age. The police department and Sergeant Booth want to give K9 Colt the retirement he deserves.

Sergeant Booth and K9 Colt remain committed to serving the citizens of Laurel with professionalism, dedication, and integrity. Their continued success is a direct result of strong community support, proactive policing efforts, and an unwavering commitment to public safety. As they look toward the future, the team will continue to work diligently to protect the community, build partnerships, and uphold the high standards expected of the Laurel Police Department.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. J. Booth". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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**Chief of Police Jarred Anglin**

## Emergency Services Report February 23, 2026

Since January 26, 2026, the FAP complex has responded to a total of **699 calls for service** during this reporting period.

Year to date, FAP has responded to **1,367 calls for service**, compared to **1,302 calls** during the same time period in 2025. This reflects an increase of **65 calls year-to-date**. Overall call volume remains steady with a moderate upward trend.

### Law Enforcement Activity

During this reporting period, a total of **96 crimes were reported**, and **5 arrests were made**. Of the reported cases, **50 resulted in charges being filed**, **11 were closed with no charges**, **22 had no suspect information available**, and **5 warrant requests were submitted**. The remaining cases are currently under investigation.

Officers continue balancing reactive call response with investigative follow-up responsibilities. Calls during this reporting period included traffic stops, welfare checks, disturbances, theft complaints, crashes, agency assists, and general citizen contacts.

The department is also preparing for the upcoming CHS turnaround. With an anticipated increase in temporary workers and traffic volume, we expect a potential rise in calls for service, particularly related to traffic complaints, disturbances, and general public safety concerns. Planning efforts are underway to ensure appropriate patrol coverage and coordination with partnering agencies as needed.

### Specialized Assignments

K9 Sergeant Booth and Officer Baumgartner (YCSO TRT) have attached their respective year-in-review reports outlining their activity and accomplishments.

## Equipment & Training Updates

Officers participated in firearms training at the range last night, focusing on low-light and nighttime shooting drills. Training will conclude tonight with additional low-light scenarios. This training ensures officers remain proficient in reduced-visibility conditions commonly encountered during evening and overnight patrol operations.

Officer Mayo has coordinated with Unit Solutions, who will be sending the department a **T&E (Test & Evaluation) Active Shooter Response Training Kit**. The equipment will be used for evaluation purposes prior to any purchasing decision.

The Active Shooter Response Training Kit is designed to provide an effective and sustainable solution for ongoing active shooter preparedness training. The full kit has an estimated cost of **\$7,869** and includes:

- Four UNIT4 Training Rifles
- Eight UNIT4 Magazines
- 20 Pre-filled Non-Marking TPAKs (600 rounds)
- 20 Pre-filled Marking TPAKs (600 rounds)
- One 600 Round Non-Marking Value Pack
- One 600 Round Marking Value Pack
- One TPAK Re-Stack Assembly Kit
- One Hard 4-Up Rifle Case with die-cut foam and wheels

A kit of this nature is vital for training as it allows officers to conduct realistic, scenario-based active shooter exercises in a controlled environment. It increases repetition, decision-making under stress, team coordination, and tactical communication without the safety risks associated with live-fire training. This type of training is especially important for preparedness in schools, public events, and critical infrastructure within our community. Ongoing training and preparation also support officer confidence and readiness, which directly impacts overall community safety and response effectiveness.

The department remains committed to maintaining public safety through consistent response, thorough investigations, proactive preparation, and continued training.

Respectfully,  
Chief Anglin



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Total Calls Emergency Services

Printed on February 23, 2026

Code : Description	Totals	
10-15 : With Prisoner	1	1
: Abandoned Vehicle	18	18
: Agency Assist	48	48
: Alarm - Burglary	14	14
: Alarm - Fire	3	3
AMB : Ambulance	86	86
: Animal Complaint	5	5
: Area Check	7	7
: Assault	1	1
: Bad Checks	0	0
: Barking Dog	0	0
: Bomb Threat	0	0
: Burglary	0	0
: Child Abuse/Neglect	2	2
: Civil Complaint	7	7
: Code Enforcement Violation	5	5
: Community Integrated Health	0	0
: Counterfeiting	0	0
: Criminal Mischief	8	8
: Criminal Trespass	8	8
: Cruelty to Animals	4	4
: Curfew Violation	5	5
: Discharge Firearm	1	1
: Disorderly Conduct	8	8
: Dog at Large	13	13
: Dog Bite	2	2
DUI : DUI Driver	7	7
: Duplicate Call	1	1
: Escape	0	0
: Family Disturbance	8	8
: Fight	1	1
FIRE : Fire or Smoke	20	20
: Fireworks	0	0
: Forgery	0	0
: Found Property	6	6
: Fraud	2	2
: Harassment	3	3
: Hit & Run	4	4
: ICAC	0	0

Code : Description	Totals	
: Identity Theft	2	2
: Indecent Exposure	0	0
: Insecure Premises	2	2
: Intoxicated Pedestrian	0	0
: Kidnapping	0	0
: Littering	0	0
: Loitering	1	1
: Lost or Stray Animal	8	8
: Lost Property	3	3
: Mental Health	7	7
: Missing Person	3	3
: Noise Complaint	4	4
: Open Container	0	0
: Order of Protection Violation	1	1
: Parking Complaint	8	8
: Possession of Alcohol	0	0
: Possession of Drugs	1	1
: Possession of Tobacco	1	1
: Privacy in Communications	0	0
: Prowler	0	0
: Public Assist	38	38
: Public Safety Complaint	7	7
: Public Works Call	4	4
: Report Not Needed	6	6
: Robbery	0	0
: Runaway Juvenile	5	5
: Sexual Assault	2	2
: Suicide	0	0
: Suicide - Attempt	0	0
: Suicide - Threat	2	2
: Suspicious Activity	46	46
: Suspicious Person	10	10
: Theft	30	30
: Threats	7	7
: Tow Call	4	4
: Traffic Accident	22	22
: Traffic Hazard	6	6
: Traffic Incident	11	11
: TRO Violation	0	0
: Truancy	0	0
T/S : Traffic Stop	129	129
: Unattended Death	3	3
: Unknown - Converted	0	0
: Unlawful Transactions w/Minors	0	0
: Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle	0	0
: Vicious Dog	1	1

**Code : Description**

**Totals**

: Warrant	13	13
: Welfare Check	14	14
<b>Totals</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>699</b>

**Laurel Emergency Services Report created 2/23/26:**

**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

**2025**

1492 requests for service  
 44 times LEMS was unavailable  
 12 times AMR was unavailable  
 404 responses in Ward 5=27% of calls outside of the city of Laurel

**Recent Month Summary:**

**January 2026:**

Requests	113
Missed Calls	5 = 4%
Shortest Delay	30 minutes
Longest Delay	42 minutes
Average Delay	35 minutes
Fire Driver Available	1 time
City Driver Available	1 time
QRU Response With 1 Provider	2 times **
On A Previous Call	5 times
2 Units On A Call	4 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	2 times
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



\*\*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.

34 responses in Ward 5 = 30% of calls outside of the city of Laurel

2 LEMS response for mutual aid. 1 with Joliet and 1 with Park City. None of these responses resulted in LEMS not being available for another call.

2026 Running Totals

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total 2026
Requests	113												113
Missed Calls	5												5
Shortest Delay (minutes)	30												30
Longest Delay (minutes)	42												42
Average Delay (minutes)	35												35
Fire Driver Available	1												1
City Driver Available	1												1
QRU Response w 1 Provider	2												2
On A Previous Call	5												5
2 Units On A Call	4												4
No Crew / Provider Available	0												0
AMR Transported or Responded	3												3
Columbus Transported or Responded	0												0
Joliet Transported	0												0
Park City Transported	2												2
Red Lodge Transported	0												0
HELP Flight Transported	0												0
HELP Amb Transported or Responded	0												0
POV Transport	0												0
PD Assisted Pt or transported	0												0
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	34												34
LEMS response for mutual aid	2												2

\*correction made after report given

-Staffing -- no changes this report.

-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 are recertifying this year.

-The new ambulance is striped, stocked and we just received licensing/registration for it. We are doing a soft roll out this week, using it as a backup while we work through training and learning the differences. We will be posting information about the roll out soon. We still have some fund-raising money coming in which will go to pay back the reserve fund.

-We have recently had the opportunity to meet with County Commissioner Chris White and Congressman Troy Downing. Separately they requested to meet with us about the state of EMS in Montana and tour our building / ambulances and discuss our needs in EMS.



# LAUREL FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## *Emergency Services Meeting 1/26/2026 – 2/23/2026*

### **Calls (1/26/2026 – 2/23/2026)**

- Responded to 35 Total Calls

### **Total Hours on Call - 494**



- Training Hours – 180 HRS YTD

### **Training**

- Cold Water Rescue
- Joint Training With EMS/PD
  - Training on New Ambulance
  - Training on PDs New Vests
- Apparatus Maintenance

### **Rookie School Training**

- Driving
- MVA (Motor Vehicle Accidents)
- Car Fires
- MVA/Car Fires Practical Test

### **Department News**

- Current Numbers
  - 30 Members
    - 3 firefighters in rookie school
  - 1 Fire Fighter Resigned due to not having enough time.
  - 1 Fire Fighter interviewed and approved by department. Scheduled to attend CC meeting 2/24/2026.

- DNRC Staffing
  - Training will start in January
    - Basic Wildlands
    - Pack Test (3miles/45 lbs./45 minutes)
    - Wildland Refresher
    - Upgrade to Brush 5 (100% funded by DNRC)
  
- Misc.-
  - \$5k donation from CHS
  - Meeting with Northwest Energy/Cat at the Gas generated Power Plant.
  - Applying for Fire House Subs Grant.
  - Applied for a tourism grant.
  - Emergency Networking
    - Training starts in March and goes live April 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Meetings with School about 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
  - Replacement of Garage doors at the station.
  - Thank you to all firefighters for their continued dedication and thank you to city staff for their continued support.