



**MINUTES  
CITY OF LAUREL  
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026**

The Emergency Services Committee meeting was called to order at 5:50 pm on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, by Chair Jodi Mackay

**Members Present:** Jodi Mackay - Chair, Irv Wilke – Vice Chair, Brent Edmond, Sara Naylor,

**Others Present:** Ambulance Chief Lyndy Gurchiek and Fire Chief JW Hopper

**Public Input:** Laura K said she was glad things worked out for fireworks.

**General Items:**

1. Approval of the Minutes from 4/27/2026. Irv made motion to approve, Brent seconded.  
Motion carried 4-0
  
2. Update from Emergency Departments – reports attached
  - Fire Department
    - Responded to 34 calls in reporting period
    - Continuing to do training throughout department
    - 29 members with 4 applications for September interviews
    - JW has personnel list for Shane at CHS
    - 6/12/26 – MT FF Memorial Run
    - 6/13/26 – MT FF Memorial Ceremony and luncheon
      - Looking for volunteers to serve lunch – Jodi will assist and email fellow CC
    - Waiting to hear on grants
    - Using Columbus Fire for equipment maintenance
    - 4<sup>th</sup> of July planning underway – raffle tickets on sale 6/15/26
    - Expressed concerns about leadership at an Executive level – receiving little communication
      - Concerned about safety of community
      - Chair agreed that communication has been sparse as their been a big shake up at an executive level (Mayor and City Attorney resigning). Hoping for smooth transition and communication going forward.
  
  - Police Department
    - Chief Anglin absent
    - Report attached
  
  - Ambulance Department
    - 110 requests for service in reporting period
    - Wendy Wong named Assistant Chief
    - Purchased shelf for QRU / have ordered oxygen lift for Care 3
    - Waiting on grant awarding
    - Submitted budget to Kelly. Looking for exhaust system for FAP. Want discuss future CAP
    - Participated in career fair at LHS
    - LEMS awarded “Fitting Station of the Year” at MT Child Passenger Safety Tech due to Mandi’s efforts

**New Business:**

**Old Business:**

**Other Items:**

**Announcements:** Next meeting will be Monday, June 22, 2026, 6 pm in Council Chambers

Adjourn at 6:07 pm



# Laurel Police Department

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Total Calls Emergency Services

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<b>Code : Description</b>	<b>Totals</b>	
10-15 : With Prisoner	0	0
: Abandoned Vehicle	9	9
: Agency Assist	61	61
: Alarm - Burglary	15	15
: Alarm - Fire	5	5
AMB : Ambulance	67	67
: Animal Complaint	11	11
: Area Check	7	7
: Assault	8	8
: Bad Checks	0	0
: Barking Dog	1	1
: Bomb Threat	0	0
: Burglary	0	0
: Child Abuse/Neglect	6	6
: Civil Complaint	17	17
: Code Enforcement Violation	3	3
: Community Integrated Health	0	0
: Counterfeiting	0	0
: Criminal Mischief	10	10
: Criminal Trespass	9	9
: Cruelty to Animals	5	5
: Curfew Violation	11	11
: Discharge Firearm	2	2
: Disorderly Conduct	10	10
: Dog at Large	37	37
: Dog Bite	3	3
DUI : DUI Driver	3	3
: Duplicate Call	7	7
: Escape	0	0
: Family Disturbance	7	7
: Fight	1	1
FIRE : Fire or Smoke	15	15
: Fireworks	0	0
: Forgery	0	0
: Found Property	6	6
: Fraud	2	2
: Harassment	6	6
: Hit & Run	4	4
: ICAC	0	0

<b>Code : Description</b>	<b>Totals</b>	
: Identity Theft	0	0
: Indecent Exposure	1	1
: Insecure Premises	6	6
: Intoxicated Pedestrian	2	2
: Kidnapping	0	0
: Littering	1	1
: Loitering	1	1
: Lost or Stray Animal	5	5
: Lost Property	8	8
: Mental Health	4	4
: Missing Person	1	1
: Noise Complaint	4	4
: Open Container	0	0
: Order of Protection Violation	2	2
: Parking Complaint	7	7
: Possession of Alcohol	2	2
: Possession of Drugs	0	0
: Possession of Tobacco	0	0
: Privacy in Communications	5	5
: Prowler	0	0
: Public Assist	51	51
: Public Safety Complaint	10	10
: Public Works Call	9	9
: Report Not Needed	2	2
: Robbery	0	0
: Runaway Juvenile	5	5
: Sexual Assault	4	4
: Suicide	0	0
: Suicide - Attempt	1	1
: Suicide - Threat	8	8
: Suspicious Activity	48	48
: Suspicious Person	12	12
: Theft	12	12
: Threats	6	6
: Tow Call	2	2
: Traffic Accident	14	14
: Traffic Hazard	10	10
: Traffic Incident	27	27
: TRO Violation	1	1
: Truancy	1	1
T/S : Traffic Stop	103	103
: Unattended Death	2	2
: Unknown - Converted	0	0
: Unlawful Transactions w/Minors	0	0
: Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle	0	0
: Vicious Dog	3	3

<b>Code : Description</b>	<b>Totals</b>	
: Warrant	13	13
: Welfare Check	23	23
<b>Totals</b>	764	764

**Laurel Emergency Services Report created 5/26/26:**

<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
1238 requests for service	1300 requests for service	1363 requests for service	1492 requests for service
177 times LEMS was unavailable	171 times LEMS was unavailable	73 times LEMS was unavailable	44 times LEMS was unavailable
48 times AMR was unavailable	23 times AMR was unavailable	14 times AMR was unavailable	12 times AMR was unavailable
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	404 responses in Ward 5=27% of calls outside of the city of Laurel

**Recent Month Summary:**

**March 2026: April**

Requests	110
Missed Calls	1 = 1%
Shortest Delay	19 minutes
Longest Delay	19 minutes
Average Delay	19 minutes
Fire Driver Available	2 times
City Driver Available	0 times
QRU Response With 1 Provider	1 time **
On A Previous Call	1 time
2 Units On A Call	2 times
No Crew / Provider Available	0 times
AMR Transported or Responded	1 times*
Red Lodge Transported	0 times
HELP Flight Transported	0 times
HELP Amb Transported or Responded	0 time
Columbus Transported or Responded	0 time
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	0 times
Refusal or no transport	0 times
YCSO Transported	0 times
MHP Transported	0 times



\*\*1 time the QRU responded to begin patient care. 0 times the QRU responded and the patient refused / no transport to hospital or no patient found.

38 responses in Ward 5 = 35% of calls outside of the city of Laurel.

2 LEMS response for mutual aid. None of these responses resulted in LEMS not being available for another call, 1 to Columbus and 1 to west end of Billings.

**2026 Running Totals**

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total 2026
Requests	113	97	131	110									451
Missed Calls	5	3	4	1									13
Shortest Delay (minutes)	30	24	17	19									17
Longest Delay (minutes)	42	45	29	19									45
Average Delay (minutes)	35	37	25	19									25
Fire Driver Available	1	0	2	2									5
City Driver Available	1	0	0	0									1
QRU Response w 1 Provider	2	1	1	1									5
On A Previous Call	5	3	4	1									13
2 Units On A Call	4	0	6	2									12
No Crew / Provider Available	0	0	0	0									0
AMR Transported or Responded	3	0	4	1									8
Columbus Transported or Responded	0	1	0	0									1
Joliet Transported	0	0	0	0									0
Park City Transported	2	2	0	0									4
Red Lodge Transported	0	0	0	0									0
HELP Flight Transported	0	0	0	0									0
HELP Amb Transported or Responded	0	0	0	0									0
POV Transport	0	0	0	0									0
PD Assisted Pt or transported	0	0	0	0									0
FD Assisted Pt no transport	0	0	0	0									0
YCSO Transported	0	0	0	0									0
MHP Transported	0	0	0	0									0
QRU/AMR, Refusal or No Patient	0	0	0	0									0
Responses in Ward 5	34	29	37	38									138
LEMS response for mutual aid	2	0	6	2									10

\*correction made after report given

**Other Reporting Information**

- Staffing – Wendy Wong has been awarded the Assistant Chief position. Wendy is a paramedic and has been with Laurel EMS for over 15 years. We have 1 full time EMT, 1 full time paramedic and 1 volunteer paramedic credentialing. I believe the full time paramedic will be cleared soon and the other 2 are progressing appropriately.
- Vehicles – We were able to add the sliding shelf to the QRU with our budget money -this will provide easier access to the equipment as well as a way to secure the equipment so that it will remain safe in the event of an accident. We have ordered an oxygen lift for Care 3, it is a great tool to lift the heavy tanks up into the ambulance and helps reduce chance of back / lifting injuries.
- Grants – We have not heard any more officially regarding the Congressman Downing Appropriations funding but will keep you posted as it progresses through the process. Wendy is continually working on finding grant opportunities and we will keep you posted as we apply.
- Budget has been completed and turned into Kelly for review. Nothing significant as far as requests for changes from our budget. For the FAP, I did request the exhaust system and the floor finish for the ambulance bay. I did ask to visit about capital expense purchases in the future.
- Community outreach – Tony and Wendy spent the day at the high school career fair in April. We had several members of our crew play soccer for the middle school fund raising game on 5/25. Mandi has been involved in several car seat checks. LEMS was presented an award at the annual MT Child Passenger Safety Technician Update for "Fitting Station of the Year" citing that Laurel EMS exemplifies the highest standards of service, education and dedication to protecting children" – this program is run completely by Mandi and she truly goes above and beyond providing trauma prevention education and care to our community.



# LAUREL FIRE DEPARTMENT

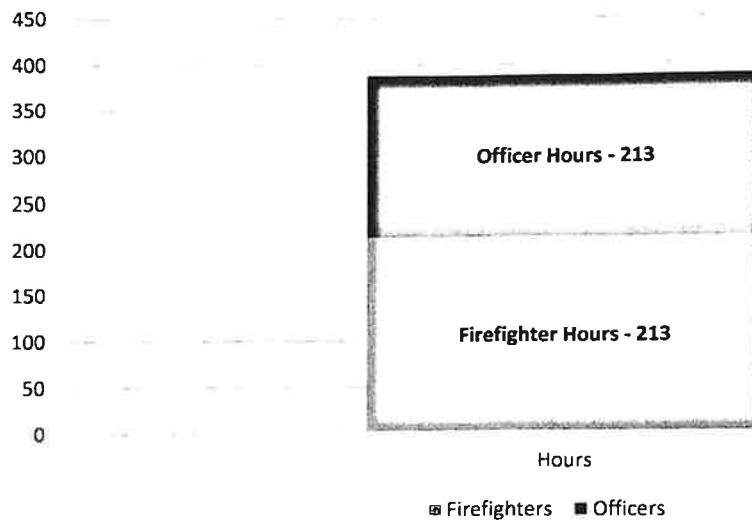
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## *Emergency Services Meeting 4/27/2026 – 5/26/2026*

### **Calls (4/27/2026 – 5/26/2026)**

- Responded to 34 **Total** Calls

### **Total Hours on Call - 388**



- Training Hours – 1080.50 **HRS YTD**

### **Training**

- Officer Training
- Apparatus Maintenance
- Doll House/Minute Man Lays
- SAR (Search & Rescue)

### **Rookie School Training**

- SAR
- Rope Training
- Water Rescue Training

### **Department News**

- Current Numbers
  - 29 Members
    - 3 firefighters in rookie school
  - 4 applications so far for next interviews in September.

- DNRC Staffing
  - B4 & 2 Firefighters traveled to the grey fire in Big Timber for two days.
- Misc.-
  - CHS Personnel
    - Doug Fox – Operations Trainer (Firefighter)
    - Travis Nagel – Zone E Operator (Assistant Chief)
    - Henery Fox – Zone A DCS Operator (Operations captain)
    - Landen Gradwohl – Temporary Employee T&S (Firefighter)
    - John Herr JR – Temporary Employee T&S (Firefighter)
  - Montana State Fire Fighter Memorial
    - Run is 6/12/2026 @ 6pm
    - Memorial 6/13/2026 @ Noon
    - If anyone is available to serve lunch that would be great.
  - Submitting grant to Town Pump
  - Fire House Sub Grant Submitted
  - Applied for Lowe's Grant Fire Station Repairs
    - We are in the top 100 for this grant.
      - Submitted more information to them.
  - DNRC grant is submitted
  - Equipment maintenance with Columbus Fire Rescue
  - Fourth of July Planning Underway
  - Communication
    - No Communication from the City on path forward.



# **LAUREL POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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Chief of Police Jarred Anglin

## **Emergency Services Report May 26, 2026**

During the reporting period of April 27, 2026, through May 26, 2026, the FAP handled a total of 764 calls for service. Year to date, the FAP facility has handled 3,799 calls for service.

The Laurel Police Department continues to experience consistent call volume while balancing proactive enforcement, investigations, and community policing efforts. Officers and dispatch staff continue to manage increasing service demands while maintaining response capabilities throughout the city.

### **Law Enforcement Activity**

A total of 84 crimes were reported. Laurel Police Officers responded to a variety of incidents including traffic enforcement, disturbances, thefts, assaults, welfare checks, suspicious activity, and other calls for service. Officers also conducted proactive patrols, traffic stops, warrant services, and follow-up investigations.

Officers made 5 arrests and 41 charges were filed. A total of 29 cases resulted in no charges being filed, with 15 of those cases lacking suspect information. Officers also submitted 3 warrant requests during the reporting period.

The remaining cases are still under investigation.

### **Community Engagement**

Laurel First Responders participated in a community soccer match against the Laurel Storm soccer organization. While the First Responders were heavily defeated on the scoreboard, the event provided an opportunity for first responders to engage with local youth and community members in a positive and community-oriented environment.

### **Department Operations and Staffing**

On May 26, 2026, Sergeant Booth was officially sworn in as the department's new DEA Task Force Officer (TFO). Sergeant Booth is currently completing the onboarding process and is expected to transition into the position full time within the next several weeks.

The transition will create an opening for a Sergeant position within the Laurel Police Department, which will be opened internally to department staff in the near future.

The Police Department continues to operate with limited staffing while managing increased call volume and operational demands. Staff continue to balance reactive calls for service with proactive enforcement and community engagement while maintaining day-to-day operations throughout the city.

### **Equipment and Technology**

The Laurel Police Department began working with the Billings Police Department and Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office regarding the upcoming transition to the CloudGavel electronic warrant system. The change will replace the department's current use of SecureWarrant and is intended to provide a more streamlined and efficient warrant process between agencies, attorneys, and the courts. The transition to CloudGavel is also expected to reduce annual costs to the Laurel Police Department when compared to the current SecureWarrant platform.

In previous Emergency Services Reports, I discussed ongoing concerns regarding the inability for patrol vehicle radios and portable radios to effectively communicate with neighboring agencies, as well as the significant cost associated with replacing the department's radio equipment. The department identified a solution to address the interoperability issues without fully replacing all radio equipment. The proposed solution involves adding a new key to the department's radios. The department has already tested the solution on one portable radio and the radio in dispatch, both of which successfully accepted the new key and now have trunking capabilities. This will allow officers to communicate with neighboring agencies and should allow connectivity with additional agencies throughout the state once the implementation is completed.

The proposed solution is expected to significantly improve communications capabilities with neighboring agencies at an estimated cost of approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000, although the department is still awaiting a final quote. This is substantially less expensive than a full radio system replacement.

### **Closing**

The Laurel Police Department remains committed to providing professional public safety services to the community while continuing to improve operations, technology, interoperability, and community engagement efforts. The department appreciates the continued support from the City Council, Emergency Services Committee, and the citizens of Laurel.

Respectfully,  
Chief Jarred Anglin

