

# Wendell Police Department Monthly Report

April 2020



The Mission of the Wendell Police Department is to professionally serve and protect the community and establish community partnerships to maintain and improve the quality of life in Wendell.



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## Calls for Service

Calls for service are generated either by citizen complaints or officers self-initiating. These calls range from a request for a vehicle unlock, to a suspicious person, to a traffic stop, to more serious criminal matters with all requiring the presence or response of an officer to resolve, correct or assist in that situation.

In April 2020 the Wendell Police Department recorded 225 calls for service as compared to 547 in the same month the previous year.

Top Five Calls for Service Including Self-initiated by Frequency		
Type	Number	% of Total
Traffic Stop	23	10.2%
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Activity	22	9.8%
Talk with Officer	19	8.4%
Domestic	18	8.0%
Alarm	14	6.2%
Total for top 5	96	42.7%

The following chart reflects the top five calls to which the Police Department was dispatched during the month.

Top Five Dispatched Calls for Service by Frequency		
Type	Number	% of Total
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Activity	22	9.8%
Talk with Officer	19	8.4%
Domestic	18	8.0%
Alarm	14	6.2%
Check on Welfare	14	6.2%
Total for top 5	87	38.7%

## Response Time

One of the goals of the Police Department as identified in the Town's Strategic Plan and Budgetary Documents is to continue to provide core police services of community patrol and response to emergency and non-emergency calls at current levels. A critical component of this goal is to maintain an 90th percentile response time from time dispatched until on scene of 7 minutes. The 90th percentile response time is that time for which 90% of the response times are less and 10% are longer.

The 90<sup>th</sup> percentile response time for this month is 7.7 minutes.

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## Incident Reports Files

Incident reports are typically generated for actual reported crime and capture the necessary information to conduct an investigation. In some cases, they are informational only when needed to document future potential issues or property not associated with a crime.

In April 2020 the Wendell Police Department filed 50 incident reports as compared to 38 in the same month the previous year. A summary of the crimes reported in these incidents is summarized in the following section.

## Reported Crime

Crimes Against Persons	Month	Year to Date
ASSAULT OFFENSES	6	21
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	0	0
SEX OFFENSES	2	4
<b>Group Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>25</b>
Crimes Against Property	Month	Year to Date
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	10	12
COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY	0	1
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	2	5
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0
FRAUD OFFENSES	2	9
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	2	4
LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES	5	30
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	0	3
ROBBERY	0	0
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	1	2
<b>Group Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>66</b>
Crimes Against Society	Month	Year to Date
ALL OTHER	15	43
DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES	3	21
DWI	3	12
PROSTITUTION OFFENSES	0	0
<b>Group Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>76</b>

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## **Motor Vehicle Crash**

Motor vehicle crashes reported here include collisions in which a vehicle collides with another vehicle, pedestrian, animal, road debris, or other stationary obstruction, such as a tree, pole or building. The crashes here include those which are reported to the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles.

In April 2020 the Wendell Police Department filed 6 motor vehicle crash reports as compared to 12 in the same month the previous year.

## **Directed Efforts**

In April we received a speeding complaint on Third St between Cypress St and Main St. The radar sign was deployed to capture speed data in this area. Speed data was collected and a plan of action was developed for this area.

Officers continued directed efforts as it pertained to the Wake County Stay at Home Order and State Stay at Home Order, ensuring businesses and citizens were following the order. The approach from the outset was based on education and awareness.

## **Community Engagement Efforts**

While traditional community engagement events were curtailed by limitations associated with the COVID 19, there were other opportunities for members of the Police Department to engage our public during these uncertain times. As businesses worked to interpret the County and State orders affecting their operations and individuals expressed concern over the actions of others, the members of the police department worked as researchers and messengers to aid the community in understanding what activities could and could not occur.

Officers responded to complaints of violations of County or State orders and found themselves in a unique situation where there was often no clear answer particularly when it came to business operations. The Police Department worked closely with Wake County Emergency Operations to determine if a business operation or activity was allowable. In each case, the approach was one of education as we worked together with the community to ensure the best and most reliable information possible was available. Equally important was the effort to provide business owners updates if the status of their operation changed which in some cases meant a business was able to be told they were able to open.

## **Administrative Activities**

Sgt. Jody Wall participated in a Tracs 18 conference call. Tracs 18 is the system we use to do traffic accident reports through DMV. They are going to a new web-based system which requires the police department to update officer's current Tracs program. This update required Sgt. Wall and Reserve Officer Paul Opanasenko to work with DMV to make the necessary updates to the laptop computers used by officers to complete this upgrade.

Chief Carter worked with staff and the Towns Managed Serviced Provider to develop technical capabilities to conduct virtual Town Board meeting.

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Captain Slaughter participated on a webinar for the Regional Recruitment Partnership Steering Committee through the TJCOG. The Town of Wendell is part of this partnership to help improve our recruiting efforts within the police department.

Sgt. Jody Wall completed the agencies DCI audit. This audit is conducted every by the SBI to ensure with federal and state guidelines governing the use of criminal justice information systems.

Background investigations was conducted on a candidate for the position of accreditation manager.