

Wendell Police Department Monthly Report

April 2021



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 2021 the Wendell Police Department recorded 281 calls for service as compared to 225 in the same month the previous year.

Top Five Calls for Service Including Self-initiated by Frequency		
Type	Number	% of Total
Traffic Stop	41	14.59%
Suspicious Activity	21	7.47%
Alarms	21	7.47%
Domestic	15	5.34%
Motor Vehicle Accident	15	5.34%
Total for top 5	113	40.21%

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 Activity	21	7.47%
Alarms	21	7.47%
Domestic	15	5.34%
Motor Vehicle Accident	15	5.34%
Request for Service	12	4.27%
Total for top 5	84	29.89%

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 90th percentile response time for this month is 8 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 2021 the Wendell Police Department filed 33 incident reports as compared to 51 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
Homicide	0	1
ASSAULT OFFENSES	3	15
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	0	0
SEX OFFENSES	1	1
Group Total	4	17
Crimes Against Property	Month	Year to Date
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	0	4
COUNTERFEITINF/FORGERY	0	0
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	4	14
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0
FRAUD OFFENSES	4	17
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	0	0
LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES	2	20
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2	5
ROBBERY	0	1
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	1	4
Group Total	14	65
Crimes Against Society	Month	Year to Date
ALL OTHER	5	34
DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES	5	13
DWI	4	12
PROSTITUTION OFFENSES	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0
Group Total	14	59

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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 2021 the Wendell Police Department filed 17 motor vehicle crash reports as compared to 6 in the same month the previous year.

Directed Efforts

We continued to enforce stop sign violations on Big Falls Drive, which continues to be an issue in the area.

We received a speeding complaint on Marshburn Rd and officers have been directed to conduct directed patrol.

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 continue to be 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. 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.

Administrative Activities

Chief Carter continues to run Incident Command for the Town's COVID-19 response. This included reviewing and educating town employees on the new Phase 2.5 issued under an executive order from Governor Cooper. The Town continues to inventory Personal Protective Equipment supplies, as well as review policies to best protect town employees and the public.

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Officer Matthew Taylor attended Leadership on the Line training at Wake Technical Community College. This course provides exposure to best practices in leadership within a law enforcement agency. Some topics included identifying what leadership means, effective police leadership practices, and adaptive leadership. Students completed a leadership skills self-assessment to help them gauge their current leadership style and ways to improve.

Officer Donald Squires attended Field Training Officer at Wake Tech. This course is designed to prepare experienced officers for the task of training newly hired employees who have successfully completed Basic Law Enforcement Training. Course content includes the role of the field training officer, the training function, interpersonal communication skills, ethics, civil liability, report writing and evaluations, leadership skills, performance evaluations, principles of counseling, and problem solving

Officers Raymond Jolly and Greg Modetz attended Community Oriented Policing (COP) for the 21st Century at Johnston Community College. The course addressed several objectives to include benefits and obstacles of COP, understanding the SARA model, Problem Oriented Policing, reducing fear of crime and increase citizen satisfaction and community outreach initiatives. As our agency advances community engagement initiatives it is critical that officers understand their roles in community policing.