

# Wendell Police Department Monthly Report

**April 2022**



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 2022 the Wendell Police Department recorded 396 calls for service as compared to 281 in the same month the previous year.

Top Five Calls for Service Including Self-initiated by Frequency*		
Type	Number	% of Total
Traffic Stop	73	18.43%
Suspicious Activity	21	5.30%
Alarm	16	4.04%
Traffic Accident	13	3.28%
Domestic	10	2.53%
Total for top 5	133	33.59%

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	5.30%
Alarm	16	4.04%
Traffic Accident	13	3.28%
Domestic	10	2.53%
Damage to Property	6	1.52%
Total for top 5	66	16.67%

\*Above "Top Five" tables do not include self-initiated calls such as foot patrol, school crossing or security checks, however those calls are included in the total monthly calls for service reported in the second paragraph of this section.

#### 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 7.2 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 2022 the Wendell Police Department filed 45 incident reports as compared to 33 in the same month the previous year. A summary of the crimes reported in these incidents is summarized in the following section.

### Reported Crime (Calendar Year)

Crimes Against Persons	Month	Year to Date
ASSAULT OFFENSES	3	18
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	0	0
SEX OFFENSES	0	1
<b>Group Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19</b>
Crimes Against Property	Month	Year to Date
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	1	7
COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY	0	0
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	7	13
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	1
FRAUD OFFENSES	5	25
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	0	0
LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES	7	33
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1	1
ROBBERY	0	0
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	2	3
<b>Group Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>83</b>
Crimes Against Society	Month	Year to Date
ALL OTHER	12	39
DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES	2	8
DWI	2	16
PROSTITUTION OFFENSES	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0
<b>Group Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>63</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 2022 the Wendell Police Department filed 16 motor vehicle crash reports as compared to 16 in the same month the previous year.

## **Directed Efforts**

The Radar Trailer was deployed on Taylor Road to collect speed data and deter speeding.

Officers conducted strategic speed enforcement in past areas where we have received speeding complaints.

## **Community Engagement Efforts**

Captain Slaughter participated in the Books Bring Us Together event at Carver Elementary School.

Lt. Gibbs and several officers coordinated with the fire department and held a public safety presentation at Cardinal Charter School. This ran for two days allowed students to see the equipment and vehicles both agencies utilize. In addition, students were able to ask questions and interact with officers and fireman.

The police department participated with the Neighborhood Clean Event hosted by the Town.

## **Administrative Activities**

Officer Squires and McGhee represented the police department at a Law Enforcement Job Fair hosted by the Cary Police Department. Both officers shared what the Wendell Police Department has to offer to participants.

The police department held several structured review boards this month for qualifying applicants for both the Police Officer 1 and Police Officer Trainee positions.

Officer Hunt and Harper attended Intermediate Traffic Crash Investigations at Coastal Plains Law Enforcement Training Center. This course gives officers more in-depth skills when investigating traffic accidents.

Officer Squires attended Solo Active Assailant Skills at Wake Tech. This course teaches officer safety skills for officers responding alone to an active assailant.

Chief Carter attended a meeting of Wake County Chiefs of Police at North Carolina State University. The focus was on mutual aid and interagency assistance, recruiting and retention and other matters affecting the Wake County municipal law enforcement community.