

Wendell Police Department Monthly Report

April 2023



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 2023 the Wendell Police Department recorded 375 calls for service as compared to 396 in the same month the previous year.

| Top Five Calls for Service Including Self-initiated by Frequency* | | |
|---|--------|------------|
| Type | Number | % of Total |
| Traffic Stop | 97 | 25.87% |
| Talk with Officer | 35 | 9.33% |
| Suspicious Activity | 35 | 9.33% |
| Check on Welfare | 22 | 5.87% |
| Traffic Accidents | 20 | 5.33% |
| Total for top 5 | 209 | 55.73% |

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 |
| Talk with Officer | 35 | 9.33% |
| Suspicious Activity | 35 | 9.33% |
| Check on Welfare | 22 | 5.87% |
| Traffic Accidents | 20 | 5.33% |
| Domestic | 14 | 3.73% |
| Total for top 5 | 126 | 33.60% |

*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 90th percentile response time for this month is 7.3 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 2023 the Wendell Police Department filed 55 incident reports as compared to 45 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 | 30 |
| KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION | 0 | 0 |
| SEX OFFENSES | 2 | 3 |
| Group Total | 5 | 33 |
| Crimes Against Property | Month | Year to Date |
| BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING | 2 | 5 |
| COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY | 0 | 0 |
| ARSON | 0 | 1 |
| DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM | 6 | 15 |
| EMBEZZLEMENT | 0 | 0 |
| FRAUD OFFENSES | 1 | 10 |
| EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL | 0 | 0 |
| LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES | 11 | 26 |
| MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT | 2 | 7 |
| ROBBERY | 0 | 2 |
| STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES | 1 | 2 |
| Group Total | 23 | 68 |
| Crimes Against Society | Month | Year to Date |
| ALL OTHER | 18 | 48 |
| DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES | 2 | 9 |
| DWI | 5 | 20 |
| PROSTITUTION OFFENSES | 0 | 0 |
| PORNOGRAPHY/OBSCENE MATERIAL | 0 | 0 |
| Group Total | 25 | 77 |

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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 2023 the Wendell Police Department filed 20 motor vehicle crash reports as compared to 16 in the same month the previous year.

Directed Efforts

The speed trailer was deployed at Taylor Road near Martin Pond to collect speed data from both directions.

Officers conducted strategic traffic enforcement in areas where we have received previous traffic complaints:

- All newly erected stop signs in the downtown area
- Drift Falls Lane
- Big Falls Drive
- Daniel Ridge Road
- Taylor Road
- Edgemont Rd

Community Engagement Efforts

The Wendell Police Department participated in a Coffee with a Cop event hosted by 41 North. This event served as a great opportunity for our agency to interact with members of our community and get to know each other better.

Administrative Activities

Chief Carter attended the Wake County Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony in Raleigh, which honors fallen officers in North Carolina.

The police department held a "All Hazards Plan" Training in coordination with the Wendell Fire Department. The All-Hazards Plan follows the Incident Command structure when dealing with large scale events. This training allowed command staff to work through possible real-life scenarios that would warrant the activation of the All-Hazards Plan.

Officer Harper attended Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement Training at Coastal Plains Law Enforcement Training Center. This course gives officers more in-depth training on recognizing impaired driving and how to conduct a thorough investigation.