

Wendell Police Department Monthly Report

August 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 August 2020 the Wendell Police Department recorded 300 calls for service as compared to 370 in the same month the previous year.

Top Five Calls for Service Including Self-initiated by Frequency		
Type	Number	% of Total
Traffic Stop	43	14.33%
Alarm	33	11.00%
Talk with Officer	27	9.00%
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	22	7.33%
Domestic	16	5.33%
Total for top 5	141	47.00%

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
Alarm	33	11.00%
Talk with Officer	27	9.00%
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	22	7.33%
Domestic	16	5.33%
Request for Service	11	3.67%
Total for top 5	109	36.33%

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 8.5 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 August 2020 the Wendell Police Department filed 36 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

Crimes Against Persons	Month	Year to Date
ASSAULT OFFENSES	5	37
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	0	1
SEX OFFENSES	0	5
Group Total	5	43
Crimes Against Property	Month	Year to Date
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	1	10
COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY	0	2
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	2	21
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0
FRAUD OFFENSES	1	28
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	0	2
LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES	5	53
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	0	4
ROBBERY	0	1
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	0	2
Group Total	9	123
Crimes Against Society	Month	Year to Date
ALL OTHER	9	88
DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES	5	50
DWI	5	26
PROSTITUTION OFFENSES	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	1
Group Total	19	165

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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 August 2020 the Wendell Police Department filed 12 motor vehicle crash reports as compared to 18 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 have spoken with residents about things they can do as community to assist with this issue.

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.

The police department held three Golf Cart inspection events, two were at The Farmhouse Cafet at Wendell Falls and the other took place at the Farmers Market in downtown Wendell. These events were created to assist owners of golf carts and centralized location to complete the golf cart inspection without having to schedule an appointment.

Administrative Activities

Officer Eugene Hunt completed Standardized Field Sobriety Training at Coastal Plains Law Enforcement Training Center. This training teaches officers roadside test that can be used to determine if a person is impaired. Officers must be proficient in administering these tests in order to develop probable cause.

Officer Matthew Taylor completed the final phase of Drug Recognition Expert Training. This rigorous course, which is approximately 3 weeks long, teaches officers techniques in identifying if a person is impaired by a narcotic and the type

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of narcotic. The final phase of the training involved Officer Taylor completing numerous in person examinations on persons that are under the influence of alcohol or a narcotic.

Captain Slaughter and Sergeant Hare attended Implicit Bias Training that was hosted by the National Command & Staff College. This three-day course explored race relations in United States history. Institutionalized racism and its effect on the criminal justice system. Impartial policing in the 21st century was addressed as well as community relations. The Wendell Police Department recognizes the importance of continued training, especially when it deals with building stronger relationships with our community.