

Wendell Police Department Monthly Report

August 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 August 2021 the Wendell Police Department recorded 306 calls for service as compared to 300 in the same month the previous year.

Top Five Calls for Service Including Self-initiated by Frequency		
Type	Number	% of Total
Traffic Stop	75	24.51%
Talk with Officer	38	12.42%
Alarm	22	7.19%
Traffic Accident	16	5.23%
Suspicious Activity	16	5.23%
Total for top 5	167	54.58%

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	38	12.42%
Alarm	22	7.19%
Traffic Accident	16	5.23%
Suspicious Activity	16	5.23%
Check on Welfare	12	3.92%
Total for top 5	104	33.99%

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 7.5 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 2021 the Wendell Police Department filed 31 incident reports as compared to 36 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	5	33
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	0	0
SEX OFFENSES	0	1
Group Total	5	35
Crimes Against Property	Month	Year to Date
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	0	8
COUNTERFEITINF/FORGERY	0	0
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	3	24
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0
FRAUD OFFENSES	1	25
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	0	0
LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES	4	44
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	0	7
ROBBERY	0	1
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	0	5
Group Total	8	114
Crimes Against Society	Month	Year to Date
ALL OTHER	7	58
DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES	5	26
DWI	4	22
Liquor Offenses	1	1
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0
Group Total	17	107

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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 2021 the Wendell Police Department filed 18 motor vehicle crash reports as compared to 12 in the same month the previous year.

Directed Efforts

We continued to monitor Marshburn Rd. The radar sign was deployed and it will gather data for two weeks.

The new Radar Trailer was deployed at the entrance of the Community Center to monitor speeding on Third St, which is where we received a speeding complaint.

Patrol officers are conducting increased patrol in and around our construction areas.

Community Engagement Efforts

The Police Department hosted two Golf Cart inspection events this month. One event was located at Wendell Falls Farmhouse on August 18 and 19. The second event was held at the Wendell Farmers Market on Saturday, August 21, 2021.

Administrative Activities

Chief Carter continues to run Incident Command for the Town's COVID-19 response. While this is not as involved as it was at the onset, remaining up to date with guidelines and serving as a liaison with Wake County officials allows Town Staff to have access to the best available guidance as we continue to work hard to keep our community and staff safe.

Captain Slaughter attended a virtual Watch For Me meeting titled Crash Data Investigation and Reporting. This is one of 6 trainings that are required for the Watch For Me NC program that we are a member of and have been for the past 3 years. This training provided tools for analyzing crash data as it pertains to traffic accidents involving pedestrians and bicyclists.

We held a lieutenant's assessment center this month. Both Sergeant Henry Gibbs and Sergeant Justin Loy participated in the assessment center as candidates. The assessment center was comprised of outside assessors who tested both on their leadership, presentation and writing skills. As a result, they were both promoted to the rank of lieutenant.

The 2020 Governor's Crime Commission Grant was completed. This included receiving and documenting products and providing all required documentation for reimbursement.