

# Wendell Police Department Monthly Report

December 2019



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 December 2019 the Wendell Police Department recorded 359 calls for service as compared to 440 in the same month the previous year.

Top Five Calls for Service Including Self-initiated by Frequency		
Type	Number	% of Total
Traffic Stop	115	32.0%
Alarm	27	7.5%
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Activity	15	4.2%
Request for Service	15	4.2%
Talk with Officer	15	4.2%
Total for top 5	187	52.1%

The following chart reflects the top five calls (actually six as there was a tie for fifth most frequent) to which the Police Department was dispatched during the month.

Top Five Dispatched Calls for Service by Frequency		
Type	Number	% of Total
Alarm	27	7.5%
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Activity	15	4.2%
Request for Service	15	4.2%
Talk with Officer	15	4.2%
Motor Vehicle Collision	12	3.3%
Domestic	12	3.3%
Total for top 5	84	26.7%

## 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 6.95 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 December 2019 the Wendell Police Department filed 36 incident reports as compared to 17 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	8	32
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	0	1
SEX OFFENSES	0	5
<b>Group Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>38</b>
Crimes Against Property	Month	Year to Date
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	4	22
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1	1
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	2	34
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	1
FRAUD OFFENSES	2	18
LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES	3	49
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	0	10
ROBBERY	0	2
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	1	5
<b>Group Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>142</b>
Crimes Against Society	Month	Year to Date
ALL OTHER	11	91
DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES	2	92
DWI	2	50
PROSTITUTION OFFENSES	0	1
<b>Group Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>234</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 December 2019 the Wendell Police Department filed 18 motor vehicle crash reports as compared to 13 in the same month the previous year.

## **Directed Efforts**

In the previous months, we received both speeding and stop sign violation complaints on Big Falls Dr. The radar sign was installed on Big Falls to capture speed data and has since been moved to another section of Big Falls Dr to capture additional data. Officers continued work several of the intersections along Big Falls Dr to address to the stop sign complaints.

Received a complaint of drivers running the stop sign at Mattox St and Hollybrook Rd. Officers have randomly watching this intersection and taking enforcement action.

## **Community Engagement Efforts**

December is truly a month for interaction between the Police Department and the community we serve. Businesses, churches and individuals drop by the station on an almost daily basis to say thank you and to bring a little holiday greeting. These are all opportunities to say thank you to the citizens we serve and to sit and chat a while about the community we all share.

While the police department often schedules participate in formal community events, there are often times that events just “pop-up”. Such was the case at the 2019 Wendell Wonderland. A security point staffed by officers at the intersection of Main and Third Street rapidly became a stop for young children that wanted to meet a police officer and crawl around in a police car. Officers assigned these details were rewarded with thanks, fist bumps and an occasional hug which made a wonderful holiday even even that much better.

## **Administrative Activities**

Chief Carter gave a presentation to the Wake County ABC Board in reference to our grant application to continue funding our annual Camp Choices. The police department received notification that it was awarded the grant.

The police department worked with other town departments and worked the 2019 Wendell Wonderland event.

The police department conducted two background investigations on two applicants that applied for our open police officer positions.

A job positing for the CALEA Accreditation Manager was posted this month. Applications will be accepted through December with interviews to be conducted in January 2020. Hiring the right person to fill this role is a major initiative as we move forward in the law enforcement accreditation program.