

# Wendell Police Department Monthly Report

December 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 December 2020 the Wendell Police Department recorded 267 calls for service as compared to 359 in the same month the previous year.

Top Five Calls for Service Including Self-initiated by Frequency		
Type	Number	% of Total
Traffic Stop	32	11.99%
Alarm	20	7.49%
Motor Vehicle Accidents	19	7.12%
Talk With Officer	17	6.37%
Foot Patrol	15	5.62%
Total for top 5	103	38.58%

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
Alarm	20	7.49%
Motor Vehicle Accidents	19	7.12%
Talk with Officer	17	6.37%
Request for Service	13	4.87%
Check on Welfare	12	4.49%
Total for top 5	81	30.34%

## 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 9.5 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 December 2020 the Wendell Police Department filed 35 incident reports as compared to 37 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	1	49
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	0	2
SEX OFFENSES	0	5
<b>Group Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>56</b>
Crimes Against Property	Month	Year to Date
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	1	21
COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY	0	4
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	1	32
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0
FRAUD OFFENSES	4	42
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	0	0
LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES	6	79
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	0	10
ROBBERY	0	4
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	1	4
<b>Group Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>198</b>
Crimes Against Society	Month	Year to Date
ALL OTHER	10	122
DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES	3	62
DWI	7	45
PROSTITUTION OFFENSES	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	1
<b>Group Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>230</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 2020 the Wendell Police Department filed 19 motor vehicle crash reports as compared to 19 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.

We received a complaint on Trumpet Vine Ct. We have visually monitored this area due it being a cul-de-sac.

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.

Sergeant Hare gave a safety presentation at Kioti that included 100 employees. Sgt. Hare taught the Department of Homeland's Security Run, Hide, Fight program in regards to an active shooter incident. Sgt. Hare discussed how to implement this program at their location and the current measures Kioti has implemented to secure the building and places to securely hide if the need arises.

## **Administrative Activities**

Chief Carter continues to run Incident Command for the Town's COVID-19 response. This included reviewing and educating town employees on the new Phase 2.5 issued under an executive order from Governor Cooper. The Town continues to inventory Personal Protective Equipment supplies, as well as review policies to best protect town employees and the public.

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On December 21<sup>st</sup>, we swore in our newest officer Gregory Modetz, who comes with 10 years experience from Raleigh Police Department.

The police department completed all mandatory State in-service training fro 2020 this month. Each year officers are required to complete 24 hours of state mandated in-service training.