

Wendell Police Department Monthly Report

December 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 December 2021 the Wendell Police Department recorded 358 calls for service as compared to 267 in the same month the previous year.

Top Five Calls for Service Including Self-initiated by Frequency		
Type	Number	% of Total
Traffic Stop	90	25.14%
Suspicious Activity	29	8.10%
Alarm	20	5.59%
Motor Vehicle Damage	14	3.91%
Check on Welfare	14	3.91%
Total for top 5	167	46.65%

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
Suspicious Activity	29	8.10%
Alarm	20	5.59%
Motor Vehicle Damage	14	3.91%
Check on Welfare	14	3.91%
Assist Motorist/Agency	11	3.07%
Total for top 5	88	24.58%

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 December 2021 the Wendell Police Department filed 46 incident reports as compared to 35 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	43
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	0	1
SEX OFFENSES	0	1
Group Total	5	46
Crimes Against Property	Month	Year to Date
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	2	16
COUNTERFEITINF/FORGERY	0	0
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	6	37
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0
FRAUD OFFENSES	9	46
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	0	0
LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES	7	69
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2	13
ROBBERY	0	2
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	0	8
Group Total	26	191
Crimes Against Society	Month	Year to Date
ALL OTHER	6	100
DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES	0	36
DWI	3	38
Liquor Offenses	0	1
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0
Group Total	9	175

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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 2021 the Wendell Police Department filed 17 motor vehicle crash reports as compared to 12 in the same month the previous year.

Directed Efforts

The Radar Trailer was deployed on Drift Falls Drive for two weeks to collect speed data.

The Pole Mounted Radar Sign remained on Taylor Road to collect speed data.

Officers conducted directed patrol at several traffic concerns that we have had in the past to continue a presence in those areas.

Officers conducted directed patrol at the Town Square and Christmas Light Show to prevent vandalisms.

Community Engagement Efforts

While traditional community engagement events were curtailed by limitations associated with the COVID 19, there continue to be daily informal opportunities for members of the Police Department to engage our public. We value positive interactions in our everyday tasks and remain committed to them.

While providing safety and security for Wendell Wonderland, officers also saw this as an opportunity to interact with community members in a positive and festive environment as we work to strengthen the bonds with our community.

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, Lt. Gibbs and Lt. Loy completed Dare to Lead training, which lasted 8 weeks and covered a wide range of topics on choosing courage when addressing issues.

Officer Gashi and Harper attended Standardized Field Sobriety Training. This training teaches officers the techniques and test that are used to help determine if someone is impaired.

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Sgt. Matthew Taylor attended Drug Recognition Expert Refresher Training which is required to maintain his certification.

All sworn personnel attended Taser Recertification and Blood Borne Pathogens Training. All personnel have completed all 2021 State Mandated In-Service Training.

The Holiday Season allowed the Police Department the opportunity to interact with our community as we worked alongside members of other Town Departments to enjoy an exciting and engaging Wendell Wonderland event.