

Wendell Police Department Monthly Report

February 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 February 2020 the Wendell Police Department recorded 326 calls for service as compared to 372 in the same month the previous year.

Top Five Calls for Service Including Self-initiated by Frequency		
Type	Number	% of Total
Traffic Stop	111	34.0%
Alarm	23	7.1%
Talk with Officer	18	5.5%
Domestic	17	5.2%
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Activity	17	5.2%
Total for top 5	186	57.0%

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	23	7.1%
Talk with Officer	18	5.5%
Domestic	17	5.2%
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Activity	17	5.2%
Motor Vehicle Collision	13	4.0%
Total for top 5	88	27.0%

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 7.60 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 February 2020 the Wendell Police Department filed 31 incident reports as compared to 16 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	4	9
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	0	0
SEX OFFENSES	0	2
Group Total	4	11
Crimes Against Property	Month	Year to Date
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	0	1
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	1
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	0	1
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0
FRAUD OFFENSES	1	5
LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES	6	12
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1	3
ROBBERY	0	0
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	0	0
Group Total	8	23
Crimes Against Society	Month	Year to Date
ALL OTHER	7	25
DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES	4	15
DWI	2	6
PROSTITUTION OFFENSES	0	0
Group Total	13	46

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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 February 2020 the Wendell Police Department filed 13 motor vehicle crash reports as compared to 11 in the same month the previous year.

Directed Efforts

In January we received a speeding complaint on Haywood St near Lake Drive. The radar sign was deployed to capture speed data. The sign was changed to capture data from the opposite direction in February. Once analyzed, the data will be provided to the planning department to be used as part of a speed study.

Community Engagement Efforts

Sergeant Hare provided a site assessment to Vishay Measurements Group with a focus on security of employees as the Company sought to increase awareness on how to deal with workplace violence. He then conducted active shooter training for approximately 250 employees.

Sergeants Gill and Hare represented the Town of Wendell Police Department at the 2019 NC International Auto Expo at the NC State Fairgrounds. Two full days were spent on site as students from across the state as well as paying attendees were provided opportunities to see the dangers of impaired driving as we deployed the Fatal Vision program. Utilizing goggles to simulate the effects of alcohol, participants could try to navigate a golf cart through an obstacle course or at a more basic level try to walk a straight line.

Administrative Activities

This month several officers attended the following training: Financial Crimes Investigations, Drug Recognition Expert, Street Sergeant Training.

The police department held an assessment center for 3 applicants who applied for the open Accreditation Manager Position. This assessment center consisted for a 10 minute presentation, review board and policy review, all of which were graded to find the most suitable candidate. Performances are being evaluated and the selected candidate will move forward in the hiring process.

The management team spent a significant amount of time in developing the budget for presentation to the Manager and Finance Director for proposed inclusion in the upcoming budget process.