

Wendell Police Department Monthly Report

February 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 February 2021 the Wendell Police Department recorded 223 calls for service as compared to 326 in the same month the previous year.

Top Five Calls for Service Including Self-initiated by Frequency		
Type	Number	% of Total
Traffic Stop	29	13.00%
Talk with Officer	28	12.56%
Suspicious Activity	18	8.07%
Motor Vehicle Accidents	16	7.17%
Foot Patrol	13	5.83%
Total for top 5	104	46.64%

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	28	12.56%
Suspicious Activity	18	8.07%
Motor Vehicle Accidents	16	7.17%
Alarms	9	4.04%
Domestic	9	4.04%
Total for top 5	80	35.87%

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 9.1 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 2021 the Wendell Police Department filed 28 incident reports as compared to 31 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	1	1
ASSAULT OFFENSES	3	8
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	0	0
SEX OFFENSES	0	0
Group Total	4	9
Crimes Against Property	Month	Year to Date
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	0	0
COUNTERFEITINF/FORGERY	0	0
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	3	8
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0
FRAUD OFFENSES	1	6
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	0	0
LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES	5	13
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2	2
ROBBERY	0	0
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	3	3
Group Total	15	32
Crimes Against Society	Month	Year to Date
ALL OTHER	10	17
DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES	2	4
DWI	3	6
PROSTITUTION OFFENSES	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0
Group Total	15	27

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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 2021 the Wendell Police Department filed 10 motor vehicle crash reports as compared to 13 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 began directed patrol on South Cypress St between Second St and Haywood St in reference to a complaint received about speeding.

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.

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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A recruitment team was established and they held their first meeting this month. The team receives support and guidance from Human Resources Administrator Debbie Cannady. The recruitment team began researching and discussing best practices for recruiting both new officers and lateral transfers. Additionally they discussed incentives that could be used to recruit the most qualified applicants with consideration being given for education, experience, being bilingual or having military experience. The recruitment team will meet again in March to narrow down these ideas and begin creating a Recruitment Plan.

Officer Donald Squires and Officer Matthew Taylor attended Intermediate Traffic Crash Investigaiton at Coastal Plains Law Enforcement Training Center. This course teaches officers how to investigate a traffic accident through the use of measurements and formulas to determine the cause of an accident.

Officer Greg Modetz attended Radar Recertification training at Coastal Plains Law Enforcement Training Center. This course is required for officers that are certified to use the radar for speed measuring. Officers must recertify every 3 years.

Officer Donald Squires and Officer Matthew Taylor completed Confronting the Toxic Officer Training through the Dolan Consulting Group. This training gave officers ideas on dealing with employees that are negative and causing issues withing the department. The ultimate goal is to turn the employees' behavior around.