

Wendell Police Department Monthly Report

February 2023



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 2023 the Wendell Police Department recorded 435 calls for service as compared to 447 in the same month the previous year.

Top Five Calls for Service Including Self-initiated by Frequency*		
Type	Number	% of Total
Traffic Stop	44	10.11%
Talk with Officer	43	9.89%
Suspicious Activity	23	5.29%
Traffic Accident	22	5.06%
Alarms	20	4.60%
Total for top 5	152	34.94%

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	43	9.89%
Suspicious Activity	23	5.29%
Traffic Accident	22	5.06%
Alarms	20	4.60%
Domestic	11	2.53%
Total for top 5	119	27.36%

*Above "Top Five" tables do not include self-initiated calls such as foot patrol, school crossing or security checks, however those calls are included in the total monthly calls for service reported in the second paragraph of this section.

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 8.6 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 2023 the Wendell Police Department filed 53 incident reports as compared to 34 in the same month the previous year. A summary of the crimes reported in these incidents is summarized in the following section.

Reported Crime (Calendar Year)

Crimes Against Persons	Month	Year to Date
ASSAULT OFFENSES	7	19
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	0	0
SEX OFFENSES	0	1
Group Total	7	20
Crimes Against Property	Month	Year to Date
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	1	1
COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY	0	0
ARSON	0	1
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	1	7
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0
FRAUD OFFENSES	3	5
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	0	0
LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES	8	10
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2	2
ROBBERY	1	2
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	0	0
Group Total	16	28
Crimes Against Society	Month	Year to Date
ALL OTHER	12	20
DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES	2	5
DWI	8	12
PROSTITUTION OFFENSES	0	0
PORNOGRAPHY/OBSCENE MATERIAL	0	0
Group Total	22	37

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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 2023 the Wendell Police Department filed 26 motor vehicle crash reports as compared to 17 in the same month the previous year.

Directed Efforts

The speed trailer was deployed at Taylor Road to collect speed data from both directions.

Officers conducted strategic speed enforcement in areas where we have received previous speeding complaints:

- Drift Falls Lane
- Big Falls Drive
- Daniel Ridge Road
- Taylor Road

Community Engagement Efforts

The Wendell Police Department participated in two safety talks and Q&A session at Wendell Falls. The purpose of this meeting was to share important safety information with residents, as well as allow time for residents to ask questions. These events serve as important opportunities for both the community and the police to have direct conversations and build partnerships.

Administrative Activities

Captain Slaughter attended a meeting with Communications Manager Megan Howard and a representative with East Wake TV to discuss options for a police department recruiting video. Messaging and logistics were discussed during this meeting.

Officer Squires attended Search and Seizure Law training at Wake Technical Community College.

Officer Royster attended Drug Enforcement for Patrol Officers training at Coastal Plains Law Enforcement Training Center.

Sergeant Williams attended Covert Surveillance training Coastal Plains Law Enforcement Training Center.