

# Wendell Police Department Monthly Report

January 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 January 2020 the Wendell Police Department recorded 359 calls for service as compared to 412 in the same month the previous year.

Top Five Calls for Service Including Self-initiated by Frequency		
Type	Number	% of Total
Traffic Stop	115	32.0%
Alarm	27	7.5%
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Activity	15	4.2%
Request for Service	15	4.2%
Talk with Officer	15	4.2%
Total for top 5	187	52.1%

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	27	7.5%
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Activity	15	4.2%
Request for Service	15	4.2%
Talk with Officer	15	4.2%
Motor Vehicle Collision	12	3.3%
Total for top 5	84	23.4%

## 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 7.82 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 January 2020 the Wendell Police Department filed 55 incident reports as compared to 33 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	5	5
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	0	0
SEX OFFENSES	2	3
<b>Group Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
Crimes Against Property	Month	Year to Date
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	1	1
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1	1
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	1	1
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0
FRAUD OFFENSES	4	4
LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES	6	6
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2	2
ROBBERY	0	0
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	0	0
<b>Group Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
Crimes Against Society	Month	Year to Date
ALL OTHER	17	17
DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES	11	11
DWI	4	4
PROSTITUTION OFFENSES	0	0
<b>Group Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>32</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 January 2020 the Wendell Police Department filed 18 motor vehicle crash reports as compared to 10 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 two capture speed data. Once analyzed, the data will be provided to the planning department to be used as part of a speed study.

## **Community Engagement Efforts**

As is typically the case, January is a “catch-up” month for many after the Holiday season. While some locale business asked for presentations and evaluations, they decided to postpone them until a later date and the department was easily able to accommodate the changes. While formal events did not take place, there were plenty of opportunities to make personal contacts, wave, say hi or just stop a talk for a second.

## **Administrative Activities**

This month several officers attended the following training: Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement, First Line Supervision, North Carolina Association of Police Chief’s Conference in Cherokee, and Drug Recognition Expert Pre-School.

The police department completed and submitted a grant application to the North Carolina Governor’s Crime Commission requesting approximately \$24,500. If approved the grant will provide enhance evidence collection abilities to be used by all officers as they conduct investigations ranging from crimes against persons and property to drug investigations. Collection of this type of evidence is all but essential in the successful prosecution of violations in today’s environment.