

Wendell Police Department Monthly Report

January 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 January 2021 the Wendell Police Department recorded 225 calls for service as compared to 359 in the same month the previous year.

Top Five Calls for Service Including Self-initiated by Frequency		
Type	Number	% of Total
Traffic Stop	45	20.00%
Suspicious Activity	17	7.56%
Talk With Officer	15	6.67%
Motor Vehicle Accidents	15	6.67%
Alarms	14	6.22%
Total for top 5	106	47.11%

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	17	7.56%
Talk with Officer	15	6.67%
Motor Vehicle Accidents	15	6.67%
Alarms	14	6.22%
Domestic	13	5.78%
Total for top 5	74	32.89%

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 8.2 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 2021 the Wendell Police Department filed 35 incident reports as compared to 58 in the same month the previous year. A summary of the crimes reported in these incidents is summarized in the following section.

Reported Crime (Calender Year)

Crimes Against Persons	Month	Year to Date
ASSAULT OFFENSES	5	5
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	0	0
SEX OFFENSES	0	0
Group Total	5	5
Crimes Against Property	Month	Year to Date
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	0	0
COUNTERFEITINF/FORGERY	0	0
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	5	5
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0
FRAUD OFFENSES	5	5
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	0	0
LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES	8	8
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2	2
ROBBERY	0	0
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	0	0
Group Total	20	20
Crimes Against Society	Month	Year to Date
ALL OTHER	7	7
DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES	2	2
DWI	3	3
PROSTITUTION OFFENSES	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0
Group Total	12	12

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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 2021 the Wendell Police Department filed 13 motor vehicle crash reports as compared to 18 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 have spoken with residents about things they can do as community to assist with this issue.

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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The police department applied for the 2021 Governor's Crime Commission Grant to purchase new laptops, docking stations, and remote desktop software. This is a no match grant that will replace out of warranty laptops and replace desktops with docking stations that will allow officers to dock their laptops to our network when work is required in the office.

The police department completed a comprehensive review of our use of force policy and made updates as needed. The updated use of force policy meets standards set forth by CALEA as well as an executive order issued by President Trump. We received acknowledgment from the NC Department of Justice that our policy met all applicable federal guidelines.

The police department applied to continue participation in the North Carolina Watch for Me Program, which we have been a part of for the last two years. The program's mission is to educate and promote pedestrian and bicycle safety. Through this grant our agency receives educational material that can be used during community outreach events and enforcement activities.

Additionally, the police department applied to the North Carolina Department of Transportation Bicycle Helmet Initiative, which will provide the police department with free bicycle helmets that can be given to underprivileged children within our community.

Officer Taylor Akins and Officer Eugene Hunt attended Intoxilyzer training at Wake Technical Community College. This course teaches officer how to use the intoxilyzer instrument when investigation a DWI. Upon completion these officers can use the intoxilyzer instrutment.

All supervisors and Officers Taylor and Squires completed Recruiting and Hiring for Law Enforcment supervisor training through the Dolan Consulting Group. This training provided best practices for hiring and recruiting new and experienced officers. Additionally it emphasized the importance to detailed background checks and hiring people that will follow the departmental philosophy.