

Wendell Police Department Monthly Report

January 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 January 2023 the Wendell Police Department recorded 700 calls for service as compared to 458 in the same month the previous year.

Top Five Calls for Service Including Self-initiated by Frequency*		
Type	Number	% of Total
Traffic Stop	63	11.48%
Talk with Officer	55	10.02%
Suspicious Activity	29	5.28%
Traffic Accident	23	4.19%
Alarms	18	3.28%
Total for top 5	188	34.25%

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	55	10.02%
Suspicious Activity	29	5.28%
Traffic Accident	23	4.19%
Alarms	18	3.28%
Assist Other Agency	18	3.28%
Total for top 5	143	26.05%

*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 7.6 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 January 2023 the Wendell Police Department filed 43 incident reports as compared to 42 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	12	12
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	0	0
SEX OFFENSES	1	1
Group Total	13	13
Crimes Against Property	Month	Year to Date
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	0	0
COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY	0	0
ARSON	1	1
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	6	6
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0
FRAUD OFFENSES	2	2
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	0	0
LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES	2	2
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	0	0
ROBBERY	1	1
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	0	0
Group Total	12	12
Crimes Against Society	Month	Year to Date
ALL OTHER	8	8
DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES	3	3
DWI	4	4
PROSTITUTION OFFENSES	0	0
PORNOGRAPHY/OBSCENE MATERIAL	0	0
Group Total	15	15

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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 2023 the Wendell Police Department filed 20 motor vehicle crash reports as compared to 20 in the same month the previous year.

Directed Efforts

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 police department partnered with Publix Grocery Store on their campaign to raise money for the North Carolina Special Olympics Torch Run. January of every year, Publix has dedicated their efforts to raise money for this importance cause. Law enforcement agencies across North Carolina raise money for the NC Special Olympics throughout the year and organize the annual torch run. Wendell officers represented our agency at our local Publix to celebrate those that donate to this important cause.

Administrative Activities

The police department submitted a grant to Governor's Crime Commission to purchase body cameras and associated storage equipment. As the agency works to improve on transparency, body cameras are a useful tool for officers and improves trust within the community.

The police department held an assessment center for the open position of Sergeant. The assessment center consisted of a written exercise and structured interview board.

Chief Carter attended the annual NC Association of Chiefs of Police Conference in Cherokee. Training was provided of recruitment and retention, background investigations for potential officers, identifying and addressing officer misconduct, responding to active shooter risk reduction and other timely topics associated with police administration.

Officer Donald Squires attended Burglary and Property Crimes Investigation training at Johnston Community College.

Officer Kasey Royster attended Lidar (speed detection) recertification training at Wake Technical Community College.

Sergeant Lenward Hanks attended Firearms Pre-Qualification as a prerequisite to Firearms Instructor School.

Sergeant Todd Williams attended Developing and Using Criminal Evidence training at Wilson Community College.