

Wendell Police Department Monthly Report

July 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 July 2020 the Wendell Police Department recorded 291 calls for service as compared to 471 in the same month the previous year.

Top Five Calls for Service Including Self-initiated by Frequency		
Type	Number	% of Total
Traffic Stop	39	13.40%
Alarm	34	11.68%
Talk with Officer	28	9.62%
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	19	6.53%
Foot Patrol	15	5.15%
Total for top 5	135	46.39%

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	34	11.68%
Talk with Officer	28	9.62%
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	19	6.53%
Request for Service	14	4.81%
Domestic	14	4.81%
Total for top 5	109	37.46%

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 a 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 8.1 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 July 2020 the Wendell Police Department filed 46 incident reports as compared to 52 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	4	31
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	0	1
SEX OFFENSES	0	4
Group Total	4	36
Crimes Against Property	Month	Year to Date
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	2	9
COUNTERFEITINF/FORGERY	0	2
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	4	19
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0
FRAUD OFFENSES	5	27
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	0	2
LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES	7	48
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	0	4
ROBBERY	0	1
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	0	2
Group Total	18	114
Crimes Against Society	Month	Year to Date
ALL OTHER	20	80
DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES	8	45
DWI	8	21
PROSTITUTION OFFENSES	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	1
Group Total	36	147

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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 July 2020 the Wendell Police Department filed 15 motor vehicle crash reports as compared to 16 in the same month the previous year.

Directed Efforts

In late June we received a speeding complaint on Main St between Second St and Haywood St. The radar sign was deployed to capture speed data in this area. Speed data was collected and a plan of action was developed for this area.

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

The police department coordinated with Special Assistant to the Manager Stephanie Smith and other department heads in organizing and participating in the first ever Reverse July 4th Parade. This parade was made up of several town vehicles that drove through town bringing the parade to the residents of Wendell.

Wendell is home to robust "Golf Cart" program which allows citizens to operate registered golf carts in many neighborhoods. Golf Carts operated under the Town's program are required to be registered and inspected annually. The impact of COVID-19 required the department to develop an inspection process that assured safety to everyone while minimizing risk so that the carts could keep on rolling. The plan modifications were pushed out to the community affected to minimize disruptions.

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.

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Administrative Activities

This month Captain Slaughter participated in a meeting with the Triangle J Council of Governments (TJCOG) to identify best practices to recruit new officers and retain officers already on board. In recent years law enforcement has seen a reduction of people wanting to get into the profession. The TJCOG was made aware of this issue and brought local law enforcement agencies within district "J", which includes Wake County together to explore how to change this. The initiative resulted in WRAL being asked to assist with a recruiting campaign that will include recruitment videos and targeted advertising to make those interested in going into law enforcement aware of the agencies that were actively recruiting. Each participating agency will highlight their agencies' goals and achievements to recruit new officers that are in the community college and college system.

In mid-July, Marie Pilotto joined the Police Department as the first ever Accreditation Manager. She will also serve as the primary Evidence Room Manager .

On July 21, 2020, Chief Carter and Accreditation Manager Pilotto attended a virtual get started meeting with our CALEA Program Manager to officially begin onboarding into the process. This allowed CALEA the first opportunity to learn about our Police Department and provide initial direction.

Later in July 2020, Accreditation Manager Pilotto attended the first ever virtual CALEA Conference which was four days of CALEA specific training allowing her to gain a stronger understanding of the process and how to successfully partner with CALEA to achieve successful results. This conference provided participants updates on accreditation standards, discussion on new topics affecting law enforcement and training in the Power DMS system. Many of these courses were recorded which allows the opportunity to review as needed.

The Police Department began on-boarding a web-based application to manage the accreditation process to include police and procedure development and access. Accreditation Manager Pilotto began attending virtual training courses on the best way to use the system to benefit staff and the organization.

Captain Slaughter assisted the Fuquay-Varina Police Department with an assessment center for the position of Captain.