

Wendell Police Department Monthly Report

July 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 July 2021 the Wendell Police Department recorded 263 calls for service as compared to 291 in the same month the previous year.

Top Five Calls for Service Including Self-initiated by Frequency		
Type	Number	% of Total
Traffic Stop	47	17.87%
Traffic Accident	19	7.22%
Talk with Officer	19	7.22%
Suspicious Activity	19	7.22%
Alarm	18	6.84%
Total for top 5	122	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
Traffic Accident	19	7.22%
Talk with Officer	19	7.22%
Suspicious Activity	19	7.22%
Alarm	18	6.84%
Domestic	13	4.94%
Total for top 5	88	33.46%

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 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 8.3 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 2021 the Wendell Police Department filed 32 incident reports as compared to 46 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
Homicide	0	1
ASSAULT OFFENSES	3	28
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	0	0
SEX OFFENSES	0	1
Group Total	3	30
Crimes Against Property	Month	Year to Date
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	1	8
COUNTERFEITINF/FORGERY	0	0
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	3	21
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0
FRAUD OFFENSES	3	24
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	0	0
LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES	7	40
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	0	7
ROBBERY	0	1
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	0	5
Group Total	14	106
Crimes Against Society	Month	Year to Date
ALL OTHER	6	51
DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES	1	21
DWI	5	18
PROSTITUTION OFFENSES	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0
Group Total	12	90

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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 2021 the Wendell Police Department filed 16 motor vehicle crash reports as compared to 15 in the same month the previous year.

Directed Efforts

We continued to monitor Mashburn Rd and Wendell Falls Pkwy.

A speeding concern was brought to our attention on Wendell Falls Pkwy near Landing View. We are monitoring this area as road construction allows.

Patrol officers are conducting increased patrol in and around our construction areas.

Community Engagement Efforts

While traditional community engagement events were curtailed by limitations associated with the COVID 19, there continue to be daily informal opportunities for members of the Police Department to engage our public. We value positive interactions in our everyday tasks and remain committed to them.

Administrative Activities

Chief Carter continues to run Incident Command for the Town's COVID-19 response. While this is not as involved as it was at the onset, remaining up to date with guidelines and serving as a liaison with Wake County officials allows Town Staff to have access to the best available guidance as we continue to work hard to keep our community and staff safe.

Officer Joshua Harper was sworn in on July 19, 2021. Officer Harper has 4 years of law enforcement experience from Crabtree Valley Mall Special Police Department and Wake Med Police Department.

Officer Albin Gashi is a resident of Wendell and wanted to serve his community as a police officer. Officer Gashi attended the Coastal Plains Basic Law Enforcement Training in Wilson. Officer Gashi was sworn in on July 26, 2021.

Captain Slaughter attended a virtual Watch For Me meeting titled Road Design and Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety. This is one of 6 trainings that are required for the Watch For Me NC program that we are a member of and have been for the past 3 years. This training provided tools for analyzing crash data as it pertains to traffic accidents involving pedestrians and bicyclists.