

Wendell Police Department Monthly Report

July 2022



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 2022 the Wendell Police Department recorded 394 calls for service as compared to 263 in the same month the previous year.

Top Five Calls for Service Including Self-initiated by Frequency*		
Type	Number	% of Total
Traffic Stop	54	13.71%
Suspicious Activity	30	7.61%
Talk with Officer	27	6.85%
Traffic Accident	19	4.82%
Check on Welfare	17	4.31%
Total for top 5	147	37.31%

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	30	7.61%
Talk with Officer	27	6.85%
Traffic Accident	19	4.82%
Check on Welfare	17	4.31%
Alarm	17	4.31%
Total for top 5	110	27.92%

*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 7.7 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 2022 the Wendell Police Department filed 47 incident reports as compared to 32 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	1	24
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	0	0
SEX OFFENSES	0	2
Group Total	1	26
Crimes Against Property	Month	Year to Date
Arson	1	1
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	1	15
COUNTERFEITINF/FORGERY	0	0
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	3	27
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	1
FRAUD OFFENSES	5	39
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	0	0
LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES	5	48
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1	3
ROBBERY	1	2
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	1	4
Group Total	18	140
Crimes Against Society	Month	Year to Date
ALL OTHER	8	70
DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES	1	14
DWI	4	25
PROSTITUTION OFFENSES	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0
Group Total	13	109

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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 2022 the Wendell Police Department filed 14 motor vehicle crash reports as compared to 16 in the same month the previous year.

Directed Efforts

The speed trailer was deployed on Marshburn Rd to collect speed data and deter speeding.

The Radar Sign was deployed on Third St near Pine St to collect speed data and deter speeding in the downtown area.

Officers conducted strategic speed enforcement in areas where we have received previous speeding complaints:

- Marshburn Road
- Drift Falls Lane
- Big Falls Drive
- Taylor Road

Community Engagement Efforts

The month of July is a busy one for many families as school is out, the weather is good and travel opportunities abound. While there were no scheduled community outreach events this month, this does not mean the police department did not seek out opportunities to engage the public we serve. Such was the case at the Meet on Main Event held downtown this month. Officers are there to provide event security however it is a wonderful event which gives officers opportunities to interact with people of all ages all while having a little fun.

Administrative Activities

Marie Pilotto and Sgt. Todd Williams attended an evidence technician training at Knightdale Police Department with the Wake County District Attorney's office. This meeting allowed evidence technicians from Wake County agencies to meet directly with the District Attorney's office to discuss discovery needs and the process for disposing of unneeded evidence.

Chief Carter attended the 76th Annual North Carolina Police Executives Training Conference. This multi-day conference included curriculum on current day law enforcement issues including crisis response, use of force response and dealing with line of duty deaths, police liability, and updates from federal, state, and local criminal justice partners.

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Captain Slaughter attended the kick-off meeting for the upcoming Harvest Festival.

Officer Jolly attended Search Warrant Preparation training at Coastal Plains Law Enforcement Training Center. This course teaches officers how to prepare a search warrant that meets all legal requirements to ensure any evidence obtained can be lawfully introduced into court proceedings.

Officer Jeremy Pulley was sworn-in this month and began his field training program.