

# Wendell Police Department Monthly Report

June 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 June 2020 the Wendell Police Department recorded 253 calls for service as compared to 261 in the same month the previous year.

Top Five Calls for Service Including Self-initiated by Frequency		
Type	Number	% of Total
Traffic Stop	29	11.5%
Alarm	25	9.9%
Talk with Officer	23	9.1%
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	14	5.5%
Request for Service	13	5.1%
Total for top 5	104	41.1%

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	25	9.9%
Talk with Officer	23	9.1%
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	14	5.5%
Request for Service	13	5.1%
Domestic	11	4.3%
Total for top 5	86	34.0%

## 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 90<sup>th</sup> 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 June 2020 the Wendell Police Department filed 36 incident reports as compared to 31 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	28
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	1	1
SEX OFFENSES	0	4
<b>Group Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>33</b>
Crimes Against Property	Month	Year to Date
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	2	7
COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY	0	2
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	5	17
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0
FRAUD OFFENSES	6	22
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	0	2
LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES	9	43
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1	4
ROBBERY	1	1
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	0	2
<b>Group Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>100</b>
Crimes Against Society	Month	Year to Date
ALL OTHER	1	63
DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES	1	38
DWI	2	14
PROSTITUTION OFFENSES	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	1
<b>Group Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>116</b>

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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 June 2020 the Wendell Police Department filed 5 motor vehicle crash reports as compared to 9 in the same month the previous year.

## **Directed Efforts**

In May we received a speeding complaint on Wendell Falls Pkwy between Wendell Blvd and Cook 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.

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 were 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.

COVID-19 has impacted what the Police Department considers one of its most important events that it has conducted for the youth of our community. While a lot of research and discussion was held in hopes of creating a meaningful experience for the participants, we collectively concluded that limitations placed on us by orders and recommended practices would holding a meaningful event, we were forced to delay Camp Choices this year. No one at the Police Department was happy about the decision but all recognized it was for the best as our goal is to protect our our community and ourselves in these most unique times.

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## Administrative Activities

This month Officer Eugene Hunt and Officer Scott Wilkerson completed DCI training virtually. This allows the access to the DCI terminal to use while on patrol to conduct state and national criminal justice information inquiries.

Sergeant Gibbs completed three virtual supervisor training courses through the NC League of Municipalities.

Chief Carter continues to head the town's Incident Command for the current State of Emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes participating in meetings, telephone calls and obtaining supplies.

The police department received notification from the Governor's Crime Commission that we were selected to advance in the grant application process. Once we have satisfied specific conditions set forth by the GCC we anticipate the approval to begin purchasing equipment for officers to use in electronic evidence collection.

Chief Carter and Captain Slaughter met with Assistant to the Manager Stephanie Smith to discuss and plan the July 4<sup>th</sup> reverse parade.

Chief Carter conducted a virtual meeting of the Wake Emergency Communications Organization (WACO) Board. Chief Carter serves as the Wake County Law Enforcement representative on the board and as the Chairman of the Board.

Chief Carter and Debbie Cannady met to discuss the police department, its staffing and human resources initiatives in order to allow Debbie to enhance her understanding of our operations so that she may provide the best possible services to the staff and the department.

Chief Carter participated in a meeting between Town Staff and the Chamber of Commerce regarding options for a Harvest Festival in the pandemic environment.