

Wendell Police Department Monthly Report

June 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 June 2021 the Wendell Police Department recorded 232 calls for service as compared to 253 in the same month the previous year.

Top Five Calls for Service Including Self-initiated by Frequency		
Type	Number	% of Total
Suspicious Activity	20	8.62%
Traffic Stop	19	8.19%
Talk with Officer	18	7.76%
Traffic Accident	16	6.90%
Domestic	10	4.31%
Total for top 5	83	35.78%

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	20	8.62%
Talk with Officer	18	7.76%
Traffic Accident	16	6.90%
Domestic	10	4.31%
Alarm	9	3.88%
Total for top 5	73	31.47%

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 8.2 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 2021 the Wendell Police Department filed 26 incident reports as compared to 36 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	1	25
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	0	0
SEX OFFENSES	0	1
Group Total	9	27
Crimes Against Property	Month	Year to Date
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	3	7
COUNTERFEITINF/FORGERY	0	0
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	1	18
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0
FRAUD OFFENSES	1	21
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	0	0
LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES	7	33
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2	7
ROBBERY	0	1
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	1	5
Group Total	10	92
Crimes Against Society	Month	Year to Date
ALL OTHER	6	45
DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES	3	20
DWI	1	13
PROSTITUTION OFFENSES	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0
Group Total	10	78

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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 2021 the Wendell Police Department filed 16 motor vehicle crash reports as compared to 6 in the same month the previous year.

Directed Efforts

Speed data was collected on Daniel Ridge and officers continue to monitor and enforce traffic violations.

We continued to monitor Marshburn Rd and Wendell Falls Pkwy.

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 held its Camp Choices in June, which was exciting for all since we had to cancel last year's camp due to COVID. First started in 2010, the camp is for persons 9 to 12 years of age and is a combination of sports and athletic activities along with interactive programs regarding drug and alcohol prevention, internet safety, and other timely topics. These combined activities are designed to teach teamwork, respect, appreciation for others, self-reliance, and confidence. We had 25 kids participate in our camp which is a reduction in capacity due to COVID guidelines. This was the first year in which we had the opportunity to use the Simulated Impaired Driving Experience equipment we obtained through a generous grant from the Wake County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. Using both an electric cart and a pedal car, campers were able to explore the ability to react and the risk people take when operating vehicles under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

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.

Administrative Activities

Chief Carter continues to run Incident Command for the Town's COVID-19 response. This included reviewing and educating town employees on the new Phase 2.5 issued under an executive order from Governor Cooper. The Town continues to inventory Personal Protective Equipment supplies, as well as review policies to best protect town employees and the public.

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One of our strategic initiatives is to have every officer attend Crisis Intervention Training. This training equips officers with advanced tools and best practices for dealing with individuals who are suffering a mental health crisis. In June, Officer Matthew Taylor completed Crisis Intervention Training at Wake Tech Law Enforcement Training Center. Techniques taught include communication skills to deal with someone facing a mental health crisis and resources that are available.

Officer Taylor Akins attended Police Law Institute at Wake Technical Community College. The goal of this course is to provide the skills necessary to conduct enforcement activities associated with search warrants, warrantless searches, interviews, eyewitness identifications and nontestimonial identification orders and to avoid liability while conducting such activities. The student must participate in class and practical exercises, successfully prepare search warrants and nontestimonial orders.

Captain Slaughter attended a Watch for Me NC training titled Traffic Laws and Enforcement Practices for All. This training provided an update on traffic laws as it pertains to pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists. Additionally, the training provided case studies from other law enforcement agencies on how they have carried out the mission of the Watch for Me NC program.