

Wendell Police Department Monthly Report

March 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 March 2021 the Wendell Police Department recorded 351 calls for service as compared to 304 in the same month the previous year.

Top Five Calls for Service Including Self-initiated by Frequency		
Type	Number	% of Total
Traffic Stop	90	25.64%
Motor Vehicle Accidents	23	6.55%
Talk with Officer	22	6.27%
Alarms	20	5.70%
Domestic	14	3.99%
Total for top 5	169	48.15%

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
Motor Vehicle Accidents	23	6.55%
Talk with Officer	22	6.27%
Alarms	20	5.70%
Domestics	14	3.99%
Parking Violation	8	2.28%
Total for top 5	87	24.79%

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 March 2021 the Wendell Police Department filed 40 incident reports as compared to 42 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	4	12
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	0	0
SEX OFFENSES	0	0
Group Total	4	13
Crimes Against Property	Month	Year to Date
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	4	4
COUNTERFEITINF/FORGERY	0	0
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	2	10
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0
FRAUD OFFENSES	7	13
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	0	0
LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES	5	18
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1	3
ROBBERY	0	0
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	0	3
Group Total	19	51
Crimes Against Society	Month	Year to Date
ALL OTHER	12	29
DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES	4	8
DWI	2	8
PROSTITUTION OFFENSES	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0
Group Total	18	45

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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 March 2021 the Wendell Police Department filed 14 motor vehicle crash reports as compared to 12 in the same month the previous year.

Directed Efforts

We continued to enforce stop sign violations on Big Falls Drive, which continues to be an issue in the area.

We received speeding complaints on both Daniel Ridge and Mill Station involving both commercial and private vehicles. Officers have been conducting directed patrols and enforcing traffic laws. Additionally, contact was made with NCSHP to assist in enforcing commercial motor vehicle violations.

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 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.

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.

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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The recruitment team held their second meeting this month. The team continues to be supported by Human Resources Administrator Debby Cannady. The recruitment team narrowed down the ideas that were developed from the first meeting in an effort to utilize the most valuable tools to improve recruitment. Design for a brochure was initiated created and an outline for the recruitment action plan was formed. The recruitment team plans to meet again in May.

In January 2021 the police department applied for a bicycle helmet grant through the NCDOT. We received notification in March that we were awarded 25 bicycle helmets that we can distribute to under privileged children. Once the helmets are received, we will work on a community event to meet this goal.

In January 2021 the police department re-applied to the Watch for Me NC program. In March we received notification that we will continue to be a participant in this program. The program is designed to reduce pedestrian and bicycle injuries and deaths and includes public education, community engagement, and high visibility law enforcement. As COVID restrictions lessen the police department will plan on holding community events and strategic enforcement to promote bicycle and pedestrian safety.

Officer Jolly attended Surviving Deadly Force Encounters training at Wake Tech Law Enforcement Training Center. This course gave officers the tools and resources when facing a deadly force encounter, including resources for after the event.

Officers Akins, Hunt, Jolly and Squires attended Crisis Intervention Training at Wake Tech Law Enforcement Training Center. This course teaches officers best practices for dealing with persons suffering a mental illness crisis. Techniques taught include communication skills to deal with someone facing a mental health crisis, exposure to resources available and physical techniques to reduce potential for escalation and subsequent risk to staff of persons in crisis.

Officers Hunt and Modetz attended Drug Enforcement for Patrol Officers at Coastal Plains Law Enforcement Training Center. This course educates officers on current drug trends and investigative techniques to use while on patrol.