

# Wendell Police Department Monthly Report

March 2023



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 2023 the Wendell Police Department recorded 433 calls for service as compared to 554 in the same month the previous year.

| Top Five Calls for Service Including Self-initiated by Frequency* |        |            |
|---|--------|------------|
| Type  | Number | % of Total |
| Traffic Stop  | 64     | 14.78%     |
| Talk with Officer   | 39     | 9.01%      |
| Traffic Accidents   | 23     | 5.31%      |
| Check on Welfare  | 21     | 4.85%      |
| Suspicious Activity   | 17     | 3.93%      |
| Total for top 5   | 164    | 37.88%     |

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 |
| Talk with Officer                                   | 39     | 9.01%      |
| Traffic Accidents                                   | 23     | 5.31%      |
| Check on Welfare                                    | 21     | 4.85%      |
| Suspicious Activity                                 | 17     | 3.93%      |
| Domestic  | 14     | 3.23%      |
| Total for top 5                                     | 114    | 26.33%     |

\*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 90<sup>th</sup> percentile response time for this month is 6.3 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 March 2023 the Wendell Police Department filed 44 incident reports as compared to 63 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             | 7         | 19           |
| KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION         | 0         | 0            |
| SEX OFFENSES                 | 0         | 1            |
| <b>Group Total</b>           | <b>7</b>  | <b>20</b>    |
| Crimes Against Property      | Month     | Year to Date |
| BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING | 1         | 1            |
| COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY       | 0         | 0            |
| ARSON                        | 0         | 1            |
| DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM | 1         | 7            |
| EMBEZZLEMENT                 | 0         | 0            |
| FRAUD OFFENSES               | 3         | 5            |
| EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL          | 0         | 0            |
| LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES       | 8         | 10           |
| MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT          | 2         | 2            |
| ROBBERY                      | 1         | 2            |
| STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES     | 0         | 0            |
| <b>Group Total</b>           | <b>16</b> | <b>28</b>    |
| Crimes Against Society       | Month     | Year to Date |
| ALL OTHER                    | 12        | 20           |
| DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES      | 2         | 5            |
| DWI                          | 8         | 12           |
| PROSTITUTION OFFENSES        | 0         | 0            |
| PORNOGRAPHY/OBSCENE MATERIAL | 0         | 0            |
| <b>Group Total</b>           | <b>22</b> | <b>37</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 March 2023 the Wendell Police Department filed 24 motor vehicle crash reports as compared to 15 in the same month the previous year.

## **Directed Efforts**

The speed trailer was deployed at Taylor Road near Martin Pond to collect speed data from both directions.

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

- Drift Falls Lane
- Big Falls Drive
- Daniel Ridge Road
- Taylor Road
- Edgemont Rd

## **Community Engagement Efforts**

The Wendell Police Department conducted a safety talk and Q&A session at the Encore subdivision. This is one of the newer sections of Wendell Falls and residents wanted to have the opportunity to learn more about our agency and safety tips.

## **Administrative Activities**

Captain Slaughter, Lt. Loy and Sgt. Taylor attended Supervisor Leadership Training hosted by FBI LEEDA. This course teaches first line supervisors leadership strategies to effectively lead. This course completed the FBI LEEDA Trilogy for Captain Slaughter.

Officer Squires attended Social Media Investigations at Johnston Community College.

Sergeant Williams attended Latent Print Comparison course, which will help him towards his Criminal Investigator Certification through Coastal Plains Law Enforcement Training Center.

Chief Carter attended the Quarterly NC State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) as the primary representative for the NC Association of Chiefs of Police. SIEC serves as the State Emergency Response Commission subject matter experts on interoperable communication matters and is its primary point of contact and leadership for all operable and interoperable communication projects.