

Wendell Police Department Monthly Report

May 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 May 2020 the Wendell Police Department recorded 264 calls for service as compared to 240 in the same month the previous year.

Top Five Calls for Service Including Self-initiated by Frequency		
Type	Number	% of Total
Traffic Stop	52	19.7%
Talk With Officer	21	8.0%
Suspicious Person	17	6.4%
Alarm	17	6.4%
Foot Patrol	16	6.1%
Total for top 5	123	46.6%

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	21	8.0%
Suspicious Person	17	6.4%
Alarm/Burglar/Residential	17	6.4%
Check On Welfare	15	5.7%
Domestic	15	5.7%
Total for top 5	85	32.2%

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 7.1 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 May 2020 the Wendell Police Department filed 35 incident reports as compared to 33 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	24
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	0	0
SEX OFFENSES	0	4
Group Total	4	28
Crimes Against Property	Month	Year to Date
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	1	5
COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY	0	2
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	2	12
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0
FRAUD OFFENSES	5	16
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	0	2
LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES	9	34
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	0	3
ROBBERY	0	0
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	1	2
Group Total	18	76
Crimes Against Society	Month	Year to Date
ALL OTHER	7	62
DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES	10	37
DWI	2	12
PROSTITUTION OFFENSES	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	1	1
Group Total	20	112

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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 May 2020 the Wendell Police Department filed 8 motor vehicle crash reports as compared to 14 in the same month the previous year.

Directed Efforts

In May we received a speeding complaint on Third St between Cypress St and Main 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.

At the end of May, the radar sign was moved to Wendell Falls Pkwy in between Wendell Blvd and the railroad tracks to capture speed data. The department has received information that drivers were speeding on this stretch of road.

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. The Police Department worked closely with Wake County Emergency Operations to determine if a business operation or activity was allowable. 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. Equally important was the effort to provide business owners updates if the status of their operation changed which in some cases meant a business was able to be told they were able to open.

COVID-19 impacted what is certainly one of the best days for the Police Department – Public Safety Day. Typically held on the first Saturday in May, we were forced to postpone to event as the pandemic continued to impact our ability to

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have close contact with the community we serve. 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.

Administrative Activities

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 continued completion of State mandated in-service training through the North Carolina Justice Academy online training portal. Law Enforcement officers are required to complete 24 hours of in-service training in 2020.

Captain Slaughter participated in a Watch for Me NC webinar. The Wendell Police Department is a partner of the Watch for Me Program, which focuses on educating the public on pedestrian and bicyclist safety through education and enforcement. The webinar updated stakeholders on laws pertaining to pedestrian and bicycle safety and programs to educate citizens.

Captain Slaughter participated in a Zoom meeting with The Capital Area MPO ([CAMPO](#)) in a small group interview for the *Northeast Area Study Update* (NEAS Update). The NEAS Update is an update to the original 2014 Northeast Area Study that looked at land use and transportation needs in the study area which covers parts of Wake and Franklin Counties, as well as all or parts of the municipalities of Bunn, Franklinton, Knightdale, Raleigh, Rolesville, Wake Forest, Wendell, Youngsville, and Zebulon. All municipalities, along with the N.C. Dept. of Transportation, are partners in the study. This update will produce recommendations across all transportation modes, as well as refresh policies and priorities that may have evolved since the original study.