

# Wendell Police Department Monthly Report

May 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 May 2021 the Wendell Police Department recorded 293 calls for service as compared to 264 in the same month the previous year.

Top Five Calls for Service Including Self-initiated by Frequency		
Type	Number	% of Total
Traffic Stop	34	11.60%
Alarms	26	8.87%
Domestic	22	7.51%
Suspicious Activity	15	5.12%
Assist Other Agency/Motorist	12	4.10%
Total for top 5	109	37.20%

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
Alarms	26	8.87%
Domestic	22	7.51%
Suspicious Activity	15	5.12%
Assist Other Agency/Motorist	12	4.10%
Check on Welfare	12	4.10%
Total for top 5	87	29.69%

## 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 8 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 2021 the Wendell Police Department filed 36 incident reports as compared to 35 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	9	24
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	0	0
SEX OFFENSES	0	1
<b>Group Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>26</b>
Crimes Against Property	Month	Year to Date
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	0	4
COUNTERFEITINF/FORGERY	0	0
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	3	17
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0
FRAUD OFFENSES	2	20
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	0	0
LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES	6	26
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	0	5
ROBBERY	0	1
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	0	4
<b>Group Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>77</b>
Crimes Against Society	Month	Year to Date
ALL OTHER	5	39
DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES	4	17
DWI	0	12
PROSTITUTION OFFENSES	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0
<b>Group Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>68</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 May 2021 the Wendell Police Department filed 6 motor vehicle crash reports as compared to 8 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 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**

This month Officer Hanks and Sergeant Gibbs spoke with the entire Third Grade (79 students) at Cardinal Charter School. They spoke about the police departments role in the realm of Local Government. The students had the opportunity to ask questions and explore the police vehicles.

Sgt. Gibbs and Officer Hanks presentation to the third graders a Cardinal Charter School was such a success that they returned on June 9 along with Wendell Fire and participated in Cardinal Charter Academy at Wendell Falls' Public Servant Day. They did a Q&A with the grade levels and showed them our vehicles/equipment. They reached over 600 students both in person and virtually.

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.

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## **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.

Captain Slaughter attended a Watch for Me NC training titled, Safe Systems Approach and Why Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Matters. This is the first of 6 trainings required by the Watch for Me NC program. This training discussed the mission of the program and examples of successful initiatives for partnering agencies.

Officer Akins and Officer Hunt attended Radar Operator School at Wake Technical Community College. This is a week long school that teaches officers how to use the radar to capture a vehicle's speed. This course includes lecture, in the field training and a state exam. Once they successfully passed the state exam they will have to ride with a certified radar operator and demonstrate their proficiency with the radar for several hours.

Officer Hunt attended Patrol Rifle School at Johnston Community College. This course teaches officers how to operate a rifle through lecture and practical exercises on the range.

Investigator Williams attended Case Management training at Coastal Plains Law Enforcement Training Center. This course teaches officers how to organize their criminal case assignments, manage contact with the complainants and maintain a documented progression of the criminal investigation.

Chief Carter attended the NC Association of Chiefs of Police Training Conference in Cherokee. Training topic included crisis communications, building relationship, legislative updates, clear your name hearing for personnel, and risk management and cyber attacks. This was also an opportunity to meet with other chiefs from across the state and discuss matters affecting municipal agencies as well as to attend a vendor show to assess new equipment and resources available to law enforcement agencies.