

Wendell Police Department

Monthly Report

November 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 November 2020 the Wendell Police Department recorded 263 calls for service as compared to 351 in the same month the previous year.

Top Five Calls for Service Including Self-initiated by Frequency		
Type	Number	% of Total
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	24	9.13%
Domestic	21	7.98%
Motor Vehicle Accidents	20	7.60%
Traffic Stop	18	6.84%
Foot Patrol	17	6.46%
Total for top 5	100	38.02%

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 Person/Vehicle	24	9.13%
Domestic	21	7.98%
Motor Vehicle Accidents	20	7.60%
Alarm	15	5.70%
Talk with Officer	14	5.32%
Total for top 5	94	35.74%

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 8.3 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 November 2020 the Wendell Police Department filed 47 incident reports as compared to 34 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	6	48
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	0	2
SEX OFFENSES	0	5
Group Total	6	55
Crimes Against Property	Month	Year to Date
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	2	20
COUNTERFEITINF/FORGERY	0	4
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	4	31
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0
FRAUD OFFENSES	6	38
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	0	0
LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES	11	73
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1	10
ROBBERY	2	4
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	0	3
Group Total	26	185
Crimes Against Society	Month	Year to Date
ALL OTHER	13	112
DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES	5	59
DWI	6	38
PROSTITUTION OFFENSES	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	1
Group Total	24	210

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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 November 2020 the Wendell Police Department filed 19 motor vehicle crash reports as compared to 20 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 have spoken with residents about things they can do as community to assist with this issue.

We received a complaint on Trumpet Vine Ct. We have visually monitored this area due it being a cul-de-sac.

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.

This year the police department purchased a powered go kart and pedal go kart through a Wake ABC grant. These carts are part of the Simulated Impaired Driving Simulator(SIDNE) that allows kids the ability to experience different levels of impairment to teach them the dangers of impaired driving. This week officers participated in a training from the

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company that teaches officers how to set up the driving course, instruct kids participating in the simulation and gives tips to officers teaching the lesson on the dangers of impaired driving.

Accreditation Manager Marie Pilotto began training officers on the purpose of accreditation, expectations and how to use Power DMS, which is the computerize policy management system. Once all officers have been trained, Marie will begin sending electronic policy updates through the Power DMS system.

Officer Raymond Jolly attended Police Law Institute at Coastal Plains Law Enforcement Training Center. 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. Officers attending this course must complete practical exercises and pass an examine.