

Wendell Police Department Monthly Report

October 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 October 2021 the Wendell Police Department recorded 365 calls for service as compared to 249 in the same month the previous year.

Top Five Calls for Service Including Self-initiated by Frequency		
Type	Number	% of Total
Traffic Stop	85	23.29%
Alarm	33	9.04%
Suspicious Activity	25	6.85%
Traffic Accident	16	4.38%
Assist Motorist/Agency	15	4.11%
Total for top 5	174	47.67%

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
Alarm	33	9.04%
Suspicious Activity	25	6.85%
Traffic Accident	16	4.38%
Assist Motorist/Agency	15	4.11%
Request for Service	14	3.84%
Total for top 5	103	28.22%

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 7.9 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 October 2021 the Wendell Police Department filed 35 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	1	35
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	0	0
SEX OFFENSES	0	1
Group Total	1	37
Crimes Against Property	Month	Year to Date
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	2	12
COUNTERFEITINF/FORGERY	0	0
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	2	28
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0
FRAUD OFFENSES	1	27
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	0	0
LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES	3	58
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	0	11
ROBBERY	1	2
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	0	8
Group Total	9	146
Crimes Against Society	Month	Year to Date
ALL OTHER	9	88
DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES	5	32
DWI	5	30
Liquor Offenses	0	1
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0
Group Total	19	151

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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 October 2021 the Wendell Police Department filed 20 motor vehicle crash reports as compared to 15 in the same month the previous year.

Directed Efforts

We continued to monitor Marshburn Rd and enforce traffic violations.

The Radar Trailer was deployed on Towne Square Rd for two weeks to collect speed data.

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A speed complaint involving a particular violator at Marshburn Rd and Wendell Blvd was resolved.

Patrol officers are conducting increased patrol in and around our construction areas.

Community Engagement Efforts

Sgt. Wall read a book and spoke to kids at the East Wake Education Center. Sgt. Wall answered questions from the kids and let them look at his patrol car.

The 93rd Harvest Festival was held at the beginning of the month. While the Department is focused on the safety and security of participants, it is also a wonderful opportunity to interact with the people we serve in a fun and engaging manner. While this event makes for a long day for our staff, as it does with pretty much everyone involved, it is extremely rewarding and gives us a chance to have a little different fun and enjoyment as we work.

At the end of the month, staff participated in supporting the Parks and Recreation Treat Trail. From helping to set up the vendors to having our pictures taken with some creatively dressed kids (and even a few adults), we see events such as this as opportunities to reach out and further connect to not only our residents but to visitors that come to town for an exciting evening.

Administrative Activities

Chief Carter continues to run Incident Command for the Town's COVID-19 response. While this is not as involved as it was at the onset, remaining up to date with guidelines and serving as a liaison with Wake County officials allows Town Staff to have access to the best available guidance as we continue to work hard to keep our community and staff safe.

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Captain Slaughter attended a Regional Recruitment Partnership meeting hosted by the TJCOG. Our agency has partnered with the TJCOG for several years to learn best practices for recruiting top talent. Several agencies within this partnership have shared their initiatives with recruiting. We will continue to attend these meetings to help develop our recruitment plan.

Officers McGhee and Squires attended Body Language and Behavioral Recognition at Wake Tech. This course teaches officers how to read body language cues, as well as changes in behavior to assist with investigations and enhance safety of all parties.

Officers Gashi and Harper both successfully completed their field training program. This is a 14 week long program for newly hired officers that prepares them to serve the Town of Wendell in a solo assignment. There is a lot of structured and documented training that takes place in this 14 week program and officers must pass several phases in order to be released from field training to a solo assignment.