

Wendell Police Department Monthly Report

September 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 September 2020 the Wendell Police Department recorded 388 calls for service as compared to 378 in the same month the previous year.

Top Five Calls for Service Including Self-initiated by Frequency		
Type	Number	% of Total
Traffic Stop	50	12.89%
Talk with Officer	26	6.70%
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	24	6.19%
Alarm	23	5.93%
Domestic	12	3.09%
Total for top 5	135	34.79%

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	26	6.70%
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	24	6.19%
Alarm	23	5.93%
Domestic	12	3.09%
MV Accident	12	3.09%
Total for top 5	97	25.00%

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 8.7 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 September 2020 the Wendell Police Department filed 31 incident reports as compared to 29 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	41
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	1	2
SEX OFFENSES	0	5
Group Total	5	48
Crimes Against Property	Month	Year to Date
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	4	14
COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY	1	4
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	1	22
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0
FRAUD OFFENSES	1	28
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	0	0
LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES	3	56
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	3	7
ROBBERY	0	1
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	1	3
Group Total	14	137
Crimes Against Society	Month	Year to Date
ALL OTHER	7	95
DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES	2	52
DWI	1	27
PROSTITUTION OFFENSES	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	1
Group Total	10	175

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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 September 2020 the Wendell Police Department filed 11 motor vehicle crash reports as compared to 19 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.

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.

Chief Carter participated in the Wake County Law Enforcement Executives meeting, which is held quarterly. This meeting includes all Wake county law enforcement agencies in addition to the Wake County District Attorney's Office. These meetings serve as a way for local law enforcement agencies to network and discuss important topics affecting Wake County. During this meeting, the District Attorney's office discussed new software systems that will be implemented in by the end of the year to upgrade the State's current warrant system and e-citation system.

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Chief Carter, Sergeants Hare and Loy and Accreditation Manager Pilotto attended NC League of Municipalities sponsored virtual training on Responding to Resistance: De-Escalation and Decision-Making for Law Enforcement. The focus of this training was at the policy making level and was a valuable opportunity as the Police Department continues to review its policies and procedures as a part of the accreditation process.

Captain Slaughter participated in the virtual Governor's Crime Commission (GCC) Grant Award Workshop, which is a required condition for the GCC grant. The workshop provided important information as our agency begins to spend funds from the grant, as well as using the Grant Management System, which is used for documenting items purchased from the approved budget as well as reimbursement once the grant funds are spent and proper documentation is uploaded into the system.

During the month, the police depart conducted interviews to fill vacant oppositions. Representative from across the department participate in these interviews to provide a broad perspective as we strive to hire the most suitable individuals that can serve our growing community.

All speed measuring radars were recertified, which is required annually. The agency uses an outside business that specializes in recertifying the radars.