

Wendell Police Department Monthly Report

September 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 September 2021 the Wendell Police Department recorded 357 calls for service as compared to 388 in the same month the previous year.

Top Five Calls for Service Including Self-initiated by Frequency		
Type	Number	% of Total
Traffic Stop	73	20.45%
Suspicious Activity	22	6.16%
Alarm	20	5.60%
Break-In Vehicle	17	4.76%
Traffic Accident	15	4.20%
Total for top 5	147	41.18%

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 Activity	22	6.16%
Alarm	20	5.60%
Break-In Vehicle	17	4.76%
Traffic Accident	15	4.20%
Larceny	11	3.08%
Total for top 5	85	23.81%

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 6.9 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 September 2021 the Wendell Police Department filed 54 incident reports as compared to 31 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	34
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	0	0
SEX OFFENSES	0	1
Group Total	1	36
Crimes Against Property	Month	Year to Date
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	2	10
COUNTERFEITINF/FORGERY	0	0
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	2	26
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0
FRAUD OFFENSES	1	26
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	0	0
LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES	11	55
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	4	11
ROBBERY	0	1
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	3	8
Group Total	23	137
Crimes Against Society	Month	Year to Date
ALL OTHER	21	79
DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES	1	27
DWI	3	25
Liquor Offenses	0	1
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0
Group Total	25	132

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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 2021 the Wendell Police Department filed 15 motor vehicle crash reports as compared to 11 in the same month the previous year.

Directed Efforts

We continued to monitor Marshburn Rd and enforce traffic violations.

The new Radar Trailer continued to be deployed at the entrance of the Community Center to monitor speeding on Third St, which is where we received a speeding complaint.

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

Community Engagement Efforts

Captain Slaughter set up a Watch for Me NC information booth at the Wendell Farmers Market. Captain Slaughter was able to speak to citizens about safety tips for pedestrian and bicycle safety.

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.

Captain Slaughter attended a virtual Watch For Me meeting titled Communications Around Bicyclists and Pedestrian Safety. This is one of 6 trainings that are required for the Watch For Me NC program that we are a member of and have been for the past 3 years. This training covered best practices for using different forms of communication to reach all the stakeholders our jurisdiction to pass along this important information.

Chief Carter attended the Raleigh Wake Emergency Communications Center Wake Emergency Communications Organization (WECO) Meeting. This group serves in an advisor capacity to the Director of the 911 Center and represents the various disciplines utilizing its services. Chief Carter serves as the chair of this group.

Staff was heavily engaged in preparation for the Harvest Festival. A significant amount of planning goes into this event and the Department works closely with other Town Departments and the staff at the Chamber of Commerce to develop a security operations plan that focuses on everyone having a safe and enjoyable experience.

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One of our strategic goals is to have every officer attend Crisis Intervention Training to equip officers with best practices for dealing with individuals who are suffering a mental health crisis. In September, Officer Trevor McGhee and Officer Lenward Hanks completed Crisis Intervention Training Training at Wake Tech Law Enforcement Training Center. This course teaches officers best practices for dealing with persons suffering a mental illness crisis. Techniques taught include communication skills to deal with someone facing a mental health crisis and resources that are available.