

Wendell Police Department Monthly Report

September 2019



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 August 2019 the Wendell Police Department recorded 378 calls for service as compared to 448 in the same month the previous year.

Top Five Calls for Service Including Self-initiated by Frequency		
Type	Number	% of Total
Traffic Stop	121	32.0%
Motor Vehicle Collision	21	5.6%
Alarm	17	4.5%
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Activity	16	4.2%
Domestic	15	4.0%
Total for top 5	190	50.3%

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
Motor Vehicle Collision	21	5.6%
Alarm	17	4.5%
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Activity	16	4.2%
Domestic	15	4.0%
Talk with Officer	14	3.7%
Total for top 5	83	22.0%

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 6.4 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 2019 the Wendell Police Department filed 29 incident reports as compared to 30 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	3	14
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	0	1
SEX OFFENSES	0	3
Group Total	3	19
Crimes Against Property	Month	Year to Date
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	1	14
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	1	30
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	1
FRAUD OFFENSES	4	15
LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES	6	43
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2	7
ROBBERY	0	1
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	0	3
Group Total	14	114
Crimes Against Society	Month	Year to Date
ALL OTHER	1	62
DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES	9	75
DWI	4	35
PROSTITUTION OFFENSES	0	1
Group Total	14	173

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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 2019 the Wendell Police Department filed 19 motor vehicle crash reports as compared to 8 in the same month the previous year.

Directed Efforts

We received both speeding and stop sign violation complaints on Big Falls Dr. The radar sign was installed on Big Falls to capture speed data. Additionally, officers worked several of the intersections along Big Falls Dr to address to the stop sign complaints.

We received a complaint of people running the stop sign at Mattox St and Hollybrook. Officers observed this location and enforced violations.

Community Engagement Efforts

The Police Department was scheduled to participate in a multi-jurisdictional outreach initiative at East Wake Academy during the month, however a real-world emergency resulted in a school lock-down which cancelled the event.

While working security for the inaugural Meet on Main, officers took the opportunity to interact with attendees, answer questions and enjoy the event.

Administrative Activities

This month officers attended off site training on Law Enforcement on Responding to and Investigating Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking, Property Room Management, and Search Warrant Prep for Major Crimes. Additional state mandated in-service training on blood-borne pathogens and Professorial Leadership was provided to officers.

The Police Department deployed its new handguns and duty gear in the first week of the month. The equipment was obtained at no cost through a grant provided through the Governor's Crime Commission.

A grant proposal was submitted to Wake County ABC for continued funding for the Camp Choices program and expansion of the Fatal Vision initiative.

The Police Department was treated to lunch by CBS Channel 17 as part of the CBS Cares initiative to support first responders across its viewing area.