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Driving While Impaired Checkpoint Results

On Saturday, September 14, 2013, the Wendell Police Department hosted a multi-agency Driving While Impaired Checkpoint which resulted in 27 charges including one count of driving while impaired. Additionally, two persons were arrested on outstanding warrants.

The checkpoint, which started at 9:00 p.m., occurred in the 900 block of Wendell Boulevard and was staffed by members of the Wake County Traffic Safety Task Force. Agencies assisting the Wendell Police Department included the Wake County Sheriff's Office and police departments from Raleigh, Wake Forest and Zebulon. A BAT (Breath Alcohol Testing) Mobile Unit was provided by the Forensic Tests for Alcohol Branch of the North Carolina Department of Public Health and allowed for on-scene processing of violators charged with driving while impaired. Additionally the Wake County Magistrate's Office provided a magistrate to process persons arrested thereby reducing the amount of time the officers were off their assignments. Mothers Against Drunk Driving members were also present to provide refreshments and support.

In addition to the driving while impaired arrests, other charges included four misdemeanor drug violations, nine charges of having no operator's license, five charges of driving while license revoked, one child safety seat violation, three open container violations, one charge of misdemeanor child abuse, two seat belt violations, and 3 charges for other traffic offense.

Wendell Police Chief Bill Carter said the Wake County Traffic Safety Task Force conducts these checkpoints across the county as a means of deterring motorists from operating vehicles while impaired. Chief Carter said: "Law Enforcement agencies, working in a coordinated effort, conduct these checkpoints on a routine basis as they work to make our highways and communities safer. It is our hope that we accomplish this goal as it will reduce the risk of death and injury to persons using our roadways."

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