

Wendell Police Department Monthly Report

January 2022



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 January 2022 the Wendell Police Department recorded 458 calls for service as compared to 225 in the same month the previous year.

Top Five Calls for Service Including Self-initiated by Frequency		
Type	Number	% of Total
Traffic Stop	74	16.16%
Motor Vehicle Accidents	21	4.59%
Alarms	17	3.71%
Suspicious Activity	15	3.28%
Break-in Vehicle	11	2.40%
Total for top 5	138	30.13%

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 Accidents	21	4.59%
Alarms	17	3.71%
Suspicious Activity	15	3.28%
Break-in Vehicle	11	2.40%
Larceny	6	1.31%
Total for top 5	70	15.28%

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 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 January 2022 the Wendell Police Department filed 42 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 (Calendar Year)

Crimes Against Persons	Month	Year to Date
ASSAULT OFFENSES	4	4
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	0	0
SEX OFFENSES	0	0
Group Total	4	4
Crimes Against Property	Month	Year to Date
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	1	1
COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY	0	0
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	2	2
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0
FRAUD OFFENSES	5	5
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	0	0
LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES	12	12
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	0	0
ROBBERY	0	0
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	1	1
Group Total	21	21
Crimes Against Society	Month	Year to Date
ALL OTHER	8	8
DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES	2	2
DWI	5	5
PROSTITUTION OFFENSES	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0
Group Total	15	15

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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 January 2022 the Wendell Police Department filed 20 motor vehicle crash reports as compared to 13 in the same month the previous year.

Directed Efforts

The Radar Trailer was deployed on Elk Falls Drive for two weeks to collect speed data.

Officers have been conducting directed patrol at Marshburn Rd and Wendell Blvd to address speeding concerns of vehicles as they turn onto Marshburn Rd from Wendell Blvd.

Officers conducted directed patrol at several traffic concerns that we have had in the past to continue a presence in those areas.

Community Engagement Efforts

The police department partnered with Publix Grocery Store on their campaign to raise money for the North Carolina Special Olympics Torch Run. January of every year, Publix has dedicated their efforts to raise money for this importance cause. Law enforcement agencies across North Carolina raise money for the NC Special Olympics throughout the year and organize the annual torch run. Wendell officers represented our agency at our local Publix to celebrate those that donate to this important cause.

Administrative Activities

The police department officially received notification from the Governor's Crime Commission that we can begin purchasing computer equipment for the Criminal Justice Improvement grant we applied for in January 2021. This grant allows our agency to purchase new laptops, docking stations and associate equipment at no cost to the town as well as expand our remote access to core town networks. We are in the process of updating quotes on equipment and will begin purchasing once they have been received.

Sgt. Matthew Taylor attended Standardized Field Sobriety Refresher training, which is a review for officers wanting to refresh their skills. Standardized Field Sobriety Training gives officers the tools to determine if a driver is impaired and helps develop probable cause to arrest if results of the test determine impairment.

Chief Carter and Captain Slaughter attended a meeting with Enterprise to discuss the police department's fleet needs as part of the lease program.

Captain Slaughter assisted Zebulon Police Department with Subject Control and Arrest Techniques Training. This training provides officers with State approved techniques for controlling and arresting suspects that are either cooperative or resistant.

Chief Carter and Accreditation Manager Pilotto conducted a mid-point assessment conference with our CALEA Program Manager to ensure that we are tracking consistently in terms of police development and proof of compliance to ensure we will be on target for our on-site assessment. Our schedule to roll out all applicable policies and directives in the next few months and start collecting associated proofs keeps will allow us to meet that timeline.