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Driving While Impaired Checkpoint Results

On Saturday, November 14, 2015, the Wendell Police Department hosted a multi-agency Driving While Impaired Checkpoint which resulted in 39 charges including one count of driving while impaired.

The checkpoint, which started at 10:00 p.m., occurred in the 2400 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 North Carolina State Highway Patrol, Wake County Sheriff's Office and police departments from Garner, Holly Springs, Raleigh, Rolesville, 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 Raleigh/Wake City-County Bureau of Identification provided assistance with processing arrestees and the Wake County Magistrate's Office provided a magistrate to process persons arrested thereby reducing the amount of time 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 arrest, other charges included five misdemeanor drug violations, fourteen charges of having no operator's license, four charges of driving while license revoked, one alcohol violation, three charges for no insurance, three charges for expired registration, three inspection violations and five charges for other traffic offenses.

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: "While Law Enforcement agencies work in a coordinated effort and conduct these checkpoints across the county to make our roads safer, it is critical that our citizens assist us and report any potential hazardous driving so that we can investigate. As we enter into the holiday seasons, each of us should remember that we share the responsibility to make the roads as safe as possible. Impaired drivers are a threat to each and every one of us."

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