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Driving While Impaired Checkpoint Results

On Friday, March 22, 2013, the Wendell Police Department hosted a multi-agency Driving While Impaired Checkpoint which resulted in 58 charges including four counts of driving while impaired.

The checkpoint, which started at 9 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, the Wake County Sheriff's Department and police departments from Cary, Fuquay-Varina, Garner, Knightdale, 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 the Wake County Magistrates 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 two felony drug violations, nine misdemeanor drug violation, 14 charges of having no operator's license, five charges of driving while license revoked, two child safety seat violations, three seat belt violations, four open container violations, one charge of possession of stolen property, one charge of aiding and abetting driving while impaired and 13 charges for other offenses. Additionally seven outstanding warrants were served and a stolen firearm was recovered.

Wendell Police Chief Bill Carter said the primary purpose of DWI Checkpoints such as the one held Friday Night is to deter motorists from operating vehicles while impaired. "The strategic partnerships that exist among law enforcement in Wake County allow us to support one another in the common goal of making our streets and highways safer for everyone," said Chief Carter.

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