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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### Driving While Impaired Checkpoint Results

On Friday, August 26, 2016, the Wendell Police Department hosted a multi-agency Driving While Impaired Checkpoint which resulted in 36 charges including two counts of driving while impaired.

The checkpoint, which started at 8:00 pm, 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 Apex, Cary Fuquay-Varina, Garner, Morrisville, 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 two driving while impaired arrests, other charges included one felony drug violation, three misdemeanor drug violations, seventeen charges of having no operator's license, three charges of driving while license revoked, five charges for expired registration, two inspection violations and two charges for seatbelt violations and one charge 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. This particular checkpoint was scheduled to coincide with the statewide "Labor Day Booze it & Lose it" campaign that runs from August 19 through September 5. Chief Carter said: "Coordinated checkpoints such as the one that occurred Friday night are critical in making our roads safer. Checkpoints are not the only solution as motorists must be vigilant and willing to report any driving or other behavior which might place anyone in harm's way."

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