



CONCORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

RADAR EQUIPMENT USE

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04.04.0 **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this General Order is to establish policies and procedures for control, assignment, and use of the department's radar equipment.

04.04.1 **LOCATION ASSIGNMENTS**

- A. Criteria for determining radar location assignments will be history of accidents, complaints from the public, and the field supervisor's or officer's knowledge of traffic conditions.
- B. Only personnel with valid certification in use of speed detection devices shall operate same. All speed devices are to be set up in clear view of motoring public unless assigned otherwise.
- C. Officer using a radar unit will be responsible for following proper operating procedures for the radar unit being used.
- D. Individuals using radar equipment shall be held accountable for its use according to the Department procedure regarding equipment. Individuals assigned radar equipment shall be responsible for damaged or missing parts which result from negligence.
- E. Operators of radar equipment may issue a warning, but shall not issue a traffic citation to any violator detected to be operating a vehicle less than five miles an hour in excess of the posted speed limit.
- F. The radar trailer should be used as often as possible in areas where citizens are complaining of vehicles speeding. A request for use of the radar trailer must come through the traffic safety supervisor. The traffic safety supervisor shall assist the requesting supervisor on how to set up the trailer.

04.04.2 **MAINTENANCE OF RADAR EQUIPMENT**

- A. Upon the discovery that radar equipment parts are missing or that the equipment is not functioning properly, the commanding officer shall tag the equipment. The tag shall note the nature of the trouble, the time, and the date.

- B. Command or supervisory staff shall complete a service request form for radar unit that is not functioning properly and submit it to the Strategic Safety Squad.



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