



SYKESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Radar Display Speed Trailer Policy

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Authorized By: *Michael A. Spaulding* Chief of Police

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide standard operating procedures for the use of the Department's Radar Display Speed Trailer.

II. POLICY

The Sykesville Police Department will make use of a Radar Display Speed Trailer in order to be more responsive and efficient when it comes to speeding complaints and the deployment of personnel to conduct speed enforcement within town limits.

III. PROCEDURES

A. Speed Trailer-Deployment

1. The speed trailer will be deployed on a daily basis to assist with public awareness and compliance. The speed trailer will not be deployed during inclement weather, to include high winds, steady rain, snow, sleet or ice. Consideration should be given to the safe placement of the trailer, avoiding conditions that may be hazardous to traffic and/or the trailer.
2. The speed trailer will be recharged for 24-hours once every three days (72 hours).
3. The Radar Display Speed Trailer Operators (RDSTO) on each group will be responsible for ensuring the deployment and recharging of the speed trailer. Assistance with towing and/or any mechanical issues shall be the responsibility of the Special Projects Coordinator for the Town of Sykesville.
4. The RDSTO's will ensure that all SPD personnel are made aware of the location of the speed trailer deployments via email or Memo in order to conduct regular patrol checks of the equipment. These patrol checks will be documented on a Call for Service in the Interact System.
5. The Speed Trailer Deployment Reports will be submitted to the Chief of Police after each deployment. The Chief will then add the data to the Radar Display Speed Trailer Summary report, which will be distributed and filed appropriately.

6. All personnel shall notify the RDSTO's of any problems with the speed trailer, to include low battery, vandalism, or malfunctions. Minor repairs should be completed as soon as possible and can be authorized by the Chief of Police.
7. The RDSTO's will record maintenance and repairs via email or Memo to the Chief of Police.
8. The RDSTO's will be responsible for ensuring the retrieval of the speed trailer as close to dusk as practical.
9. Upon retrieval, the speed trailer will be inspected for damage or problems and plugged in for recharge. Any issues will be immediately brought to the attention of the Chief of Police.
10. All SPD personnel who are made aware of speeding complaints will document the details of such complaints and forward to the RDSTO's and Chief of Police so that the speed trailer can be deployed to that area. Follow-up with the complainants will occur once the results of the deployment are made available either by one of the RDSTO's, a Supervisor, or the Chief of Police.