



# Policy and Procedure

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<b>Subject:</b> <b>Use of Laser Speed Detection Units</b>		
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**POLICY:**

Speed is a major cause of traffic crashes. The cost to members of the community in lives, injuries, emotional distress, and in monetary loss is significant. As a result, the Department places high emphasis on speed enforcement. Only those members listed as certified operators will use the equipment for the purpose of identifying speed violators.

As a tool, laser speed detection units will be available for members of the Department to use during their normal shift between calls for service. This is in addition to specific enforcement programs – both formal and informal.

**PROCEDURE:**

**MEMBER:**

The following criteria will be followed whenever using the laser speed detection units.

1. Sign out for the equipment in the Roll Call Room.
2. Before operating the unit to monitor speeds, test the unit for serviceability in accordance with training protocols.
  - a. Make the appropriate entries into the Laser Log.
3. When establishing a speed enforcement area, make sure that no participants in the speed enforcement action are placed in jeopardy from passing traffic.
4. When entering the roadway to pursue a vehicle requires crossing traffic, ensure that it is done safely, with consideration to all persons traveling on the roadway and nearby sidewalk areas.
5. If a violator requests to see the reading on the laser speed detection unit and you believe it can be done in a safe manner (both traffic and officer's safety issues considered), it is the Department's practice to provide that opportunity.
6. If a Uniform Traffic Citation (UTC) is to be issued, follow Procedure #1929 (Issuance of Uniform Traffic Citations).
7. Upon completion of the shift and/or use of the laser speed detection unit, complete the post-use function test and indicate the results on the Laser Log.
8. Forward the completed UTCs and related paperwork (Laser Logs) to your supervisor.
9. If at any time, the laser speed detection unit fails to operate in a manner in accordance with training and guidance, complete an RPD Lost or Damaged Equipment Form (PP44). Turn in the equipment (along with the form) to the Support Services Manager.

**TRAINING:**

1. Schedule training sessions as needed, for members of the Department.
2. Maintain the records necessary to support the certification of individual members of the Department.
3. Provide copies of training documents to those requesting supporting documentation for the purpose of court action. These requests may come through Courts or via subpoena.

**SUPERVISOR:**

1. As required, document shift-level training/practice on an RPD Training Credit Record (PP146) and forward it to Training.
2. Monitor the need for speed enforcement on your shift to ensure that informal programs are established based on need.
3. Monitor the use of laser speed detection units, to ensure that they are being used in accordance with training and guidance.

4. Review the paperwork resulting from speed enforcement action as necessary.
5. Forward UTCs in accordance with Procedure #1929 (Issuance of Uniform Traffic Citations).
  - a. Forward Laser Logs to the Patrol Secretary.

**SHIFT  
COMMANDER:**

1. Work with the Sergeants assigned to your shift to establish effective speed enforcement programs as time and resources permits.

**SUPPORT  
SERVICES  
MANGAGER:**

1. Ensure laser speed detection units identified as defective, are forwarded to the appropriate repair facility promptly.

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