

Department of State Police

General Order

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Subject	SPEED MEASURING DEVICES		

Policy The Department shall use speed measuring devices to assist officers in enforcing the motor vehicle laws.

Use The safety of the officer, traffic violator, and motoring public shall be of primary concern whenever selecting locations for speed enforcement operations.

- LIDAR and radar devices should not be used during periods of adverse weather conditions.

Calibration and Certification All officers using radar, LIDAR, or other speed measuring devices must successfully complete the basic operator training program and receive certification prior to use.

- Officers shall follow the manufacturer's guidelines for the maintenance and operational procedures of the devices; and
- Officers shall perform calibration checks at the beginning and end of each shift, and periodically as needed to ensure accuracy. If the device does not work properly, it shall be taken out of service immediately until repaired.

Maintenance

- Certificates and documentation of maintenance, calibration, and certification shall be maintained by the assigned officer, or at the station.
- Speed measuring devices that do not operate within the specifications and standards established by the manufacturer of the device shall be taken out of service immediately, and repaired and calibrated prior to future use.
- All radar devices shall be certified annually.

Speedometer Speedometers shall be checked by using a speed measuring device:

- Periodically;
- After cruiser service, specifically including transmission work or new tires; and
- If a question of accuracy arises.

Troop Traffic Programs Officer Responsibilities The Troop Traffic Programs Officer shall ensure that:

- All officers are trained in speed estimating and detection and are certified as speed measuring operators; and
- Radar devices are certified annually, as directed by the Commanding Officer of the Equipment, Training, and Maintenance Unit and the Traffic Programs Section.

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