

**MARIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
PATROL ORDER**

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SPEED MEASURING DEVICES / RADAR

POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the use, care, maintenance, and calibration of speed measuring devices.

DEFINITIONS

Speed Measuring Device: A device, which determines a vehicle's speed by directing a radio wave at an approaching or receding vehicle.

PROCEDURE

Speed Measuring Devices will only be used at the discretion of the Speed Enforcement Coordinator. Enforcement action will be initiated in response to complaints from the community or on an on-going basis in special enforcement zones, such as schools. All patrol deputies are expected to maintain familiarity with their beats, particularly those areas prone to speeding and unsafe driving practices. Deputies shall report any community requests for speed enforcement to the program coordinator who will dictate a specific response.

All deputies who are required to operate any of the speed measuring devices will be trained and certified in it's use prior to being authorized to apply the equipment for traffic law enforcement purposes.

The applicable standards for radar and laser speed measuring devices procured and placed into service by the department will meet the equivalent model standards promulgated by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Only equipment on the International Association of Chiefs of Police Consumer Product List will be acceptable. The training for deputies will meet approved criteria.

Deputies will be given instruction by the radar program coordinator on the proper care of any speed measuring device assigned to them. Deputies will be familiar with the correct operating procedures for each device. Deputies will be required to demonstrate their capability in operating any speed measuring device by actual performance tests under varying field setting conditions.

Deputies will perform the necessary operational checks on any speed measuring device at the beginning and at the end of each period of use. All required operational checks will be within the manufacturer's specified limits, or the device will not be placed into service.

All speed measuring devices in use by the department will have scheduled checks and be certified by a qualified technician within the time frames specified by the manufacturer. Maintenance will be performed on the speed measuring devices as required. The technician

who performs the work will keep an accurate record on each piece of equipment.

Whenever speed measurement equipment is mounted inside a police vehicle, it will be mounted in such a manner and position as not to interfere with the deployment of airbags or to create any exceptional hazard to the occupants of the police vehicle in the event of a collision.

RELATED STANDARDS:


PAT-02-05 Traffic Enforcement and Citations
PAT-02-06 Traffic Court Appearances

AFFECTED DIVISIONS:

Patrol

DATE OF REVISIONS:

By order of:


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