	ANDOVER POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER	Number: O2610 Page: 1 of 2 Distribution: All
Title: SPEED MEASURING DEVICES		Section: Traffic
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I. Purpose

The purpose of this General Order is to establish procedures for the management and use of speed measuring devices for traffic law enforcement.

II. Policy

The purpose of enforcing laws and ordinances related to vehicle speed is to ensure the safe travel of the motoring and pedestrian public through voluntary compliance. To accomplish this, the department utilizes speed measuring devices to verify vehicle speed. Each marked patrol unit should be equipped with a device capable of verifying an officer's observations of a suspected speeding motorist. Additionally, the department will establish equipment specifications, operational procedures, and maintenance procedures for the devices.

III. Definitions

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IV. Regulations

A. Officers will not use speed measuring devices for enforcement opportunities until they have successfully completed training and have been authorized to use the devices [B].

V. Procedures

A. Radar Technician Responsibilities

1. The Chief of Police will appoint a member of the department to be the department's Radar Technician. The Radar Technician will receive training for and be responsible for:
   a. Ensuring for the care and upkeep of speed measuring devices;
   b. Maintaining maintenance and calibration records; and
   c. Providing training and/or certification for the devices.
2. Speed measuring devices purchased by the department shall meet the specifications established by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (61.1.9a).

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3. Speed measuring devices shall remain in their assigned vehicles and will not be moved from one vehicle to another without the approval of the Radar Technician or the Operations Commander.
4. The Radar Technician will be responsible for ensuring all manufacturers' recommended maintenance is performed on the department's speed measuring devices and for maintaining the records of such maintenance (61.1.9c & d).

B. Operator Use (61.1.9b)

1. At the beginning and end of a tour of duty, officers should check their unit's speed measuring device to ensure it is operating properly and should not utilize the speed measuring device for enforcement action until they perform the following checks:
   a. An internal check of the instrument according to manufacturer specifications.
   b. External check of the instrument using tuning forks according to the manufacturer specifications.
2. Periodically during a tour of duty, officers should perform a cursory function test to ensure the instrument is operating properly.
3. Instruments found to be malfunctioning will not be used and the Radar Technician will be notified.
4. Officers will document on all speeding citations the instrument checks they performed prior to the citation being issued.
5. Officers will use speed measuring devices in a manner consistent with their training and manufacturer specifications.

C. Training

1. The Radar Technician is responsible for training officers in the use of the department's speed measuring devices.
2. All officers shall receive instruction in the proper use of the department's speed measuring devices. Upon completion of the training, the Radar Technician will administer a practical and written test to the officer. Only upon successfully completion of both tests will an officer be permitted to use a speed measuring device for enforcement purposes (61.1.9e).