

NIAGARA FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDER

EFFECTIVE DATE: 09/24/2013	SUBJECT: SPEED MEASURING DEVICES	Number 321.00 (NYSLEAP O-47-4)
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I. Policy:

- A. It is the policy of the Niagara Falls Police Department to enforce those sections of the Vehicle and Traffic Laws that pertain to excessive speed.

II. Procedure:

- A. The Niagara Falls Police Department will utilize radar enforcement as part of daily traffic enforcement.

III. Qualifications:

- A. All officers utilizing radar and/or other speed measuring devices will be trained in their use and certified by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. Radar officers shall be periodically recertified as required to insure their continued proficiency.

IV. Operation:

- A. In picking an operating site, the officer will consider the safety of the location with respect to him/her, other officers and the violators being stopped. The location should be checked prior to setup to ascertain that the area is posted properly. An external and/or internal calibration and testing of the unit will be done at the start and completion of each use.
- B. The Radar Operator will establish a tracking history of the violator by observing the vehicle in violation, estimating the speed, and verifying the speed with the radar unit.

V. Maintenance:

- A. It will be the responsibility of Radar Operators to ensure that the radar units receive proper care during use. Operators should promptly report all discrepancies in operation or testing to the Traffic Division Commander.

- B. All speed measuring devices shall be calibrated by a qualified and certified independent source each year and records of such calibration shall be maintained by the Traffic Commander.