



Section 4/300 ♦ Traffic Enforcement		
4 / 302	Speed Measuring Devices	2/5/96 Rev 11/26/08
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4 / 302.05 SPEED MEASURING DEVICES

Equipment Specifications: equipment intended for use as speed measuring devices shall meet or exceed National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Standards. The Laurel Police Department uses both laser (light signal) and conventional radar (radio signal) devices. The department uses both one and two piece conventional radars that are capable of either stationary or moving enforcement.

4 / 302.10 OPERATOR TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

The Laurel Police Department uses the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Basic Speed Measuring Device Operator course as the training standard for all radar operators. This NHTSA course consists of 24 hours of classroom instruction and practical field application of conventional, radio signal radar. The Basic Speed Measuring Device Operators course will instruct the student operator in:

- Various types of speed measurement devices
- Principles of radar
- Radar court testimony
- Practical applications of radar enforcement
- History of speed enforcement

No officer, except radar operators who have satisfactorily completed the NHTSA Basic Speed Measuring Device Operators Course with a minimum score of 80%, are authorized to operate/demonstrate and department radar units.

No radar operator is authorized to operate the Laser speed measuring device unless they have completed the appropriate training.

A Doppler radar operator’s card will be issued to all certified radar operators.

4 / 302.15 OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

All radar operators shall operate radar units in compliance with the recommendations of the NHTSA Basic Speed Measuring Device Operators Course.

Whenever any radar unit is operated, regardless of productivity, a Radar Activity Record will be properly

completed and submitted to the Officer in Charge of Radar.

All certified radar operators below the rank of Sergeant will be required to operate radar and/or laser speed measuring devices for a minimum of two (2) hours per month. The only exceptions to this are officers assigned to Criminal Investigations and Special Crimes.

All radar operators and officers working fixed positions (stop teams) will wear their issued reflective vests.

4 / 302.20 CARE AND UPKEEP

Each operator is responsible for the care, operation, and security of any speed measuring device in their possession.

Any damage or malfunction during use should be reported to the Officer in Charge of Radar. Only the Officer in Charge of Radar is authorized to place a speed measuring device out of service.

To ensure operational integrity and legal requirements, the Officer in Charge of Radar is responsible for inspections and certifications of all speed measuring devices.

4 / 302.25 MAINTENANCE AND CALIBRATION RECORDS

All radar operators will perform the recommended calibration tests and note them on the Radar Record Form. These tests shall include internal light and calibration tests and external tuning fork tests.

The Officer in Charge of Radar will ensure that all radar units and tuning forks are calibrated on a semiannual basis by a company authorized to perform such calibrations. All radar operators should be provided copies of these certifications for use in court presentations.

END OF ORDER