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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for speed measuring devices used by the Kinston Police Department.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. Speed Measuring Devices: A device used to measure a vehicle's speed. The Kinston Police Department utilizes instruments that use laser and radar frequencies to measure speed.

III. POLICY

- A. The North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and the Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety approve the use of specific speed measuring instruments. The North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission adopt procedures for the operation of those instruments and develop standards for the calibration, testing and equipment specifications of each approved instrument. The Kinston Police Department shall only use RADAR and LIDAR units selected from a list of speed measuring instruments approved for use in North Carolina and shall follow all procedures established by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission relative to equipment specifications, operational procedures, proper care and upkeep, programmed maintenance, maintenance and calibration records, and operator training and certification.
- B. Statutory authority exists on each type of speed measurement unit. Officers shall follow the statutory authority for operational procedures for the type of speed measurement unit being used. Speed measurement instrument operators must be certified through a formal Electronic Speed Detection Course as prescribed by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission. Criteria for determining a location, where a RADAR or LIDAR unit will be operational, includes history of accidents, complaints from the public, and a supervisor's or officer's knowledge of traffic conditions.
- C. Speed measurement units and tuning forks shall be certified every twelve (12) months, or as needed, by personnel licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Police officers shall notify the on-duty supervisor of any deficiencies found in the operation of a speed measurement unit. The on-duty supervisor contacts the Major of Patrol Operations or their designee to ensure the speed measurement unit is sent to be repaired. Deficient or defective speed measurement units shall be removed from service as soon as the deficiency is discovered. All tuning forks shall be kept with the original radar unit.