



## Speeding: Policy

PCPD has a 27 page Standard Operating Procedure that covers Traffic Enforcement, Control, Administration, and Accident Investigation. The policy addresses the following areas:

- Speeding violations as a priority enforcement area

### PEACHTREE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

<b>SUBJECT</b> TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT, CONTROL, ADMINISTRATION AND ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b> 08/08/2014	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>NEW</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>REVISED</b>	<b>POLICY NO.</b> 40-2
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Rescinds and consolidates SOPs 40-3-1, 10-61-1, 10-67-1, 40-4-1, 40-5-1, 40-7-1, and 40-23-1

#### I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this procedure is to establish guidelines for the administration of all traffic-related activities and to establish the proper methods for taking enforcement action applicable to traffic law violations within the jurisdiction of the City of Peachtree City.

#### II. POLICY:

Peachtree City Police Department recognizes that traffic administration and enforcement involves a broad range of police activities or operations. These functions entail observation, detection, prevention and appropriate enforcement action. Enforcement not only involves making an arrest or issuing a citation, it also includes a constructive warning program, which may cause motorists and pedestrians to be more cognizant of the law. Traffic law compliance is promoted through the judicious use of written warnings, traffic surveys, speed measurement detection, and preventive patrol techniques. Traffic enforcement can be reactive to observed violations or in response to community concerns. It can also be proactive, to effectively prevent traffic violations from occurring. Enforcement efforts should be coordinated with respect to collision locations, speed zones, school and recreational areas and areas that are subject of community concern. Additionally, time, place, and the type of violations should be taken into account. Overzealous enforcement, without regard for the circumstances surrounding the violation, may cause disrespect for the law and result in poor public relations.

The Peachtree City Police Department recognizes that speeding, impaired driving, and occupant restraint violations have a direct effect on the safety of our roadways, including the frequency and severity of injury of the collisions on these roadways. These violations are priority enforcement areas.



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- **Specific guidance on use of selective traffic enforcement, including speed enforcement, to “...assist in furthering a reduction in traffic collisions and gain voluntary compliance with speed limits...”**

X. SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT:

- A. Officers will be responsible for traffic enforcement in specific geographical locations in order to provide preventive patrol and enforcement for special categories of unlawful driving behavior. The primary purpose for selective enforcement is to enhance patrol visibility, which will assist in furthering a reduction in traffic collisions and gain a voluntary compliance with speed limits and traffic laws.

- **Written directives on use of speed detection equipment, including mandatory calibration testing.**

B. RADAR or LIDAR Speed Measuring Devices:

Any officer operating RADAR/LIDAR shall have completed a mandated course and shall be certified by Georgia P.O.S.T. Officers must be certified before being authorized to operate a RADAR/LIDAR unit. Officers will be responsible for notifying their supervisor when their permit to operate RADAR/LIDAR is expired or close to expiring.

The following guidelines are established for use of the RADAR or LIDAR, which will always be operated in compliance with manufacturer's instructions and OCGA Chapter 40 and Chapter 14 of the Georgia Law. All departmental radar units meet state standards. Generally the following procedures are applicable to operation of radar units:

1. The radar unit must be properly installed in the vehicle and connected to the appropriate power supply.
2. The effective range of the particular radar unit must be thoroughly understood by the operator, so visual observations can support the speed readings.
3. The RADAR or LIDAR unit will be properly tested for calibration to insure accuracy in checking speed.



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- **RADAR/LIDAR training being available to all officers and this training is, by policy, a priority for training as soon as possible in their career.**

5. RADAR/LIDAR training is available to all officers employed by the Peachtree City Police Department. All patrol officers will be trained in RADAR and LIDAR use as soon as possible in their initial training program. In court, officer testimony should be able to cite/display training received and/or the certificate issued.

- **Prioritizing speed enforcement in areas where collisions are prevalent and complaints from citizens regarding speeding have been received.**

1. **Speeding:**

Speed enforcement is a priority enforcement area. Enforcement will occur in areas where collisions are prevalent, where complaints from citizens regarding speeding have been received or in general areas as a deterrent to speeding. The radar and laser units will be used as an enforcement and preventive mechanism.