

# **City of O’Fallon Citizen’s Speed Monitoring Program**

## **OVERVIEW**

Excessive speed on residential streets is a common concern from citizens in many cities across the country and the City of O’Fallon is no different. The City of O’Fallon Police Department has addressed these concerns through the use of selective enforcement with mobile police units. Studies have shown that relief using these methods is temporary and violators return to speeding soon after the enforcement period ends.

In an effort to help reduce speeding and accidents in residential neighborhoods, the O’Fallon Police Department and the O’Fallon Traffic Department are collaborating with residents to encourage voluntary compliance with the speed laws in the City of O’Fallon. Residents will be allowed to use the City’s “Stalker” handheld radar unit to monitor and record vehicle’s speeds on residential streets. No tickets or arrests are made as a result of this program, but registered owners will be notified by the Police Department that their vehicles were spotted speeding in specific residential neighborhoods. The goal of the program is to educate drivers and encourage them to obey the speed limits throughout the City.

## **ORGANIZATION**

The City’s Traffic Division will administer the program with assistance from the Police Department. The Sr. Traffic Technician will be charged with coordinating the program and will record who has the radar unit and the duration it is kept.

## **EQUIPMENT**

As part of this program, residents will be provided with one “Stalker” handheld radar unit as they become available. They will also be issued a battery charger for the unit. The resident will be responsible for this unit until it is returned to the Sr. Traffic Technician. It will be the responsibility of the resident to ensure it is returned within the given timeframe and is in the same condition as verified by the Sr. Traffic Technician.

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

Interested parties are instructed to contact the Traffic Division of the City of O’Fallon. The Sr. Traffic Technician or his designee will arrange a date and time to provide interested citizens with the radar unit, accessories and instructions. The citizen will be required to sign for the equipment. The normal duration for equipment check out is two weeks, but may vary at the discretion of the Sr. Traffic Technician. The citizen will be instructed on the proper use and care of the equipment. The citizen will adhere to the following regulations and policies:

- The citizen must be a legal resident of the City of O’Fallon and possess a valid driver’s license in order to obtain the radar unit.
- The radar unit will be used in residential areas ONLY.

- Use of the radar from a vehicle is prohibited.
- Persons operating the radar unit are NOT to stand in the street.
- The operator of the unit will NOT contact, signal, motion or in any way distract motorists.
- Abuse of the unit and conduct determined to be detrimental to the program will NOT be tolerated.
- Citizens are NOT to contact or in any way harass drivers during the course of this program. The Police Department will investigate any complaints regarding this program.
- The Sr. Traffic Technician or designee may terminate the use of the unit by an individual or group at any time.
- If you are approached by a motorist or violator, please explain the program and should they have further questions, please direct them to the staff members noted at the bottom of this sheet. If a violator becomes angry or irate, the Police should be called immediately.
- Motorists that register 15 miles per hour or more over the posted speed limit should be noted on the provided log sheets. The log sheets include location, time, license plate, speed, type of vehicle and driver description.
- Citizens are encouraged to work in pairs. One person should shoot radar while the other records the pertinent information on the provided log sheet.
- Upon completion of the monitoring period, the radar unit, accessories and completed log sheets will be returned to the Sr. Traffic Technician. The Sr. Traffic Technician will verify the condition of the unit in the presence of the resident.
- Registration of each vehicle on the log will be checked. The registered owners will be contacted by the O'Fallon Police Department, either in person or via a courtesy letter. The owner will be reminded of the speed limit and will be asked to voluntarily comply with speed laws.
- The Sr. Traffic Technician will keep a record of the use of the unit. Should the unit become damaged, lost, stolen or not returned to the City in the same condition for which it was issued, the resident who checked out the unit will become responsible for any and all costs associated with repairs/replacement.

Questions or comments should be directed to **Jim Feldmann (636-379-3814 or [jfeldmann@ofallon.mo.us](mailto:jfeldmann@ofallon.mo.us))** with the O'Fallon Traffic Division and/or **Sgt. Kevin Barron (636-379-5465 or [kbarron@ofallon.mo.us](mailto:kbarron@ofallon.mo.us))** with the O'Fallon Police Department.