

Speed Trailer Policy

28.1.9 Speed/Radar Alert Trailer

The purpose of a “speed detection and alert” trailer is to educate and remind the motoring public of the posted speed limits within designated zones. The following procedures will be followed in the use of such trailers:

1. Criteria for speed trailer use.

- a) Use as directed by Village Manager.
 - The manager may direct the use of a department speed trailer in any zone.
 - The manager may direct the use of the trailer in any zone in conjunction with the village traffic calming policy.
 - Area must be 60% residential.
 - The established speed limit can be no greater than 25 mph.

Note: Additional hand held speed measuring devices are also available for citizen use as part of the village traffic calming program for monitoring neighborhood streets.
- b) Use at request of officer.
 - An officer may request the deployment of the trailer in any zone for safety reasons.
- c) Use at request of citizen.
 - A citizen may apply to the police department for deployment of the trailer on their residential street with or without application to the village traffic calming program.
 - Applications may be obtained at the police department.
 - The area must be 60% residential.
 - Established speed limit in the area can be no greater than 25 mph.
 - A trailer will not be deployed in an area where no safe zone exists to park the trailer.
 - Additional application information must be completed explaining the request, if a request for an exemption to any of the above requirements is made.
- d) Use at the request of other agencies.
 - The Chief of Police is the only officer authorized to approve the loan of a speed trailer to another agency.
 - The requesting agency must have an established mutual aid agreement with the Village of Granville, or the loan is approved by the Village Manager.
 - The requesting agency must agree to liability for any damages to the trailer that may occur while in its possession.
 - The trailer cannot be used by other agencies during any time period for which there is a valid/approved application for deployment within the village, on file with the Chief of Police.
- e) Applications will be reviewed and approved by the Chief of Police or his designee. Applications will be approved on a first come – first served basis, unless the Chief of Police finds serious safety concerns in one application over others.
- f) Deployments of a speed trailer will be for a maximum of 7 days unless otherwise directed by the Chief of Police or Village Manager.

2. Deployment of speed trailer.

- a) Requests for deployment of a speed trailer will be made on an application as designated by the Chief of Police.
- b) An assigned officer will deploy the department speed trailer as follows:
 - Safely and out of the way of traffic by parking it;
 - Completely within a marked parking space, or
 - Completely off the roadway on a curb lawn, or
 - On a curb lawn and part of the sidewalk (without obstructing pedestrian traffic).
 - With the display clearly visible to oncoming traffic.
 - Officers will not leave a trailer on private property next to a roadway without permission from the property owner.
- c) Officers will follow manufacturer's procedures in the deployment and maintenance of the trailer unless otherwise indicated by policy.
 - Officers will use all security measures and devices provided for the trailer when deploying it or securing it out of service.
 - Deploying officer will perform calibration check per manual on setup.
 - Deploying officer will set trailer devices and speed limit sign to match speed of zone.
 - Retrieving officer will place trailer in approved storage location and secure if there are no scheduled assignments for that week.
 - Retrieving officer will wash and inspect the trailer before placing it in storage.
 - Retrieving officer will complete repair orders. Needed mechanical maintenance will be requested in the same manner as that of a department vehicle.
 - A retrieving officer will recover the trailer nightly between 8 pm and 9 pm. This applies unless otherwise directed by the Chief of Police due to special circumstances or complaint investigations prevent its recovery at that time.