

Freeport Police Department

Citizen Speed Watch Program

The Freeport Police Department encourages community participation to help reduce speeding and motor vehicle accidents through the Speed Watch program. The Speed Watch program allows Freeport residents to use a police radar detection device to monitor and record motor vehicle speeds in their neighborhood. Registered owners of vehicles observed speeding will receive a letter informing them of the posted speed and the vehicles observed speed.

The Citizen Speed Watch Program is designed to give residents a responsible role in keeping the streets of local neighborhoods safe and free from dangerous speeding vehicles. The resources of the Freeport Police Department can be directed as needed to support this program.

I. Citizens wishing to participate in the Speed Watch Program will be required to sign a waiver acknowledging that they are taking possession of a Freeport Police Department Radar Gun for the purpose of the Citizen Speed Watch Program and will be held responsible for said radar unit until its return. Further more that they will use the radar unit in accordance with the basic training that they receive from radar certified officers.

II. Citizens will acknowledge that they are not police officers but citizen volunteers concerned for the safety of all persons and will take no enforcement action and will not confront any violators.

III. Citizens will work in pairs in order to record the following accurately; date, time, weather conditions, license number of the vehicle along with the make, model and color and the speed of the vehicle.

IV. Citizens may sign out the radar unit for up to one week before being required to turn it back in. When the return date is up, the radar logs and radar unit will be turned in to the Volunteer Coordinator for inspection of the unit and filing of the logs.

V. The Volunteer Coordinator will examine the radar logs to determine who will be sent letters seeking voluntary compliance with the posted speed limits throughout the city of Freeport.

Mission Statement of the Freeport Police Department:

The mission of the Freeport Police Department is to provide and maintain a safe living and working environment for the citizens of Freeport. This will be accomplished through a partnership with our community that reduces crime and protects our citizens through effective, impartial and efficient law enforcement services