

# WOLFEBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT

## SOP 7.0

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[Note: This written directive is for the internal governance of the Wolfeboro Police Department and, as provided by RSA 516:36, is not intended and should not be interpreted to establish a higher standard of care in any civil or criminal action than would otherwise be applicable under existing law.]

**By Order of:**  
**Dean J. Rondeau, Chief of Police**

### RADAR

**Policy** To maintain working radar units in each marked vehicle  
To have each officer certified in their use.

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**Purpose** The purpose of this directive is to cover the following:

- Operational Procedure                      Calibration
- Malfunctions                                      Maintenance
- Equipment Specifications

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**General Guidelines** Only officers certified in the use of radar by the NHPSTC shall operate and issue summonses based on its use.

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**Equipment Specifications** All radar speed measuring devices must meet or exceed the standards set by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)  
Be able to be calibrated by a certified vendor.

**Maintenance** All radar units shall be:

- Installed according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If calibration problems exist, return to manufacturer for maintenance, repair or replacement, or;
- Repaired by an authorized person.
- Calibrated once a year.

Certification records shall be maintained for a period of five (5) years.

**Operational Procedures**

- Radar may only be used in accordance with manufacturer’s instructions.
- May be used either in the stationary or moving mode
- Operators shall conduct calibration checks;
  - At the start and at the end of tour of duty.
  - Tuning forks shall be used per manufacturer’s instructions.

Caution: Safety issues should be considered when setting up a stationary location. Consider – hills, curves, and vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

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**“Clocking”**

- “Clocking” is an acceptable form of speed measurement for traffic enforcement.
  - Officers shall:
    - identify the suspect vehicle visually.
    - believe that the vehicle is operating at an unlawful speed.
    - follow the suspect at a constant distance.
    - monitor the cruisers speed by the speedometer or radar unit.
    - when both vehicles are traveling at the same rate of speed the “clocked speed” has been obtained.
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**Responsibilities**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Responsible for:</b>
Officer	Checking the condition of the unit assigned to them Reporting to a supervisor any problems
Fleet Maintenance Officer	Checking the condition of each unit monthly Taking radar units out of service if defective Sending radar units for testing and calibrations every year. Maintaining the care and upkeep of all radar units Store yearly calibration checks for five (5) years