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Speed Awareness

Problem Identification

The Hanover County Sheriff's Office recognizes that excessive speed is the second greatest cause of death and injury on America's highways. As a result, officers participate in uniform methods of speed enforcement within the county. The Sheriff's Office conducts statistical and visual surveys to determine by location, time and day of week which violations are causing crashes. Based upon the information obtained, personnel are deployed to take enforcement action. In addition, when complaints are received regarding a specific traffic problem in a particular area, personnel are assigned to investigate and take appropriate enforcement action.

Policy

The Hanover County Sheriff's Office Traffic Law Enforcement AO 62-1 encompasses the entirety of the Hanover County Sheriff's Office traffic law enforcement policy. The attached policy has been reduced to the applicable sections for Speed Awareness.

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Planning

The Hanover County Sheriff Office assigns officers on a daily basis to the complaint areas developed through statistical surveys and citizen complaints. The statistical surveys are used to determine the top accident causing locations in Hanover County. Based upon the information obtained, personnel are deployed to take enforcement action at these locations. In addition, when citizen complaints are received regarding a specific traffic problem in a particular area, personnel are assigned to investigate and take appropriate enforcement action. Each of the complaint areas are logged into a database, and officer's record their enforcement efforts including the date of enforcement, times of enforcement, number of traffic stops, and warnings and summonses issued.

SPEED DATA

BEAT_NO:	3035	DATE_RECEIVED:	6 /5 /2015	TRACKING NUMBER:	599
LOCATION:	RICHARDSON RD.	POSTED_SPEED LIMIT:	25		
CROSS_STREET:	LICKINGHOLE RD.				
COMPLAINANT:	KATIE DUNN	ADDRESS:	11030 RICHARDSON RD.	PHONE:	(804) 752-6960
COMPLAINT:	SPEEDING IN THE AREA. VEHS. WITH LOUD EXHAUSTS. 90'S CAMERO AND RED HONDA CIVIC (AND OTHERS)				

ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

OFFICER:	DATE:	START_TIME:	END_TIME:	# OF TRAFFIC STOPS:	WARNINGS:	# SUMMONSES ISSUED:
599 CVENGROS	6 /29/2015	1:35:00 PM	2 05:00 P M	2	2	0
599 MCINTEE	7 /14/2015	4:32:00 PM	5 02:00 P M	1	1	0
599 PITTMAN	7 /20/2015	7:30:00 AM	8 00:00 AM	0	0	0
TOTALS:				5	5	0

Example of a specific citizen speed complaint that is assigned to officers for investigation.

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Training

The Hanover County Sheriff's Office currently has 158 officers certified as RADAR operators and 28 of those officers hold a LIDAR certification as well. RADAR training is given to all officers during the academy and LIDAR training is given to selected officers with a minimum of 1 year experience as a certified RADAR operator. Some of the 158 RADAR certified officers are not currently assigned to patrol related positions, but they maintain their RADAR certification in the event they return to Patrol. Thirteen of the certified RADAR operators received their initial certification in 2015 while 16 officers received their recertification in 2015.

CERTIFICATION
Hanover County Criminal Justice Training Academy
3/17/2016 09:45 AM

Hanover County Sheriff's Office

ACE ID	Certification	Cert Date	Date Due
2209 [redacted]	Hanover County Sheriff's Office		
	Radar Operator	9/2/2014	12/31/2017
15127 [redacted]	Hanover County Sheriff's Office		
	Radar Operator	9/2/2014	12/31/2017
3660 [redacted]	Hanover County Sheriff's Office		
	Radar Operator	9/1/2015	12/31/2018
10515 [redacted]	Hanover County Sheriff's Office		
	Radar Operator	10/17/2014	12/31/2017
16728 [redacted]	Hanover County Sheriff's Office		
	Radar Operator	6/12/2013	12/31/2016
16896 [redacted]	Hanover County Sheriff's Office		
	Radar Operator	10/17/2014	12/31/2017

Sample of Hanover County's RADAR Certification Training Records

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Public Information and Education

The Hanover County Sheriff's Office has two mobile radar trailers to use as an educational tool for citizens, making them aware of their own speed. These two trailers are deployed in one of two ways. The first is from a complaint from a citizen about speeding on a particular section of highway. The second is from data obtained either from speeding ticket records or from individual officers who have knowledge of the area they work. Once the trailer has captured data for the time period it was assigned to a location, the data is downloaded and reviewed for further enforcement.

RADAR TRAILER SCHEDULE - 2015

RT #	SET-UP	LOCATION	RELATED LOCATION INFORMATION	TAKE-DOWN
1	5-Jan	Rt 54	near the Hickory Hill Entrance	9-Jan
1	19-Jan	Oakham Drive	near Rutland	23-Jan
1	8-Feb	Academy Drive	near Verdi Lane	12-Feb
2	8-Feb	Bugle Lane	11000 block	12-Feb
1	15-Feb	Pimilico Lane		19-Feb
2	15-Feb	Kings Acres	near Western Branch Diesel	19-Feb
1	15-Mar	Woodbridge Road	Cherrydale Subdivision	19-Mar
2	15-Mar	Scotts Landing Road	Scotts Landing Subdivision	19-Mar
1	29-Mar	Drawbridge Road	between Castle Tower & Atlee Ridge	2-Apr

Portion of the RADAR trailer schedule for 2015.

Throughout the school year, School Resource Officers teach general traffic safety classes at our local high schools. The School Resource Unit has created its own presentation on the dangers of speeding; 38 such presentations were completed.

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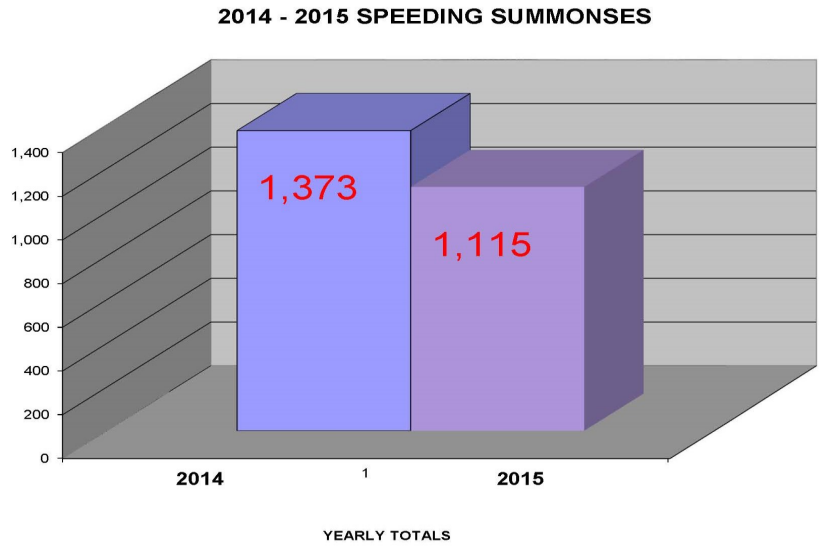
Enforcement

In 2015, the Hanover County Sheriff's Office conducted **71** special enforcement efforts for speed. During these special enforcement efforts, **299** contacts were made resulting in **100** speeding citations issued. Officers issued another **1,015** speeding citations during normal patrol operations. In all, **1,115** speeding citations were issued in 2015 compared to 1,448 issued in 2014. The Hanover County Sheriff's Office did not utilize any grant-funded enforcement directed at speeding in 2015.