



*Drivers Take Notice:
Speed Cameras Are Coming
To Improve Speed Limit Compliance
in Snow Hill School Zones*



In an effort to enhance safety within School Zones surrounding Snow Hill Schools, the Town Council has approved the use of Automated Speed Enforcement Systems. In October 2009 the State of Maryland approved the use of these systems which are currently being utilized in Chevy Chase Village, District Heights and Delmar. After a four year period the Montgomery County program has reported a 30% reduction in collisions and a 40% reduction in collisions causing injury or death near sites using speed cameras.

The speed enforcement vehicle will be equipped with a radar camera programmed to capture a series of photographs of vehicles exceeding the posted 25mph limit by more than 12 mph. These digital images will be used to identify the vehicle's registered owner and will appear on the citation along with a \$40 fine. The vehicle's recorded speed will also be noted on the violation, which is being treated as a civil rather than criminal penalty. As a result, no license "points" will be assigned and insurance providers are not notified of the citation.

A common misconception is that speed cameras monitor all vehicles within the enforcement zone. In reality, the cameras only record vehicles exceeding the posted speed limit by more than 12 mph. Law abiding citizens are unaffected by this type of enforcement since it is only activated by vehicles passing the camera at an excessive speed.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **What do I do if I receive a Citation and can I appeal it?** If you receive a Citation in the mail you should follow the instructions on the back. Detailed information is provided on how to pay or contest the violation. Should you wish to contest the violation, may do so through the Maryland District Court. Details are included on each Citation.
- **What if I wasn't driving the car?** The Maryland law requires the vehicle's registered owner submit a signed affidavit stating they were not operating the vehicle at the time of the violation and provide the name, address and driver's license number (if available) of the individual operating the vehicle at the time the violation was captured. The police have the discretion to forward the Citation to the individual identified by the registered owner.
- **Where do I call if I have questions about the Speed Camera Program?**
Contact the Program's Customer Service line at 866-566-3850, Monday thru Friday, 9am-4pm EST.
- **Where in Snow Hill are the Speed Cameras being utilized?** Speed Enforcement Cameras are being utilized on all streets that are located near the public schools in Snow Hill between the hours of 6:00 am and 8:00 pm. Monday through Friday.

For Additional Information please visit www.snowhillmd.com