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Montgomery Expands Road Safety Camera Program to Deter Speeding, Increase Safety

MONTGOMERY — The city of Montgomery is expanding its road safety camera program by deploying state-of-the-art mobile speed equipment to reduce speeds and increase safety in school zones, construction zones and neighborhoods.

The program features the latest automated technology and equipment, which will be mounted in black-and-white Montgomery Police Department patrol cars to deter speeding in areas most vulnerable to the hazards of speeding motorists, according to Police Chief Kevin Murphy.

“Too many drivers choose to ignore the designated speed limit and think it is acceptable to speed through school zones, neighborhoods and construction zones,” said Murphy. “We know that enforcement helps drivers slow down and avoid crashes that may result in serious or fatal injuries and property damage. We want to change this dangerous driving behavior to increase safety with the help of mobile speed technology.”

Murphy said the program will supplement the work of MPD and help free officers to focus their efforts in other areas. The speed camera equipment will be deployed in decommissioned marked patrol cars to encourage safety through visibility. “This program is not about ‘gotcha’ enforcement. Any motorist who receives a speeding citation through the road safety camera program will have knowingly sped past a marked patrol unit,” he said.

When a vehicle passes a mobile speed patrol vehicle in excess of the posted speed limit, a photograph is taken of the vehicle and driver. Up to two more photographs are captured to record the vehicle’s license plate. The date, time, speed and location of the violation are recorded on the digital image. Similar to the red light safety camera system, which was initiated in 2008, the MPD will review all images to verify violations.

Beginning Dec. 16, the mobile speed patrol vehicles will be deployed and a 30-day warning phase will start. During the warning period, drivers who are photographed speeding will receive a warning notice in the mail, but no fine. The enforcement phase will begin on Jan. 16, 2012. The fine for violation is \$60 for first and second offenses and \$100 for third and subsequent offenses within a 12-month period. Citations may be appealed in Montgomery Municipal Court. No points are assessed against a driver’s record.

Montgomery is implementing the program under local legislation passed by the Alabama legislature and municipal ordinance.

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