



Radar Speed Trailer

Meet the Newest Member of the Nottingham Police

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Mid-May this year a Radar Speed Trailer joined the Nottingham Police and took up its position in front of the Community Center, 139 Stage Road. It is a clever device that makes the drivers of the oncoming vehicles cognizant of their speed. The approaching drivers are made aware if they are at, above, or below the area's posted speed. At that location, the speed limit is 30 Miles Per Hour (MPH). If drivers are exceeding that speed like here at 31 MPH it will not only tell them the exact speed but also will flash red and blue lights. As one Nottingham police officer noted, those are the same flashing colors of a police car. However, if they are driving at the correct speed or lower, it only shows the speed but not flashing lights. It is the machine's way of saying *thank you*. This reporter found the feedback mechanism to be very effective. Once he noted his speed was higher, he slowed down. Once at the proper speed, it stopped flashing red and blue lights. It is a neat driver feedback system.

It is being deployed there now because of the high traffic congestion in the center of Nottingham. The travel traffic sources include the Town Hall, the library, Liar's Paradise, and especially all the activities on the playfield, at the playground, in front of the bandstand, and on the trails this time of year. In the future, it may be moved to other locations such as for road work. According to the Town Administrator, the \$11,000 Radar Speed Trailer was obtained through a state grant. Welcome to the Radar Speed Trailer.