

City of Cheyenne Neighborhood Speed Watch Program



Sponsored by the:

Cheyenne Police Department
and the
Cheyenne City Engineer's Office



Speeding drivers on residential streets can be a common concern for all. The Neighborhood Speed Watch Program is a public awareness program in which concerned citizens can take an active role in helping the City to solve the problem of speeders in their own neighborhoods.

City residents record speeds and report the speeds back to the City. This creates awareness of the speed limit in the neighborhood. Often, drivers who speed through neighborhoods are unaware of the effect their actions have on the peace and safety of neighborhood streets. Education of the posted speed limit encourages drivers to slow down. No formal citations or fines are issued. However, the data collected by citizens may be used by the Police Department to assign officers for selective enforcement and by the City Engineer's Office to evaluate posted speed limits.

How the Program Works

1) Citizens agreeing to participate in the program are briefed on the requirements and expectations of them. They are instructed in the use of radar equipment, proper data collection and appropriate behavior while conducting the data collection.

2) A radar unit is loaned out to the citizens. This is typically a team effort; one person in the group is responsible for operating the radar unit; another person records the required information on a City of Cheyenne Neighborhood Speed Watch Form.

3) Once all data collection is completed, the neighborhood residents return the radar unit and all report forms to:

*Cheyenne Police Department
Traffic Safety and Enforcement Unit
415 W. 18th Street
Cheyenne, WY 82001*

Neighborhood Speed Watch Rules of Conduct

- *Two volunteers are required at all times during the speed watch.*
- *The volunteers shall wear the yellow reflective safety vests.*
- *Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older to participate.*
- *Volunteers under the age of 21 must be accompanied by an adult 21 years or older. This allows high school and college students to participate in the program.*
- *Obey all traffic and pedestrian laws*
- *Be courteous and exercise reasonable care*
- *Neighbors, pedestrians, and motorists may stop to ask what you are doing. If they have objections to the program they may call the Cheyenne Police Department at 307-637-6524. If a confrontation arises, stop the study immediately and contact the police. Do not argue with the other person.*
- *The public may incorrectly assume that you are a representative of the City or a law enforcement officer, or that your actions will result in them receiving a traffic citation. You must make it clear that you are volunteering as a private citizen and participating in the Neighborhood Speed Watch Program.*
- *Do not make gestures or verbal comments toward passing vehicles.*
- *Do not chase, attempt to stop, or apprehend drivers.*
- *Do not encourage non-participants to be present.*
- *Only those persons who have been instructed in the use of the radar equipment may participate in the speed watch. Crowds of people will only draw attention to the speed watch and are counterproductive.*
- *Accurately collect and record speed data for all vehicles observed.*

City of Cheyenne Radar Unit Loan and Usage Agreement

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Driver's License Number: _____

I Understand that:

The radar unit and associated accessories, as listed below, have been loaned to me by the Cheyenne Police Department, as provided in the Neighborhood Speed Program for use during the time period:
Date: _____

- 1 Radar Unit: Decatur Ser# 1702 and 1 35 MPH Tuning Fork Ser# 56982 in a black case
- 1 Clip Board with instruction sheet and blank speed recording logs
- 2 Traffic Safety Vests
- 1 12 volt Black and Decker Portable Power Station Mod# PPRH5B in box (**RETURN CHARGED**)

The radar unit, which has been loaned to me, is a delicate instrument and must be handled carefully and with caution. I will be responsible for protecting it and returning it in good working order. I will use this device only on the dates and in the manner agreed to with the City of Cheyenne.

As operator, I am not a City employee or a law enforcement officer and will not communicate or seek to communicate by my actions or speech that I am associated with law enforcement. I am a volunteer and responsible for my own actions during the time I am participating in a speed watch program.

Only those persons who have signed this form will be allowed to operate the radar.

Radar Unit Loan and Usage Agreement/Rules of Conduct

As a participant in the Neighborhood Speed Watch Program, I have read and understand the Rules of Conduct and agree to abide by them. I am a volunteer and not a City employee. I further agree to take full responsibility for my actions during the time I am participating in a speed watch. I will not use the radar unit in any other neighborhoods or streets than listed below. I have been informed in the use of the radar equipment and agree to abide by these rules and follow these instructions. The radar unit will be returned to the Cheyenne Police Traffic Sergeant on or before the below required return date or at any time upon request from the City.

Required Return Date: _____

I will be conducting a speed watch in the neighborhood of: _____
or on the streets of: _____

Signed: _____
Date: _____

Below For Staff Use Only

The above named person received training in the use of the radar unit and data collection, and was instructed on the programs Rules of Conduct.

Signed: _____
Date: _____

Neighborhood Speed Watch Report Log (Record all vehicles observed)

Radar Operator: _____ Scribe: _____ Date: _____

Start Time: _____ End Time: _____ Speed Limit: _____

Location: _____ Weather: _____

Table with 10 columns labeled 'Speed N,S, E,W' and 25 empty rows for recording observations.