

Container Radar Comes Back to Battle Speeding

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The City of Edmonton is reintroducing a tool to put the brakes on speeders. Starting this week, it will use free-standing photoradar equipment at locations where it has been impossible to deploy enforcement vehicles safely.

"This is regular photo-enforcement equipment housed inside a metal case that can be set beside the road. It looks similar to a small utility box," says Gerry Shimko, Executive Director of the Citys Office of Traffic Safety.



As with vehicle-mounted equipment, a peace officer monitors the device and confirms infractions. This type of equipment was last used in Edmonton in 2009, and is presently used in other municipalities. A map of all automated-enforcement sites in Edmonton is posted on edmonton.ca.

"By driving within the posted speed limit, you avoid tickets and help us reach Edmonton's goal of zero traffic deaths and serious injuries," says Shimko.

In 2015, the City of Edmonton received 651 complaints from Edmontonians about vehicles speeding. In the first six months of 2016, the City heard from 397 people wanting more enforcement and other traffic calming measures. According to the 2014 Traffic Safety Culture Survey, the majority of respondents perceive speeding as a serious threat to their safety.

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