

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT TRAINING GUIDELINES

I. Preamble

Automated traffic enforcement technology is an important enforcement tool for traffic safety in Alberta. Albertans expect automated traffic technology to be used fairly and with consistency throughout the province, allowing for recognition of local concerns in accordance with community-based policing. These policies are designed to ensure that the expectations of Albertans' are met through the implementation of a standardized level of training.

The following standards address the minimum requirements for promoting predictable and consistent skill development with the use of speed detecting automated traffic enforcement technology.

II. Policy

Training requirements for operators

- 1) Successfully complete a minimum 40 hours of training with a qualified instructor covering the use and operation of automated traffic enforcement technology with attention to the following:
 - i) Principles of radar/laser technology
 - ii) Vehicle and equipment familiarization
 - iii) Camera operation
 - iv) Flash operation
 - v) Computer system – if used
 - vi) Laptop set up – if applicable
 - vii) Vehicle alignment
 - viii) Note recording and tracking sheets
 - ix) Speed laws
 - x) Practical field study (minimum 16 hours)
 - xi) Vehicle maintenance
 - xii) Court preparation/presentation
- 2) Under a qualified instructor, successfully complete a recognized Radar and/or Laser Operator's Course obtaining a certificate upon completion. This may be included in the course referred to in the above paragraph.
- 3) In the event the enforcement agency changes the make/model of equipment in use, the operators must obtain updated training specific to the new make/model from a qualified instructor to an established standard. This ensures they are certified for use on the new equipment.
- 4) The operator must be aware of, and adhere to, existing provincial guidelines governing the use of automated traffic enforcement in Alberta.

- Appointments to allow special constables to use automated traffic enforcement technology will be granted or renewed after training documentation is supplied by the employer to the Public Security Division.
- Appointments allowing special constables use of automated traffic enforcement technology will contain a condition requiring compliance with Provincial Automated Traffic Enforcement Guidelines and Provincial Automated Traffic Enforcement Training Guidelines.

II(a). Instructor Qualifications (2 types of appointments)

- 1) The Public Security Division of Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security will designate 'Qualified Instructors' to deliver *radar or laser training to Automated Traffic Enforcement Device Operators* when the following standards have been met:
 - Submit a resume detailing training and experience to Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security.
 - Be; a former or currently serving member of a police service in Alberta; or a person currently appointed as a special constable in Alberta.
 - Be designated/recognized as a qualified instructor in the delivery of radar or laser training by a police service.
 - Be currently qualified in the operation of a wide variety of radar and laser speed detection devices.
 - The designation will be issued for a period of 5 years.
 - Re-designation will be considered upon submission of an updated resume showing the instructor has remained current with evolving technological and legal issues.
- 2) The Public Security Division of Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security will designate 'Qualified Instructors' to deliver *automated traffic enforcement device training to Automated Traffic Enforcement Device Operators* when the following standards have been met:
 - Submit a resume detailing training and experience to Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security.
 - Provide current documentation showing 'Qualified Instructor' status from the manufacturer of the equipment in which the instruction is being provided.
 - The designation will be issued for a period of 5 years.
 - Re-designation will be considered upon submission of an updated resume that shows the instructor has remained current with evolving technological and legal issues.

III. Training Resources

- A. There are private agencies, as well as police services within this province that are able to deliver the standard level of training detailed in these guidelines.
- B. However, an employer may wish to utilize other training programs offered outside the province or create their own program. It then becomes the responsibility of the employer to detail, in writing, that the course of instruction meets or exceeds the course content expected.
- C. The Public Security Division will review the submission by the employer to ensure that the curriculum meets provincial standards prior to any designations being issued under alternate or newly created training.

IV. Other

The Public Security Division, at the direction of the Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security, may conduct audits to ensure compliance with these guidelines.

These guidelines will come into effect on May 1, 2006