



Automated Traffic Enforcement Program

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References: Automated Traffic Enforcement Technology Guidelines and Automated Traffic Enforcement Technology Training Guidelines.

Replaces: Automated Traffic Enforcement Program C-PS-008

1.0 Purpose: To outline standards for the operation of Automated Traffic Enforcement within the borders of Stony Plain.

2.0 Scope: This policy applies to the Automated Traffic Enforcement program for the Town of Stony Plain.

3.0 Objectives: the following objectives will be achieved within the policy:

- Development of over-arching policy statements for the operation of Automated Traffic Enforcement.
- Establishment of Provincial guidelines as the authority for Automated Traffic Enforcement programs and Automated Traffic Enforcement Training.
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Requirements for public awareness
- Clarification of complaint processes
- Reporting and Record-keeping requirements
- Policy review
- Definition of terms

4.0 Statement: The safety of the community is the guiding factor when choosing enforcement methods for the Town of Stony Plain.

Automated Traffic Enforcement is considered only one enforcement method in a toolkit of methods which also includes enforcement by Community Peace Officers and members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Over-reliance on any one method is viewed as an imbalance.

An Automated Traffic Enforcement program cannot operate effectively without the support of the local RCMP detachment having the primary responsibility for traffic safety enforcement in the community.

Automated Traffic Enforcement should be applied in a fair and consistent manner. Public advisories, standard and consistent use of signage and clear site selection criteria promote the appropriate application of this tool. A key element to the success of any enforcement practice is strong public awareness.

It is a priority that the Automated Traffic Enforcement program emphasizes both educational and enforcement components.

5.0 Standards:

Provincial Compliance

The Town of Stony Plain Automated Traffic Enforcement program shall be operated in compliance with the Provincial Automated Traffic Enforcement Technology Guidelines and the Automated Traffic Enforcement Training Guidelines.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Town of Stony Plain will be considered the authorized employer of all peace officers conducting Automated Traffic Enforcement and will manage the service contract with the Automated Traffic Enforcement Service Provider.

The RCMP detachment will be considered the enforcement agency on record and will approve site selection and participate in ongoing communication with the Automated Traffic Enforcement Service Provider.

The Automated Traffic Enforcement Service Provider will

- schedule all enforcement in compliance with the contract
- conduct automated traffic enforcement
- send out all violations
- deal with complaints that arise in relation to violation tickets
- attend at court when necessary
- provide reports and keep records as outlined in this policy
- meet with the Town of Stony Plain and/or the RCMP detachment when matters require such meetings
- Conduct all other activities as outlined in the service contract.

Operator Setup

In circumstances requiring the Operator to position their enforcement vehicle in contravention to the Traffic Safety Act or a Town bylaw, this is acceptable under section 64(2) of the Traffic Safety Act Use of Highway and Rules of the Road Regulation but should only be exercised if the safety of the Operator is a concern.

Deployment of enforcement vehicles will be conducted in a manner that will not hide or cover the public's visibility of the vehicle.

Public Awareness

On a monthly basis:

- The location of each approved ATE technology site, including both mobile units and intersection safety devices; and
- The rationale for ATE use for each site

On an annual basis:

- As outlined in the local traffic safety plan, release a report on ATE program results that demonstrate the impact ATE has had on traffic safety, and how ATE is supporting the objectives within the local traffic safety plan.
- The report would include specific locations where ATE was deployed in the municipalities and corresponding collision statistics for each location and how collision rates compared to previous years on the Town's website.

Complaint Process

Ticket complaints or day to day operational issues will be dealt with by the Automated Traffic Enforcement Provider whenever possible. Any persons who attend the Town Office to raise a concern about a ticket shall be referred to the service provider.

Any complaints regarding the conduct of the operators shall be dealt with in accordance with the Town of Stony Plain Standard Operating Procedures for Community Peace Officers.

Reporting and Record-keeping

The Automated Traffic Enforcement service provider will submit quarterly reports to the Town of Stony Plain, the Stony Plain RCMP and the office of the Solicitor General and Public Security.

All data collected will be retained by the enforcement agency for a minimum of ten (10) years.

6.0 Policy Review: This Council policy shall be reviewed by Administration within four years of being implemented, with any changes being submitted to Council for approval.

Schedule I - Definitions

Automated Traffic Enforcement can refer to:

- a) Photo radar;
- b) Photo laser/lidar;
- c) Intersection Safety Devices including red light cameras and/or speed on green cameras.

Automated Enforcement Equipment: automated traffic enforcement equipment approved for use in enforcement by the Solicitor General and Public Security office of the province of Alberta.

Automated Traffic Enforcement Locations: sites that meet the criteria as designated in the provincial Automated Traffic Enforcement guidelines and are approved by the local RCMP detachment.

Automated Traffic Enforcement Provider: the vendor chosen by the Town of Stony Plain and formally contracted to provide photo enforcement service for a pre-determined period of time.

Governing Agency: the local RCMP detachment working in conjunction with the Town of Stony Plain to be responsible for overseeing the operation of the Automated Traffic Enforcement Program.