

- Volunteers must work in teams of two.
- Volunteers will work within the guidelines established for the Community Speed Watch Program and may not freelance on their own or deviate from the guidelines.
- Volunteers will not stop vehicles, flag vehicles over, or attempt to enforce any law.
- Volunteers who cannot obey the established guidelines of this program will be removed as a volunteer.
- All citizen volunteers desiring additional information on the Community Speed Watch Program should contact the Special Operations Division.

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Prince William County



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The Community Speed Watch Program was established in 1982 as a means to assist residential neighborhoods in deterring speeding in their community. Participating volunteers operate a stationary RADAR unit equipped with a visual display board that reminds passing motorists of their travel speed, thus encouraging compliance.

Volunteers receive training from the police department in the operation of this equipment.

Prospective volunteers must be willing to meet the following requirements:

- Volunteers must be twenty-one years of age or older.
- Volunteers should be passive, not aggressive in nature.
- Volunteers should be in sufficient physical condition to lift and carry items such as the marine batteries. Also, volunteers will have to stand for periods up to two hours recording speeding vehicle descriptions, tag numbers, etc.
- Volunteers will not receive any pay or receive any special favors in exchange for their volunteerism.
- Volunteers are interviewed and go through a screening process established and conducted by the Prince William County Police Department.
- All selected volunteers will attend an eight-hour training class conducted by the Prince William County Police Department on the Community Speed Watch Program. The training includes: goals and objectives of the program, established procedures, and practical field training in the use of the Falcon RADAR set with visual speed display.
- Volunteers are required to sign a waiver releasing Prince William County from any liability incurred by the volunteer while participating in the Community Speed Watch Program.
- Volunteer safety is a requirement of this program and all volunteers will work with their safety and the safety of everyone on the roadway in mind at all times.
- All RADAR equipment is the property of the Police Department and must be picked up and returned each time it is used. Two marine-style batteries are used along with equipment which will have to be picked up and returned along with the RADAR equipment.