

**ONGOING ACTIVITIES OF THE MICHIGAN SPEED MEASUREMENT
TASK FORCE**
Michigan Speed Measurement Task Force
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Michigan Speed Measurement Task Force activities primarily focus on the review and fine tuning of past recommendations and on monitoring the implementation of these recommendations. Current activities of the Task Force include the following:

1. Monitor the certification of all new radar equipment before it is placed in service by law enforcement agencies in Michigan.
2. Revise course materials, as appropriate, for the "*Michigan Basic Radar Operator Training Course*" and "*Supplemental Traffic Lidar Operator Training Course*."
3. Assist the Michigan Judicial Institute in revising training materials for district court judges, magistrates and prosecutors to reflect the latest Task Force recommendations related to the adjudication of radar speeding cases.
4. Present updates on Task Force recommendations at selected meetings, seminars and workshops involving various segments of the criminal justice system and obtain feedback at these gatherings on any significant problems that are being encountered around the state in the area of radar speed enforcement.
5. Enhance the general public's awareness of the need for effective speed enforcement programs and why a speed-measuring radar device is a trustworthy speed enforcement tool when operated by a properly trained radar operator.
6. Monitor court rulings around the state in order to assess the strengths and weaknesses in the current set of Task Force recommendations and the willingness of the law enforcement and judicial communities to implement them.

The Task Force believes that speed-measuring radar and lidar devices can be trustworthy and cost effective tools for speed enforcement programs in Michigan when the devices are operated by properly trained radar operators. The primary reason for these current Task Force activities is to ensure that radar speed enforcement programs will have both broad legal acceptance in the state, as well as broad public support.