

Bowie Police Department - General Orders



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<u> </u> NEW <u> </u> AMENDS <u> </u> RESCINDS		DATE:

I. POLICY

- A. The Bowie Police Department operates an automated photo speed enforcement unit on behalf of the City of Bowie which is designed to capture images of vehicles that fail to obey the posted speed limit within designated school zones in violation of the Maryland Transportation Article, § 21 – 809. This is a state sanctioned safety program authorized under Maryland Transportation Article § 21 – 809, intended to reduce the frequency of speeding and collisions throughout the City of Bowie.

- B. It is the policy that the Bowie Police Department will issue civil violations to the registered owners of all vehicles who are photographed failing to obey the posted speed limit.

II. PROCEDURES

- A. Vehicles that are photographed committing a violation of Transportation Article § 21 – 809 will be reviewed by a sworn officer, who is properly trained and certified to review speed camera violations. It will be the responsibility of this officer to ensure that all the information necessary to issue a citation is correct.

- B. Deployment
 - Officers that have been trained and certified in the proper deployment of the speed camera equipment will be assigned to deploy the speed cameras on the prescribed days in accordance with Transportation Article § 21-809.

C. Payment & Processing

Only cash and money order payments will be accepted for speed camera violations in the Department's Records Office. Violators can make credit card payments online. Records of all online payments will be maintained by the contracted vendor. Payments by check must be made via U.S. Mail to the designated Post Office Box.

D. Late fees and VR-119 (MVA Registration Flag Release Form)

1. VR-119 will not be issued unless full payment has been made for the speed camera violation issued.
2. Late fees may be accepted at the records department.
3. Late fees will not be waived with out a valid reason, notification to the speed camera coordinator and authorization by a Command Officer. Valid reasons for waiver of late fees include, but are limited to:
 - Citation issued to wrong address
 - Incorrect registration information provided by MVA
 - Incorrect citation information
 - Citation approved in error