

# Sanibel Police Department Automated School Zone Speed Limit Enforcement Presentation



# 2023 Florida HB 657 Summary

- In 2023, HB 657 was approved by the Legislature and Governor. The Bill amended state statutes to allow for the use of automated speed detection systems for the enforcement of school zone speed limits.
- Municipalities are authorized to install automated speed detection systems to enforce school zone speed limits.
- A city ordinance must be passed prior to implementation.
- Requires a 30-day public awareness campaign and signage warning motorists that speed detection systems are in place.
- Enforcement runs from 30 minutes prior to school starting until 30 minutes after school ends.
- A \$100 fine will be issued to vehicles going +10 MPH over the speed limit during school hours.

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- Violations will not add points to the vehicle owner's license and cannot be used in setting vehicle insurance rates.
- Provides defenses for the person who receive a notice of violation and procedures for hearings regarding violations.
- There are no up-front costs to the City. Vendor retains a percentage of the fine.
- The fine is distributed between state and local governments as follows:
  - \$60 goes to the Municipality to administer the speed detection system and other public safety initiatives
  - \$20 goes to the State General Revenue Fund
  - \$12 goes to the County School District
  - \$5 goes to the municipality for a School Crossing Guard program
  - \$3 goes the FDLE Criminal Justice Standards and Training Trust Fund

# Speed Study Results

Speed Study #1 - November 2023 Speed Study # 2 - December 2023	Speed Study #1 - Westbound Traffic	Speed Study #2 - Eastbound Traffic
Average vehicle count from 7:15 AM - 2:35 PM:	2,971	4,040
Average violations during flashing lights*:	486	388
Average violations from 8:05 AM - 1:45 PM:	34	71
Average violations from 7:15 AM - 2:35 PM:	520	459
% of Vehicles speeding +10 MPH during the school day:	17.5%	11.36%

\*Flashing lights: 7:15 AM - 8:05 AM, 1:45 PM - 2:35 PM

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- The Sanibel Police Department would place one speed detection system at each side of the school zone to capture both eastbound and westbound speeding violations.
- Daily average of violations for both directions combined: **979**
- Vendors estimated an up to 80% or 90% reduction in speed violations after the program has been implemented.
- The average number of violations during a school day after an 85% reduction would be: **147**