

Memorandum

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Steve Santarsiero and Representative Clymer

DATE: April 13, 2011

SUBJECT: **Legislation authorizing the use of speed timing devices by local police**

In the near future, we intend to introduce legislation which would amend Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to expand the powers of local police officers by authorizing them to use speed timing devices in an effort to increase traffic safety in the Commonwealth.

Currently, Pennsylvania State Police officers are the only authorized users of speed timing devices, commonly referred to as radar, to determine when an individual is driving at an unsafe speed. Our legislation would allow radar use by full-time local officers who are employed by full-time service police departments in counties of the first, second, second A and third class, and who have undergone training that has been approved by both the Pennsylvania State Police and the Municipal Officers' Education and Training Commission. The local governing body must adopt an ordinance prior to the use of such devices and signs must be erected 500 feet outside the boundary of a political subdivision to notify motorists of the use of radar.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Kaitlin Mull in Representative Santarsiero's office at 787-5475 or by e-mail at kmull@pahouse.net.