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Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office Ceases LIDAR Speed Enforcement Operations

(CHARLOTTE, NC) - The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office ceased all LIDAR (Laser Imaging Detection and Ranging) speed enforcement operations after being notified yesterday by the City of Charlotte Radio Communications Division of an issue with the state required calibration certification.

LIDAR, which is commonly referred to as a speed gun is the handheld device used by our deputies during speed enforcement operations. MCSO has a total of eleven LIDAR devices that have been previously certified by the City of Charlotte that will need to be recalibrated and MCSO is seeking another vendor to recalibrate and certify all MCSO LIDAR devices.

The in-car radar devices deployed by the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office were not impacted by the certification issues that arouse from the City of Charlotte since those devices are certified by another vendor.

"This is an unfortunate turn of events and we're hopeful that this doesn't negate the hard work and efforts made by MCSO deputies to keep our roadways safe. It's well documented the impacts that excessive speeding has on roadway safety and MCSO remains committed to keeping our roadways safe in Mecklenburg County," said Sheriff McFadden. LIDAR operations will resume once all MCSO LIDAR devices are properly recalibrated and recertified.

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