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CITY OF LAKE CITY

Report to Council

| COUNCIL AGENDA | |
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| SECTION | |
| ITEM NO. | |

SUBJECT: School Zone Automated Speed Enforcement

DEPT / OFFICE: Lake City Police Department

Originator:

Chief Gerald Butler

City Manager

Don Rosenthal

Department Director

Chief Gerald Butler

Date

10/7/25

Summary Explanation & Background:

With the passage of HB 657 "An Act Relating to Enforcement of School Zone Speed Limits" The Florida Legislature has provided for a method for automated enforcement of school zone speeding violations when children are present. A traffic study was completed by RedSpeed Inc, the requested vendor, for the school zones in Lake City and the results confirmed the concerns voiced by our school crossing guards about vehicles regularly speeding through school zones when school zone lights are activated and children are present. This system will identify speeders using the Flock ALPR system, which LCPD already utilizes, along with cameras to video capture the violation through RedSpeed Inc, a preferred partner with the Florida Police Chiefs Association. Prior to the issuing of the civil citations, and per HB 657, LCPD & RedSpeed will make public announcements and conduct a public awareness campaign of the proposed use of speed detection systems at least 30 days before commencing enforcement under the speed detection system program and must notify the public of the specific date on which the program will commence. When a violation is recorded, an LCPD officer will verify the violation, and a one-hundred-dollar civil citation is mailed to the offender by RedSpeed. The breakdown of the one-hundred-dollar civil penalty is dictated by statute and included in this packet. This system will enhance LCPD's ability to provide a safe environment for children using the school zones.

Alternatives:

Continue school zone speed enforcement as currently performed

Source of Funds:

N/A – Program is self-funded

Financial Impact:

None

Exhibits Attached:

RedSpeed Photo Enforcement Solution
RedSpeed School Zone Study
FPCA Preferred Partnership with RedSpeed
HB 657 (2023) "An Act Relating to Enforcement of School Zone Speed Limits"