

Blue Mound police department policy on speed trailers typically outlines that these devices are primarily used as a preventative measure to warn drivers about their speed, not to issue tickets directly, and are strategically placed in areas with known speeding issues to collect data on traffic patterns and inform future enforcement strategies, often requiring justification for deployment based on community concerns or traffic accident data; officers may only issue citations in extreme cases where a driver is blatantly exceeding the speed limit displayed on the trailer.

Purpose of Speed Trailers: To educate drivers about their speed and encourage voluntary compliance by displaying their current speed on a visible sign, aiming to reduce speeding without direct confrontation.

Data Collection: Speed trailers gather information about traffic patterns, including average speeds and vehicle counts, which helps officers identify areas requiring additional enforcement efforts.

Placement Criteria: Trailers are typically placed in locations with a history of speeding complaints, near schools, or on roads with high traffic volumes where safety concerns exist.

No Automatic Citation Issuing: Generally, officers do not issue tickets based solely on the speed displayed on the trailer, unless a driver is significantly exceeding the speed limit and poses an immediate danger.

Community Engagement: The community can identify areas where speed trailers should be deployed.

Request for Speed Trailer Placement

1. Do you know of a problem area where traffic seems to be traveling faster than the posted limits?
2. Are you concerned about the safety of your neighborhood in relation to speeding vehicles? To request placement of the trailer, you can send an email message or call for consideration. The trailer runs on battery, and once deployed, can operate for 5-7 days. The Police Department will fill the requests for placement, as the unit is available.

Visibility and Legibility: The trailer should be positioned in a visible location with clear signage and a large, easy-to-read display.