

Kaufman County is expanding its school zone speed safety camera program. Two new school zone safety cameras will be citing drivers today, April 29. These school zone safety cameras bring a new look and enhanced flexibility to a program designed to change driver behavior for the protection of students on their way to and from school.

“Help us keep Kaufman County School Zones Safe. Slow down and obey the posted speed limit,” said Sheriff David Byrnes.

The new cameras will be put into use without a warning period. The tower cameras will rotate among these schools:

North Forney High School	Blackburn Elementary
O.B. Johnson Elementary	Brown Middle School
Claybon Elementary	Crandall Elementary
Warren Middle School	Crandall High School
Criswell Elementary	Wood Elementary
Rhea Elementary	Furlough Middle School
	Terrell High School

How does the system work?

HOW IT WORKS

The AutoPatrol 2D system uses ranging radar and a high-resolution digital camera. The 2D radar identifies any vehicle traveling faster than the predetermined speed and triggers the camera, capturing the event.

- The first image shows the vehicle driving in excess of the predetermined speed.
- The second image shows the distance and time the vehicle has traveled.
- The license plate is taken from a close-up of one of the images captured.
- Additional data collected includes the time, date, posted speed, vehicle speed, location, lane and direction of travel.



Known for the accuracy and being versatile, the 2D school zone enforcement system tracks and determines vehicle speeds thus providing reliable traffic enforcement for a wide coverage area. A high-definition camera captures images of vehicles exceeding the speed threshold. The system provides authorities with images of license plates and supporting evidence necessary for police review. The 2-D system records both still images and video of every violation.

What to do if you receive a Notice of Violation

How will I be notified of a Notice of Violation?

A notice of violation is mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle after law enforcement review and approve the data and recorded images.

Why did I receive this Notice of Violation?

Based upon images captured by the speed safety system, your vehicle was determined to have committed a speed violation. As the vehicle owner, the Notice of Violation is mailed to you.

How much is the speed safety camera fine?

The fine \$150 for each offense.

This violation is a non-moving violation and no points will be assessed.

1. How do I pay the fine?

There are multiple ways to pay your fine:

PAY ONLINE: The fastest and easiest way to pay your Notice is to pay online. Go to www.ViolationInfo.com and logon with your Notice # and PIN shown in the red box on the front of this notice. Click the Pay button.

There is a \$4 convenience fee.

PAYMENT BY MAIL: Mail your check or money order (payable to Kaufman County) in the enclosed envelope with the coupon printed at the bottom of the reverse side of this notice. **DO NOT MAIL CASH.** Be sure to put the Notice # on the face of your payment. Please mail your payment at least 5 days prior to your due date.

PAYMENT BY PHONE: Call toll free 1-866-790-4111.

There is a \$4 convenience fee.

ViolationInfo  **LOGIN**
www.violationinfo.com

NOTICE #:
PIN:

Cancel **Login**



When is my payment due?

The due date is listed on the front of the Notice. The payment coupon also will have the due date listed. In some instances late fees will be assessed if not paid by the due date. When mailing in a payment, allow 10 days in order to be received in a timely manner.

Can I challenge the notice?

Individuals that receive a violation notice will have an option to pay the fine or dispute it in court.

How do I know that these violations are valid?

Images of your vehicle were captured and recorded by a Road Safety Program. You can review your images and video of the actual occurrence online at www.violationinfo.com. The images and video were reviewed by several qualified technicians and finally by the Kaufman County Sheriff's Department before the alleged civil violation was affirmed and mailed to you as the registered owner.

Have additional questions about your Notice of Violation?

If you have any questions, please contact Customer Service toll free at **1-866-790-4111**. Si necesitas ayuda en Español, favor de llamar al **1-866-790-4111**.

What company provides the speed safety camera program in Kaufman County?

Kaufman County has contracted with American Traffic Solutions Inc. (ATS) which provides red-light, speed and school bus safety camera enforcement programs for more than 300 communities across North America. More information about ATS is available at www.atsol.com.

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KAUFMAN COUNTY ENTERS CITATION PHASE OF SCHOOL ZONE SPEED SAFETY CAMERA PROGRAM, RELEASES PSA TO RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS

The Kaufman County Sheriff's Office reminds motorists that the 30-day warning period for the county's new school zone speed safety camera program is completed. Motorists now caught on camera for exceeding the speed limit are liable to be ticketed. The 30-day warning period, during which warnings but no fines were issued to 648 drivers, ended Nov. 20. Citations issued by the Sheriff's Office carry a fine of \$150 for vehicles traveling in excess of 6 mph over the speed limit during school zone hours.

To further educate the community on how the school zone speed safety camera program works, the Kaufman County Sheriff's Office has released a Public Service Announcement (PSA) video. The video can be viewed at this link: <http://youtu.be/2i7m - hLyY>. The video highlights the role of law enforcement, the penalties issued, and the importance of school zone safety.

Some noteworthy findings from the warning period are:

- The site with the most violations was Kemp Elementary
- Scurry-Rosser Elementary witnessed an 80 mph speeder in a 45 mph school zone.
- Roughly 54% of violations occurred during pick-up times, 36% of violations occur during drop-off times and 10% of violations occurred in-between drop-off and pick up times for vehicles traveling over 11 mph.

"Our goal is to enhance safety near schools where children are threatened by speeding vehicles," Sheriff David Byrnes said. "By issuing nearly 650 warnings and urging drivers to be aware of their speed, hopefully now drivers will think twice before speeding through the school zones."

For more information on the Kaufman County School Zone Safety Camera Programs, visit <http://kaufmanso.com/>