

# **Photo Speed Monitoring Data Collection**

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# **Code of Virginia**

§ 46.2-882.1. Use of photo speed monitoring devices in highway work zones, school crossing zones, and high-risk intersection segments; civil penalty.

Who

A state or local law-enforcement agency may place and operate a photo speed monitoring device

What

Photo speed monitoring device is equipment that uses radar or LIDAR-based speed detection and produces one or more photographs, microphotographs, videotapes, or other recorded images of vehicles.

Where

School crossing zone, Highway work zone, or High-risk intersection segment

When

Motor Vehicle operators driving at speeds of at least 10 miles per hour above the posted speed limit

How

Penalty shall not exceed \$100, and any prosecution conducted in the same manner as prosecution for traffic infractions



### **Usage Protections**

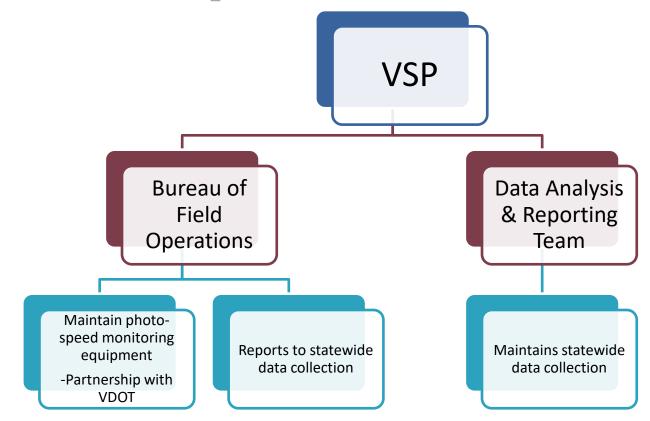
- Limited exclusively to that information that is necessary for the enforcement of vehicle speed violations
- Information provided to the operator of a photo speed monitoring device shall be protected in a database and used only for enforcement of vehicle speed violations and enforcement against individuals who violate the provisions of this section
- Any person who discloses personal information in violation of the provisions of this subsection shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$1,000 per disclosure
- Any law-enforcement agency using photo speed monitoring devices shall annually certify compliance with this section and make all records pertaining to such system available for inspection and audit by the Commissioner of Highways or the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles or his designee

#### **Dissemination Protections**

All photographs, microphotographs, videotapes, or other recorded images collected by a photo speed monitoring device shall be used exclusively for enforcing vehicle speed violations and shall **not** be:

- (i) open to the public;
- (ii) sold or used for sales, solicitation, or marketing purposes;
- (iii) disclosed to any other entity except as may be necessary for the enforcement of a vehicle speed violation or to a vehicle owner or operator as part of a challenge to the violation; or
- (iv) used in a court in a pending action or proceeding unless the action or proceeding relates to a vehicle speed violation or a violation of this section, or such information is requested upon order from a court of competent iurisdiction

## **VSP** Responsibilities





#### **Bureau of Field Operations**

- Requested by VDOT to partner with them to deploy photo speed enforcement (PSE) in work zones
- Procurement process is still open
- No VSP Program currently



### **Data Collection Reporting**

§46.2-882.1(K)

K. Any state or local law-enforcement agency that places and operates a photo speed monitoring device pursuant to the provisions of this section shall report to the Department of State Police, in a format to be determined by the Department of State Police, by January 15 of each year on the number of traffic violations prosecuted, the number of successful prosecutions, and the total amount of monetary civil penalties collected. The Department of State Police shall aggregate such information and report it to the General Assembly by February 15 of each year.

#### **Data Collection Process**

Introduction of Code of Virginia §46.2-882.1(K)

Requirements set by VSP CJIS DART

Agency submits data upon annual request from VSP CJIS DART

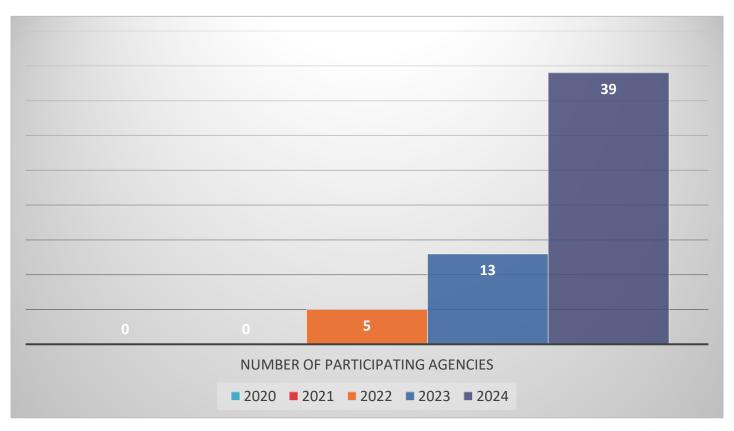
Data reviewed for quality control by VSP CJIS DART

Data compiled
and presented toGeneral Assembly

DATA SOURCES	Database extract provided by vendor contracted with the law enforcement agency. Vendor must provide the data as indicated in the content requirements.
DATA COLLECTION METHOD	Annual online entry of data into SP-334 form or email .csv or .xlsx based on content requirements below. If data extracted from system, must be emailed to dart@vsp.virginia.gov. Either form entry or email may be submitted by the Law Enforcement Agency or the Vendor/Service Provider.
DATA UPDATE FREQUENCY	Annual; Data for report year is due by January 15th of the following year (eg. 2025 data due by January 15, 2026).



# **Reporting Agencies**





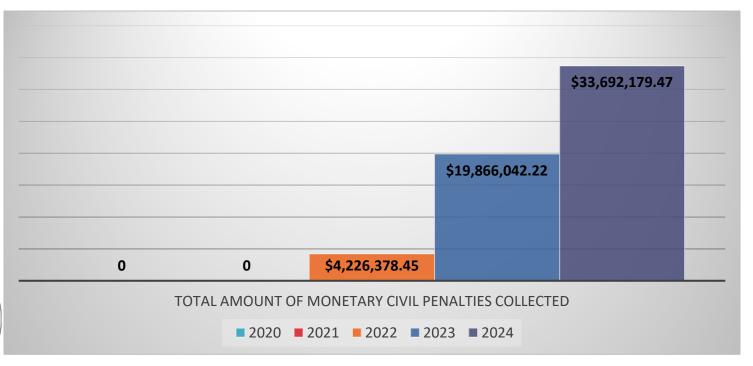
#### **Reported Prosecutions**

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Successful Prosecutions (Citations Paid)	0	0	44,970	220,573	357,954
Total Violations Prosecuted (Citations Issued)	0	0	92,062	326,614	597,085

There is a lag between prosecutions and 'successful' prosecutions as there is a delay between notification of citation and payment. In 2022, 49% of citations were paid at the time of the report, followed by 68% in 2023 and 60% in 2024.



## Reported Penalties Collected





#### **Monetary Dissemination**

Citation from Local Law Enforcement Agency

Paid to the locality in where the violation occurred

May be used to support local program

Citation from Department of State Police

**Literary Fund** 

Not used to support VSP programs



Commonwealth Transportation Board

 Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program

