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## **Elmwood Park deploys speed monitor to improve safety** *Device will be used at multiple sites around Village*

ELMWOOD PARK, IL - Motorists may notice a new speed monitoring device at schools and other locations in the Village, part of the ongoing effort to keep Elmwood Park clean, safe and beautiful. The mobile device uses radar to determine the speed of approaching cars and trucks, and then displays their speed as the vehicles pass as a reminder to slow down if necessary.



"The speed monitoring device is another tool for police to use to keep our community as safe as possible, especially our school children," Village President Pete Silvestri said. "We'll also use it at different locations around town so that people know there is a speed limit and they need to comply with it."

Initially, the device will be stationed outside of John Mills Elementary School on Diversey, according to Elmwood Park Police Chief Frank Fagiano. "We'll move it to other schools in our area to alert motorists of their speed in school zones."

No tickets will be issued as part of the speed monitoring, although Fagiano said he will continue to deploy officers to watch for speeding throughout the Village and issue appropriate citations if necessary. "We'll have target patrols in areas where we have traffic concerns or repeat incidents."

The new speed monitor is part of an ongoing effort to maintain safe school zones throughout the Village. Officers are already stationed at schools in the morning as students are walking to class and in the afternoon when school lets out for the day.

President Silvestri said he hopes residents provide feedback about the new device. "Give us suggestions as to where it should be deployed and keep police informed of how well it's working, because that's important to our overall goal of making Elmwood Park a safer community."

Residents can learn more by watching a short video posted on the Village's website, [www.elmwoodpark.org](http://www.elmwoodpark.org).