



## **NORTH MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### *STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES*

#### **RADAR AND LASER DEVELOPMENT 400.16**

EFFECTIVE DATE: 06-14-23

APPROVED:   
Chief of Police

SUPERSEDES: 04-22-20

CFA:

#### **I. PURPOSE**

To establish guidelines governing the use of Radar and Laser Devices.

#### **II. POLICY**

To provide sworn personnel guidelines for the use of Radar and Laser Devices.

#### **III. SCOPE**

This policy applies to all members of the Department.

#### **IV. CRITERIA**

Officers will not operate any speed measuring device (radar, laser, speedometer, etc.) without proper training and certification established by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission pursuant to FSS 943.17 (1)(b). Officers not certified to use speed-measuring devices may support certified operators by issuing citations but are not allowed to operate the devices. Officers who operate the devices must be listed as witnesses.

#### **V. EQUIPMENT**

Radars and lasers, including carrying cases, department logs, tuning forks and other equipment, are assigned to the Traffic Safety Unit. The Traffic Safety Supervisor or the officer assigned a speed measuring device, will ensure they are serviced and/or calibrated every six months by qualified technicians designated by the Department. The Traffic Safety Supervisor may designate a

general custodian to ensure that proper maintenance and other records are maintained by the Department. The Traffic Safety Supervisor may assign or reassign speed-measuring equipment to police personnel.

## **VI. USAGE**

All officers and speed measuring devices used by the North Miami Police Department must comply with FSS 316.1905 and 316.1906, and the device specifications as mandated by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle Rules (15B-2.007- 15B-2.016). Only authorized radar and laser units are to be used by officers.

Officers will only use a speed-measuring device if it is currently certified, calibrated and working properly. Officers shall have the appropriate device's certification documentation, their log, and a copy of their personal training certificate in their possession when appearing for any court case, regarding a speed-measuring device.

Officers who are assigned radars and lasers for their use are responsible for their care, safekeeping, and upkeep. This is accomplished by:

- A. Ensuring they are turned off when not in use,
- B. Using waterproof cover(s) for protection if exposed to inclement weather,
- C. Securing them in the vehicle's trunk when not in use,
- D. Turning them in for service when a malfunction occurs, and
- E. Turning them in to the Traffic Safety Supervisor, or his/her designee, for required servicing or re-certification.