

City of Newcastle news release
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CITIZEN COP

Newcastle Police Arm Residents With Radar Guns

Residents of Newcastle can now pick up a radar unit to find out if drivers are really speeding through their neighborhoods. Newcastle Police will loan out a radar gun to citizens, who will then record the speed of vehicles and the license plate numbers of any violators. Officers will send out warning letters to any drivers observed speeding. It will also help gauge the total number of documented speeders to determine if that neighborhood needs additional patrols. Our first volunteer tested it last week and recorded more than 70 speeders over 3 days.

The warning letters are simply that: a warning. They do not carry a fine. Newcastle Police hope the program will give residents a better idea of the real speeds in their neighborhood. It will also help officers better target the problem zones around the City.

MEDIA DEMONSTRATION WITH RESIDENTS WHO VOLUNTEERED TO BE "CITIZEN COPS"

When: Monday, November 10th at 10am

Where: Newcastle City Hall, 13020 Newcastle Way

Who: 2 residents will show off their radar gun skills on a city street.

Police Chief Melinda Irvine will also be on hand.