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MEMORANDUM TO:

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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Automated Speed Enforcement

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise the policing community across the province regarding the implementation of Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) systems in municipalities, beginning as early as December 1st, 2019.

Automated Speed Enforcement combines image capture and speed detection technologies to automatically monitor or enforce speeding laws. Under ASE programs, photographic evidence of speeding offences is collected and reviewed by municipal staff, who determine whether a charge should be issued to an offender via mail.

On May 30, 2017, Ontario passed Bill 65, the *Safer School Zones Act* to help municipalities target unsafe drivers and protect vulnerable road users. This legislation permits municipalities to implement and operate ASE technology to enforce speeding traffic offences in school and community safety zones on roads with a speed limit under 80km/h. Regulation 398/19 supplements this legislation by setting out evidentiary and procedural rules for ASE systems.

Under the ASE program, speeding violations at or in excess of 50km/h cannot be pursued as these charges would require a mandatory court appearance and a summons which cannot be served by mail. To address this, municipalities operating ASE programs plan to work with municipal police services to pursue charges against extreme speeders where applicable.

I would ask that you please bring this memorandum to the attention of your policing stakeholders. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Angela Litrenta, Manager, Road Safety Policy Office at (416) 235-5130. Thank you for your assistance in communicating this change.

Thank you for your assistance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Byrnes".

Kevin Byrnes
Assistant Deputy Minister
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