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## Sign is expected to corral speeders

Town installing radar warning device to get drivers to slow down

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CLIFTON PARK -- Town officials hope a new device that shows drivers how fast they are traveling will encourage them to slow down.

The town spent \$8,000 for a traffic safety radar sign, an electronic device that clocks travelers and then posts their speed as they pass.

The unattended device, which drivers or passengers may recognize from construction areas on the Northway, will be useful in alerting drivers just how fast they are traveling through neighborhoods and, town officials hope, encourage them to obey the speed limit. It represents the town's latest attempt to corral speeding drivers and get them to slow down.

"In developments, you have speeders and those who don't realize they are doing it," Councilman Sanford Roth said. "This will almost serve as a reminder. We might even consider more of these for the future if it works."

Other communities that employ the portable signs say they serve as a deterrent to speeding, Supervisor Philip Barrett said.

"You can't have cops everywhere," Barrett said.

The town, which does not have its own police force, has proposed hiring three additional Saratoga County Sheriffs officers to, in part, patrol roads for chronic speeders, Barrett has said. The tentative 2005 town budget includes about \$160,000 for the new hires.

Several residents of the hamlet of Rexford have said that commuters from out of town routinely flout the speed limits of the area's country roads.

The radar sign will be placed in different parts of the town, Barrett said. "It's a positive step," Barrett said. "It could be a very useful tool if we use it properly."

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