

CHAPTER 3
SPECIAL TRAFFIC EDUCATION RADAR
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1. GENERAL. The control of speeding vehicles, through public awareness programs, continues to be a priority of the Department. Mobile radar speed-display trailers address the concerns of the public, the Legislature, and the Department, toward the problems created by speeding vehicles, and can be used as an educational tool to modify motorist speeding behavior. The Department identifies these trailers as SPECial Traffic Education Radar (SPECTER) trailers.

2. RADAR TRAILER.

a. Design. The SPECTER is a self-contained unit with the following features:

- (1) Tamper-resistant self-contained trailer.
- (2) Battery power supplemented by solar-powered panels.
- (3) Traffic radar unit mounted inside the trailer.
- (4) Large, easy-to-view numerical readout.

b. Portability. The lightweight unit is capable of being moved to any location via a patrol car or other motor vehicle equipped with a trailer hitch, and set up by one officer. The unit can operate unattended.

3. DEPLOYMENT. Areas requesting to deploy Division-controlled SPECTER devices must coordinate with their Division to schedule or reserve the radar trailer unit.

4. TOWING EQUIPMENT.

a. Vehicle Connector and Associated Components. The trailer connector required for use of the SPECTER device is a standard California Highway Patrol specification connector. Trailer brakes are not required.

b. Hitch Ball. The hitch required for the SPECTER trailer is a standard two-inch ball-type hitch.

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