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Police chief buying device to monitor traffic



Police Chief Kent Shuebrook told the Amity Township supervisors Wednesday night that he plans to buy an electronic traffic-data recorder.

The device attaches to a utility pole and records the traffic volume and speed of all vehicles where it's installed.

It can record speeds of up to 130 mph and is considered to be 97 percent accurate, he said.

"It's a very simple device," Shuebrook said "We should be using it a lot. We'll be placing the recorder in various locations throughout the township, reviewing and comparing the data it records."

That data, the chief said, will enable him to determine where speeding is occurring. He then can deploy officers accordingly.

"If I put this device on a pole for a week," Shuebrook said, "I'll have all the information I need on where the spots in the township are which will efficiently warrant an officer's attention."

The data recorder will cost about \$5,000, Shuebrook said, but a grant will pay for the purchase.

- By Dan Andrews