

Glendale Residents Raise Funds To Buy Speed Trailer

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Glendale Police Chief Dave Warman thanks Geoff Base-Smith for his fund raising efforts.

In 2001 Glendale resident Geoff Base-Smith asked Council to consider buying a speed trailer to warn motorists when they are speeding in Glendale. In fact, he offered to champion a fund raising campaign and in only 6 months he was successful in raising \$2,445 from many Glendale residents that found a speed trailer to be a good idea. The money was not forgotten! The donated funds were put into a special interest bearing account while the remaining funds were sought or considered in future Police budgets. Other needs in the police budget took precedence and the donated trailer funds remained invested - waiting for an opportunity.

Last Winter Vice Mayor Debbie Grueninger asked if additional funding or grants could be obtained to provide the remaining money needed to purchase the trailer. Administrator Cordes and Chief Warman responded by writing a grant request for the remaining funds and were successful in obtaining a grant in January 2008. The trailer was ordered at a total cost of \$5,285 and Glendale PD recently took possession of the trailer. Motorists can expect to see it on every street that may have speeders. Residents are encouraged to call and request the trailer be scheduled for their street. Chief Warman said "While we actively patrol all streets each day, we can not always be present to deter and or apprehend speeders. This trailer has already demonstrated that it lowers speeds and we thank Mr. Base-Smith for starting the initial fund raising process". Mayor Hubbard recently commented in Council "this is yet another example of the generosity of the Glendale residents and their support of a safer community".