

The study provided evidence of the effectiveness of speed cameras and it is hoped that fixed speed cameras will achieve similar results.

Inspector Allan Hales is Program Manager for the Queensland Police Service Road Safety Summit Projects. He said the Camera Detected Offence Program had started with the introduction of red light cameras in Queensland in 1991, and expanded in 1997 when mobile speed cameras were introduced.

“These three fixed cameras are the latest strategy for the Queensland Police Service in terms of speed management and enhanced road safety,” Inspector Hales said.

“Fixed speed cameras are one of several road safety initiatives introduced as a result of the 2006 Road Safety Summit. Early analysis of the data from these cameras shows they have had a positive effect on speed compliance in the area of the cameras,” he said.

Acting Senior Sergeant Nigel Smith from the Fixed Camera Project said the three fixed speed cameras used Gatsometer Radar, the same technology as the mobile speed cameras.

“The Gatsometer is a proven and reliable form of radar technology and when a vehicle travels through the fixed camera site, the change

in the radar frequency is used to calculate the speed,” Acting Senior Sergeant Smith said.

“Those vehicles travelling at or above the tolerance level are photographed.

“Each of the fixed cameras in Queensland is inspected and serviced several times each week to ensure the camera operations are maintained, and the project team will continue to investigate emerging technologies for future use in Queensland.”

If a motorist is detected speeding through a fixed camera site they can expect to receive an infringement notice within two weeks of that date.

“Under Queensland legislation, money generated by speed cameras in excess of the administrative costs is used to fund rehabilitation for the victims of road trauma, road safety and awareness programs, and for improving Queensland roads,” Inspector Hales said.

Inspector Hales said the *safe4life* initiative of the Queensland Road Safety Strategy 2004–2011 aimed to reach a target of less than 5.6 deaths per 100,000 people by 2011.



“The speed management strategy involves all of the speed detection devices, including hand-held laser and mobile radar devices,” Inspector Hales said.

“Use of the fixed and mobile cameras is one part of that strategy and provides police with the resources to enforce and promote compliance to speed limits on all roads.

“Police will not tolerate speeding drivers that place all road users at risk.”

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