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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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**Mount Rainier, MD** – The Mount Rainier Police Department is pleased to announce the implementation of the City’s Automated Speed Enforcement Program. The City is now one of many jurisdictions in the Washington Metropolitan area to use automated speed enforcement to reduce traffic crashes, pedestrian accidents and save lives. The program will provide automated enforcement in residential areas with speed limits of 35 mph or less, and school zones with the posted speed limit of 25 mph. Speed cameras provide police with one more tool to protect pedestrians and other motorists. The goal of the program is to change the behavior of aggressive drivers.

The City of Mount Rainier entered into an agreement with the GATSO USA to provide and maintain the speed cameras and parking meters. The speed cameras will be portable and placed in areas where data indicates there are speeding problems and utilized heavily by pedestrians, particularly in areas designated as school zones.

The first phase of the automated speed cameras will be posted in the following locations:

- US 1 (Rhode Island Avenue) south of 37<sup>th</sup> Street – 1 Unit
- US 1 (Rhode Island Avenue) north of 37<sup>th</sup> Street – 1 Unit

The fine for violating the posted speed limit is \$40.00 for each violation. Violators traveling 12 miles or more over the posted speed limit will activate the speed camera which will result in a violation notice being issued and mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle. All violators may pay the fine or request a court date to contest violation notices. During the implementation of the City’s program, which will begin on Wednesday, July 1, 2020, there will be a 30-day period where only warnings will be issued. After that period, fines will be issued to violators.