

Pennsylvania State Police

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Speed Enforcement E-Mail a Hoax

The Pennsylvania State Police would like to advise citizens that an e-mail circulating in Pennsylvania that warns of a "speeding ticket frenzy" involving State Police is a hoax.

The misinformation in this e-mail is an urban legend that originated in New Jersey in May 2005. Since then, the hoax has targeted police in several other states.

Versions of the e-mail forwarded to State Police by citizens claim that massive speed enforcement detail will pay the costs of Trooper's overtime and target certain highways and intersections.

The Department suggests that anyone who receives such an e-mail to simply delete it. Don't become part of the hoax by forwarding the message to others. It is simply not true.

The State Police routinely engage in speed enforcement efforts as part of our highway safety programs. The Department never issues traffic citations as a way of raising funds for the state.

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