

## ***Speed Awareness Program***

The Speed Awareness Program is an educational measure intended to increase motorists' awareness of the speed at which they travel on neighborhood streets, and to provide residents with a positive outlet to show their concerns regarding speeding in their neighborhood. The program provides a Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar Trailer (S.M.A.R.T.), which includes a radar unit, a speed limit sign, and a digital speed display board that shows motorists the speed at which they travel.



SMART is used during scheduled Speed Awareness Day events that are attended by at least 10 members of a participating civic association. The purpose of the Speed Awareness Program is to assist citizens' organizations, throughout the County, in addressing chronic speeding conditions on specific roadway sections by participating in "Speed Awareness Day" events. A Speed Awareness Day is a 4 to 6-hour event during which a group of citizens (a minimum of 10) assemble at a safe location adjacent to the targeted roadway to demonstrate their concern about speeding conditions. Typically, groups draw attention by conveying a positive message to passing motorists (e.g. "Safe at 25 MPH," "No Need to Speed," etc.) through the use of preprinted signs and apparel. It is the sole responsibility of the citizens' organization to plan, schedule, and publicize the event, and to provide the necessary signs, T-shirts, etc. For its role, the Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) provides and monitors a S.M.A.R.T., and provides loaner safety vests for the participants. DPW&T will also request that at least one Prince George's County Police Department officer be present during the event. Requests for scheduling Speed Awareness Day events are coordinated through DPW&T's Traffic Division. If your citizens' organization is interested in holding a Speed Awareness Day event, please contact Mr. Sam Isenberg of our Traffic Safety Division at (301) 883-5666 or TDD (301) 925-5167.