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PRESS RELEASE

The City of LeClaire has recently partnered with Sensys Gatso Group, a company that implements Automated Traffic Enforcement (ATE). Our number one goal is to reduce speed in high-risk spans of roadway within our city limits and ultimately, decrease the number of vehicular accidents caused by excessive speed.

Many citizens have already taken notice of the installed cameras and the recently posted warning signs and have reached out to us with questions. While we know the use of ATE is not often embraced by the public, we hope that our residents and visitors understand that their safety is our top priority. In the last 10 years there have been a total of 334 vehicular accidents on I-80 and HWY 67, just within our corporate city limits. These have included a total of 552 vehicles, 3 fatalities and over 115 injuries. Unfortunately, just one accident, one injury or one life lost is too many, so if this program can reduce these numbers by half, or save even one life, we believe it is worth it.

There are two fixed enforcement locations. One is on I-80, just before the I-80 bridge. The other camera is in the 2300 block of South Cody Road (HWY 67). The proper signage has been posted in both locations. The City of LeClaire has also obtained a mobile ATE unit that will be utilized in other areas of the city that have speed-related concerns. The cameras will pick up speeders from both directions.

Beginning on Tuesday, January 5th, 2021, the cameras will be activated and will send out WARNINGS. On Friday, March 5th, 2021, the warning period will cease, and actual citations will be issued from that point forward.

We understand that ATE can be frustrating for some, but as always, we are being as transparent as possible and hope that this information has provided answers to any questions or concerns about the program. This new technology has proven time and time again, in several other cities, to be extremely effective in reducing speed-related accidents and improving all around traffic safety. We are confident that it will do the same for our citizens and roadways.

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Chief of Police