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RE: Part 7 – Traffic Controls for School Areas – Change

**Proposed Change** – Addition of Supplemental Plaque “ALL YEAR OPERATION.

**Illustration** – See Attached

**Supporting Information** Section 1A.02, in part, states “The proper use of traffic control devices should provide the reasonable and prudent road user with the information necessary to reasonably safely and lawfully use the streets, highways,.....”

Section 1A.06, in part, states “ A standard device used where it is inappropriate is as objectionable as a nonstandard device: in fact, this might be worse.. because such misuse might result in disrespect at those locations where the device is needed and appropriate.”

Section 2A.03 states, in part, :Signs required by road conditions or restrictions shall be removed when these conditions cease to exist or the restrictions are withdrawn”.

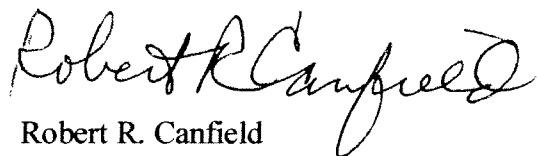
One area in which these items have been ignored is the signing of School Zones. Generally these zones are not in effect during the summer months, but there are some exceptions where schools maintain summer activities. It is left to the driver to discern which reduced speed limits are in effect and which are not particularly where the School Speed Limit signs contain times and the legend “SCHOOL DAYS”. Reportedly some law enforcement agencies take advantage of this confusion by enforcing the reduced speed limits during summer months with enthusiasm.

The enclosed illustration indicates one city’s approach to attempting to resolve this problem by using a supplemental plaque on the Advance School Zone Warning sign with the legend “A:: YEAR OPERATION”. This would appear to be a reasonable solution to this issue for those agencies that are unwilling to remove these signs during the summer months.

It is therefore proposed that the plaque “ALL YEAR OPERATION” be added to Part 7 with the text”.

“The S4-7 plaque “ALL YEAR OPERATION” shall be installed at all School Zones where speed is reduced during both the regular school year and the summer months and where the

Reduced Speed Limit Assembly is not covered, turned or removed during the summer months at School Zones that are not in effect in the same political jurisdiction.: The plaque shall be black and white and mounted below the Advanced School Zone Assembly, where used, or below the School Zone Speed Limit Assembly “

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert R. Canfield". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R".

Robert R. Canfield



**AHEAD**

**ALL YEAR  
OPERATION**

