

# Waynesville PD to upgrade signs

Many school speed zone signs were damaged in last year's windstorm.

Staff Report

WAYNESVILLE — The Village of Waynesville Police Department will be replacing Wayne Local Schools speed zone signs with donations from area businesses and organizations.

Lebanon Eagles Group 1395 donated \$3,000 and the National Bank and Trust contributed \$1,000 to purchase the new signs. In addition, American Legion Post 615 has committed to making a donation.

The existing school zone signs were damaged last



The Village of Waynesville Police Department will be upgrading speed zone signs at Wayne Local Schools made possible through the donations by area organizations and businesses. Pictured (from left) are Police Chief Gary L. Copeland; National Bank and Trust representatives Jill Klontz, financial advisor; Laura Shaw, Waynesville branch manager; Richard Jones, vice president of business development; Mary Jane West, vice president of public funds; and Sarah Pennington, Lebanon branch manager. Contributed photo

September in the windstorm produced from Hurricane Ike. Although the

signs were functional, they needed to be repair. The new signs not only will

alert drivers of school zone speed limits using flashing lights, they also will include a display showing them how fast they are driving.

Police Chief Gary Copeland said the display serves as a friendly reminder for drivers to slow down to the posted 20 m.p.h. speed limit in the school zone.

"The main focus of our project is to provide the safest environment for children to walk and bike to and from school" Copeland said. "These types of signs and displays are widely used in school zones all over the United States."

The estimated total cost for the new signs is \$7,000. They should be installed before the start of the 2009-10 school year.

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# Waynesville community steps up to fund school speed zone signs

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Staff Writer

WAYNESVILLE — The Village of Waynesville Police Department has received additional funding from two more community supporters for the police department's replacement and upgrade of school speed zone signs.

Representatives of the Waynesville Optimist Club and the owner of Home-

town Market Place during the village's June 1 council meeting presented checks to Police Chief Gary Copeland for the Wayne Local Schools speed zone signs project.

The district's existing school zone signs were damaged last September in the windstorm from Hurricane Ike.

The total project cost is about \$7,000.

In late April, the Leba-

non Eagles Group 1395, National Bank and Trust and American Legion Post 615 contributed to the purchase of new signs, which will be mounted with state-of-the-art radar equipment.

"Our children are our greatest asset, and their safety and security is obviously the community's top priority," said Bruce Snell, village manager.

The new signs not only alert drivers of school zone

speed limits using flashing lights, they also include a display showing motorists how fast they are driving.

Copeland said the display serves as a friendly reminder for drivers to slow down to the posted 20 mph school zone speed limit.

The signs are expected to be installed before the start of the 2009-10 school year.

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