HISTORY OF SMS – MARYLAND

» October 1997 - first automated traffic enforcement monitoring system authorized in State:
  ► automated traffic signal monitoring system [TR § 21.202.1]:

» 2006 - Maryland General Assembly authorized first use of automated SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS [SMS] in State:
  ► applied only to highways in school zones and residential districts in MONTGOMERY COUNTY;

» 2009 - General Assembly expanded STATEWIDE use of SMS:
  ► requires passage of LOCAL ENABLING LEGISLATION allowing use;

» 2010 - Legislature further expanded use of SMS:
  ► PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY authorized to use on highways located within grounds of institution of higher learning/nearby highways under certain circumstances;

» 2014 - Legislature again amended TR § 21-809 to current form:
  ► require LOCAL jurisdictions to designate persons to act in public liaison capacity;
  ► alter standards/requirements for daily self-tests and annual calibrations for SMS;
  ► require local jurisdictions to DESIGNATE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR;
  ► establish certain TRAINING REQUIREMENTS;
  ► clarifying certificate alleging speeding violation occurred be sworn to/affirmed by law enforcement officer;
  ► require MPCTC to compile/make publicly available annual report containing certain information on each local SMS program;
  ► require a contract for speed monitoring systems to include certain provisions;
  ► expand application of prohibition against SMS contractor’s fee being contingent on number of citations issued or paid;
  ► alter the standards and requirements for required warning period for violations recorded by SMS;