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Top 10 Tips for Staying Under the Radar!

- 1. Don't drive continuously in the far left lane.** Why? If a police officer is lurking, the speeding vehicle in the far left lane is the easiest and most likely target. Only use the far left lane when it is necessary for passing, but spend most of your time in the middle lanes.
- 2. Maintain a speed that is within 5 MPH of the surrounding traffic.** The police officer can only pick one car to stop and if you are in the middle of the pack, you have significantly decreased the odds that you will be the one pulled over.
- 3. Always try to avoid being the lead car.** If you are the lead car, it is logical to assume you will be the first car to attract the officer's attention and earn yourself a speeding ticket. Of course, if you are in a group of speeding cars and you are the last car, the officer could take the easy path and pull you over. Your best path is to avoid being the lead car or bring up the rear. The middle of the pack is the best and least exposed place to be.
- 4. Play "follow the leader."** If you are not in a pack of vehicles, find a driver who is travelling at your desired speed to follow. If Officer Rodney Radar is on the prowl, you will be warned when the vehicle ahead of you applies the brakes! Slow down and sigh with relief when the vehicle in front of you gets pulled over and say thank you as you drive on by!
- 5. Avoid driving aggressively.** Tailgating, frequent lane changes, or simply barreling down the road at an extremely high rate of speed will attract attention to your vehicle and increase the likelihood you will get pulled over.
- 6. Watch for cutouts and other police hiding places.** Cops frequently position themselves in cutouts located in the median of a highway, behind bridge abutments, etc. Pay attention to your surroundings and be prepared to reduce your speed if necessary.
- 7. Don't speed if you are the lone ranger!** If you are isolated and no other vehicles are in sight, stay within 5 MPH of the speed limit. An officer running radar has no one to look at but you so beware. If you are in a small town, beware of aggressive enforcement (also known as producing revenue) and do not exceed the speed limit.

- 8. Maintain situational awareness.** If you see brake lights ahead and traffic is slowing, consider yourself warned! Slow down until you see what lies ahead and act accordingly.
- 9. Fast and flashy cars are nice to drive but attract attention.** If you are driving a bright red Chevy Corvette or a Mercedes convertible, you are more likely to attract the attention of police than the driver in a silver Ford Fusion or the family SUV. The less memorable your vehicle, the more likely you will be able to stay under the radar!
- 10. Purchase a radar detector.** These devices which are legal in all states except Virginia and Washington, DC are well worth the investment if you live life in the fast lane. An effective radar detector will cost \$300 or more, but that is a lot less expensive than paying costly fines and absorbing increased insurance premiums. The old adage “you get what you pay for” applies. A cheap detector will not be effective against many types of radar, LIDAR, and Vascar. Do your homework and purchase the unit that is right for you!