Certificate of Equipment from the Commonwealth of PA

Before a **stopwatch** is used for speed-timing enforcement, it is recommended that the device be certified by an approved testing station and approved by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

After purchasing your stopwatch:

1. **Have the stopwatch serialized and tested for accuracy** by an approved testing station.
2. Once testing is complete, the testing station will issue a **Certificate of Accuracy**.
3. **Submit a request to PennDOT** for issuance of a **Certificate of Equipment**. The request must:
    - Be on department letterhead.
    - Be signed by the Chief, Officer-in-Charge (OIC), or other authorized department official.
    - Identify the newly purchased stopwatch.
    - Include a copy of the **Certificate of Accuracy** issued by the approved testing station.

Upon approval, PennDOT will issue a **Certificate of Equipment** for the stopwatch, completing the recommended process for use in speed-timing operations.

Mail to:

Vehicle Inspection Division

3rd Floor ROC

1101 S Front St

Harrisburg, PA 17104

Phone: 717-783-7016

Once PennDOT processes the request, a **Certificate of Equipment** will be issued to the department. The certificate contains the identifying information for the stopwatch and includes an official **PennDOT seal**.

This certificate should be retained by the department and introduced into evidence at any hearing or court proceeding involving a citation issued using the stopwatch.