

Police Object To Radar Tips For Drivers

The Metropolitan Police have asked for a Federal Communications Commission ruling on radio stations broadcasting the position of radar-equipped traffic control cars.

Inspector Charles L. Wright, of the traffic division, said he had received an acknowledgment from the FCC yesterday that it had received the department's request for a ruling. Inspector Wright said he just wants to find out if the broadcasters are in violation of any FCC regulations.

He said a number of local stations warn motorists of the location of the police cars. He said he feels this enables speeders to slow down when they approach the areas where they know they will be ticketed and then drive too fast elsewhere.

"We don't feel this is in the public interest," the inspector said. "These are not speed traps. We feel the whole idea of enforcement is to promote better driving."

He said the radar cars are parked in full view of passing motorists except when the location is one where parking is impossible. Inspector Wright said this is the only way the number of accidents and fatalities can be reduced. Three have been 43 traffic fatalities this year compared to 24 the District last year at this time.