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Bocholt's longest-serving traffic warden says goodbye

Edelgard Kempkes went to the radar in 2019 the "speeding pigeon", which gained worldwide fame

After a total of 26 years in the service of the city of Bocholt, Edelgard Kempkes from Bocholt is now retiring. Her face is familiar to many Bocholters: In more than 20 years of her service, Kempkes has taken care of the stationary traffic. This makes her Bocholt's longest-serving traffic warden. In the course of speed monitoring, she managed to take a very special snapshot in 2019.

At the time, a pigeon was flashed by the radar car in which Kempkes was on duty as a deputy. The speed camera photo with the "speeding pigeon from Bocholt" subsequently went through the media, shot virally through the social networks and gained worldwide circulation.



Ihr lustigstes Erlebnis hatte Edelgard Kempkes, als sie im Mai 2019 eine Taube blitzte. © Stadt Bocholt

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