RED LIGHT CAMERAS: MYTHS VS. FACTS

Red light cameras do not capture the speed of vehicles. A red light camera is a type of traffic enforcement camera that captures images of vehicles if they have entered intersections in spite of traffic signals indicating to stop on red.

By photographing vehicles that run red lights (or fail to make complete stops before making right turns), municipalities secure evidence that assists authorities in their enforcement of traffic laws.

Red light camera notices of violations are considered “moving violations” that will affect the violator’s driving record.

If a driver enters an intersection when the light is green or yellow, a red light camera notice of violation will be issued.

If a driver enters an intersection when the light is green or yellow, that driver will NOT receive a notice of violation. It is legal to clear the intersection if one is already in the intersection when the light turns red.

All red light photo enforcement systems are owned and operated by the same company.

There are several companies that provide red light photo enforcement systems to municipalities across the United States and internationally. Each company operates in a manner that is independent of the other and is directed by the municipality it serves.

If a driver stops his or her vehicle past the white stop bar, he or she will receive a notice of violation.

The Illinois legislature passed a bill that precludes any municipality from issuing a notice of violation if a vehicle comes to a complete stop even if that stop is after the white stop bar.

Choose Safety Stop On Red

The police department asks for your continued cooperation as the Village continues with its red light camera program in the Village of Schiller Park. Remember, red light camera programs only cost the drivers WHO BREAK THE LAW; without cameras in place, the cost could be your life.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Village of Schiller Park Police Department at (847) 678-4794.
As part of a continued effort to improve public and driver safety throughout the community, we have added two new approaches, **Northbound and Southbound**, to our cutting-edge “Red Light Camera Enforcement” program at **Irving Park Rd and River Rd.**

By expanding our program, we will give our police officers a greater opportunity to focus their attention on other community needs and emergencies. Our traffic safety program will continue to reduce possible fatalities and severe personal injury by deterring driver carelessness and/or reckless disregard for the law.

We understand that you may have some concerns about the implementation of these new approaches and the program. Please know we will continue to address those concerns. The police department will keep you informed by providing materials that will answer your questions.

Thank you for helping keep our roadways safe by remembering to **Choose Safety, Stop on Red.**

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**10 FACTS ABOUT RED LIGHT CAMERAS AND DRIVING SAFETY**

01. Red light cameras save lives.

02. Red light camera programs cost ONLY those who BREAK THE LAW.

03. Motorists are more likely to be injured in crashes involving red light running than in any other type of motor vehicle accident.

04. The goal of a red light camera enforcement system is to improve public safety for drivers and pedestrians.

05. Red light cameras help reduce fatalities and injury-related car crashes.

06. Red light cameras help reinforce safe driving behavior.

07. Red light cameras allow police officers more time for community policing.

08. Red light camera notices of violations do not affect the violator’s driving record.

09. Red light camera notices of violations are considered “non-moving” violations and are issued to the registered owner of the vehicle, regardless of who committed the violation.

10. Before a red light camera notice of violation is issued and mailed out, video of the possible violation has been reviewed by municipal law enforcement personnel and support technicians at least four times.

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**WHY RED LIGHT CAMERAS IN SCHILLER PARK? THEY SAVE LIVES**

**2015**
- 28 crashes
- 9 injuries

**2016**
- 26 crashes
- 11 injuries

*The above crash data is provided by IDOT and represents the listed intersections.

The red light cameras installed at our intersections will help reduce the high number of traffic incidents in those areas.

In 2015, there were 28 crashes, 9 of which resulted personal injuries.

In 2016, there were 26 crashes, 11 of which resulted personal injuries.

We know that by taking this precaution, we will reduce the number of vehicle collisions while increasing driver and pedestrian safety.

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**NEW RED LIGHT CAMERA APPROACHES**

**Irving Park Rd & River Rd**

(Northbound and Southbound)