FAQ – Automated Red-Light Enforcement

Question: Why are Red Light Cameras being installed?

Answer: More than two people are killed every day on U.S. roads by impatient and reckless red-light running drivers, according to data analysis performed by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. The most recent crash data available shows 939 people were killed in red light running crashes in 2017 — a 10-year high and a 28% increase since 2012. With the number of red-light running crashes on the rise, AAA calls for drivers to use caution when approaching. signalized intersections, and for pedestrians and cyclists to stay alert when crossing the street.

Automated Enforcement is endorsed as a safety tool by the Governor's Highway Safety Association, AAA, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety and the National Safety Council.

Question: How will I know where the cameras are?

Answer: As a warning to drivers, the Police Department has placed new photo enforcement signage that is clearly visible at all red-light intersections being enforced by cameras. Additionally, the Police Department will provide an initial 30-day warning period, during which time drivers will get used to the new signs and red-light runners will receive Warning Notices in the mail.

Question: I have received a Warning Notice. What do I do?

Answer: Warning Notices are courtesy notices extended by the Police Department, in addition to new clearly visible signs, as a means of notifying drivers of stepped-up enforcement at the intersections. If you received a Warning Notice <u>no further action is required</u>. All drivers are encouraged to obey the law, slow down, and **Stop-On-Red**.

Question: What intersections are enforced?

Answer:

- Hansel Ave @ Oak Ridge Rd NB
- Hansel Ave @ Fairlane Ave NB
- Hoffner Ave @ S Conway Rd EB
- Oak Ridge Rd @ Hansel Ave EB

Question: What are the criteria for receiving a ticket?

Answer: Vehicular traffic facing a steady red signal shall stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if none, then before entering the intersection and shall remain standing until a green indication is shown.

Question: How much is the fine?

Answer: The violation fine is \$158. Payments are due by the "Pay By" date listed on the citation.

Question: Can I view my violation?

Answer: Yes. Login to <u>www.zerofatality.com</u> and enter your license plate number and password which you will find on your notice of violation. You will be able to view photos and video of the violation through website portal.

Question: What hours do the cameras operate?

Answer: 24/7 - 365 days a year

Question: I have received a Red-Light Violation Ticket. How do I pay for it?

Answer: You may mail a check or money order to the address printed on the citation and preprinted return envelope.

For faster credit card payments, you may pay securely online at <u>www.zerofatality.com</u>. Electronic payments post the same day and you can receive a confirmation via. e-mail, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Question: If I get a ticket, will my insurance go up?

Answer: Citations are civil offenses, not criminal infractions. No points are assessed on your driving record for automated enforcement violations.

Question: How do the Cameras work? Are they accurate?

Answer: The enforcement program utilizes state of the art radar that tracks and monitors up to 7 lanes of traffic simultaneously. Radar is accurate within .1 miles per hour. High-definition images showing the light on red, the vehicle position before the stop line and after the line while light is red are captured along with a 60 second HD video of the entire event.

Question: What happens to ticket revenue?

Answer: According to state law, paid citation revenue must be utilized for law enforcement activities that will make communities safer, such as police equipment and new school resource officers etc.

Question: Where can I read the law on automated enforcement?

Answer: Please click on the following link for the latest version of the Official Code of Florida.

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0300-0399/0316/Sections/0316.0083.html