

RED LIGHT CAMERAS: *MYTHS* VS. **FACTS**

"Red light enforcement cameras and speed cameras are the same."

Red light cameras do not capture the speed of a vehicle. A red light camera (or red light enforcement camera) is a type of traffic enforcement camera that captures an image of a vehicle if it has entered an intersection in spite of the traffic signal indicating red/stop. By automatically photographing vehicles that run red lights (or fail to make a complete stop before making a right turn), the municipality secures evidence that assists authorities in their enforcement of traffic laws.

Red light camera violations are considered "moving violations" that will affect a person's driving record.

Violations are considered "non-moving violations" and do not affect a person's driving record.

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

If a driver enters the intersection when the light is green or yellow, NO "Notice of Violation" will issue. 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.

No. There are several companies that provide red light running photo enforcement systems across the United States and internationally. Each company operates independent of each other and all contracts with municipalities are tailored to the requests and operational needs of the municipality.

If a driver stops the vehicle past the white stop bar a red light camera violation will be issued.

Not so. As of January 2011, the Illinois legislature passed a bill that precludes any municipality from issuing a citation if a vehicle comes to a complete stop even if that stop is after the white stop bar.

We ask for your continued cooperation as we move forward with the installation of red light cameras in Matteson. 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 Matteson Police Department at (708) 748-1564.



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Stop On Red**

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RED LIGHT CAMERAS



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“ I ENCOURAGE YOU TO CHOOSE SAFETY. STOP ON RED. ”

In its effort to improve public and driver safety throughout the community, the Village of Matteson, after careful consideration and detailed analysis, has decided to move forward with a new and cutting edge photo-enforcement program, more commonly known as a “Red Light Camera” program. Although this initiative is new for the Village, it has operated throughout the United States and globally for decades. In fact, it has been shown to save lives all over the world. The Village is confident that implementation of this type of program will reduce possible fatalities and severe personal injury due to driver carelessness and/or reckless disregard for the law right here in Matteson.

As your Chief of Police, I want to advise you that over the course of the next few weeks, camera systems will be installed at the intersections of Lincoln Hwy. (Route 30) and Cicero Ave. (Southbound and Westbound) and Lincoln Hwy. and Governor's Hwy. (Eastbound, Northbound and Southbound) as we launch this new traffic safety program.

I understand you may have concerns about the implementation of the program; I want to make sure they are addressed. For that reason I, along with other officers from the Matteson Police Department will be available to answer any questions you have. We will hold public discussions, host Public Service Announcements, be happy to attend community-sponsored events and publish written materials regarding the program.

In the meantime, I thank you for helping me to keep the roadways in The Village of Matteson safe for all to use. I encourage you to Choose Safety. Stop On Red.

A MESSAGE FROM POLICE CHIEF MICHAEL JONES

10 RED LIGHT CAMERAS FACTS 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 urban 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 at intersections.
- 06 Red light cameras help reinforce safe driver behavior.
- 07 Red light cameras allow police officers more time for community policing.
- 08 Red light camera violations do not affect a person's driving record.
- 09 Red light camera 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 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.

WHY RED LIGHT CAMERAS IN MATTESON? THEY SAVE LIVES



2014

73 crashes

11 injuries

2015

49 crashes

5 injuries

The red light camera safety program at our intersections will help reduce the high number of traffic incidents in those areas. This will also help to reduce resources needed in those areas, allowing those resources to be reallocated to other needed areas.

In 2014, there were 73 crashes alone at Lincoln Hwy and Cicero Ave. In 11 of those accidents, there were serious personal injuries including one fatality. We know that by taking this precaution, we will reduce the number of vehicle collisions while increasing driver and pedestrian safety in Matteson. Even one crash is one too many.

