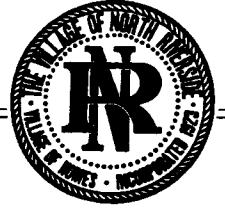


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ADDITIONAL RED LIGHT ENFORCEMENT CAMERAS INSTALLED

North Riverside, IL – August 19, 2010 – The Village of North Riverside announced that red light cameras have been installed at the intersection of Harlem Ave and 26th Street. The cameras will capture still images and video of red-light running violations on the southbound approach of the intersection. The cameras went live on Monday August 16, 2010, after final approval from the Illinois Department of Transportation. During the first 7 days of operation, a warning notice will be issued to the registered owner of a vehicle that commits a red-light running violation. At the conclusion of the 7-day warning period, civil penalties in the amount of \$100 per infraction will be issued.

The intersection is marked with signs that read “Red Light Photo Enforced” to notify drivers to the red light cameras that have been installed. The program is administered by Redflex Traffic Systems. Each violation captured by the cameras will be reviewed and approved by a sworn officer from the North Riverside Police Department prior to a notice being issued.

The Village of North Riverside also has red light cameras operating at the following intersections:

- 17th Avenue and Cermak Road – covering the northbound approach
- 1st Ave and 26th Street – covering the northbound and southbound approaches

Red light running is one of the major causes of collisions, deaths, and injuries at signalized intersections in the United States. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 20 percent of drivers do not obey intersectional signals. Crashes caused by red light running result in more than 800 fatalities and 165,000 injuries each year, according to NHTSA. The economic impact of red light running on society is estimated to be \$14 billion annually. Other motorists and pedestrians account for nearly half the deaths caused by red-light running crashes.

The goal of the Red Light Photo Enforcement Program is to make community roads safer and reduce automobile-related tragedies by addressing red-light running. The campaign seeks to re-establish respect for traffic signals in an effort to enhance the safety of residents and motorists. The aim is also to reduce the number and severity of crashes, in addition to injuries and fatalities, caused by dangerous and aggressive driving.