

# 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 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 notice of violations are considered "moving violations" that will affect a person's driving record.**

Notice of violations are considered "non-moving violations" and do not affect a person'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.

The police department asks for your continued cooperation as the Village moves forward with the installation of red light cameras in the Village of Richton 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 Richton Park Police Department at (708) 481-8956.



**Choose Safety  
Stop On Red**

# THE VILLAGE OF RICHTON PARK WELCOMES

# RED LIGHT CAMERAS



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# “CHOOSE SAFETY STOP ON RED”

In our efforts to improve public and driver safety throughout the community, the Village of Richton Park Police Department, after careful consideration and detailed analysis, has moved forward with a new and cutting-edge photo-enforcement program, more commonly known as “Red Light Cameras.” This advanced technology will be used to capture on film those who violate the traffic laws in our community 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Using this type of photo-enforcement tool gives our police officers a greater opportunity to focus their attention on other community needs and concerns as well as emergency situations. The traffic safety program will reduce possible fatalities and severe personal injury due to driver carelessness and/or reckless disregard for the law.

The camera systems are located at the intersection of Cicero Avenue and Sauk Trail (Northbound and Southbound).

The Village of Richton Park Police Department understands that you may have some concerns about the implementation of the program. Please know that those concerns will be addressed. The police department will continue to keep you informed by providing materials that will answer your questions.

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE  
RICHTON PARK POICE DEPARTMENT

## 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 driver behavior
- 07 Red light cameras allow police officers more time for community policing
- 08 Red light camera notice of violations do not affect people’s driving record
- 09 Red light camera notice 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

## WHY RED LIGHT CAMERAS IN RICHTON PARK? THEY SAVE LIVES



2015	377 crashes	68 injuries
2016	482 crashes	86 injuries & 2 fatalities

\* The above crash data represents the roads in the Village of Richton Park which is provided by the Village of Richton Park Police Department.

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

In 2015, there were 377 crashes, 68 of which resulted in personal injuries.

In 2016, there were 482 crashes, 86 of which resulted in personal injuries including 2 fatalities.

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

