

Q WHY ARE RED LIGHT CAMERAS IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

A Red light cameras save lives. They were installed to assist in preventing motorists from carelessly running red lights and therefore endangering their lives and the lives of those around them. When our municipality made the decision to install red light cameras, we informed residents when and where the cameras would be installed and continue to communicate with the community about the consequences if they choose to run a red light. If, after all our efforts, motorists still decide to run a red light, then they have chosen to break the law.

Q HOW DID YOU PICK THE SITES FOR YOUR CAMERAS?

A We carefully analyzed our high traffic intersections by monitoring the traffic patterns and realized there was a safety issue due to motorists running red lights. Point blank, running red lights does endanger the lives and safety of motorists and pedestrians. We, as law enforcement officials, can't be everywhere to monitor every high traffic intersection at all times. Therefore, we are using modern technology, by installing red light cameras, as one tool to help keep our intersections safe, while freeing up law enforcement for other duties.

Q WHY DO YOU NEED RED LIGHT CAMERAS IF YOU HAVE TRAFFIC SIGNALS?

A Red light cameras alone will not prevent an intersection crash. Nor will traffic signals. However, every effort should be made to lessen the likelihood of a crash. Red light cameras capture drivers running through traffic signals, in this case, red lights. Hopefully, the red light cameras will bring about awareness regarding safe driver behavior and have an impact on it.

Q DID YOU INSTALL RED LIGHT CAMERAS TO BOOST YOUR REVENUES?

A First of all, people who run red lights are breaking the law. No, not at all. It is our job to enforce the law. But unlike those who run red lights and are ticketed by police officers on the scene, those who receive violations through photo enforcement do so despite the fact that they thought they could get away with breaking the law. We will not let that happen. Our concern is and will always be about safety. Whether there is a camera or not, the driver needs to slow down and stop for a red light, they will be safer and the pedestrians will be safer, also.