

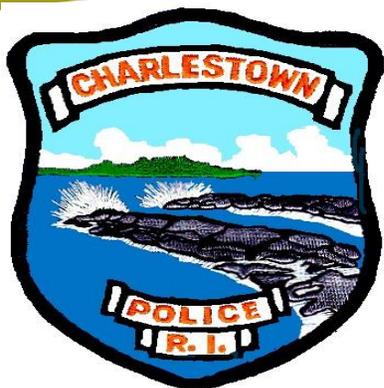
Charlestown Puts Safety

First Introducing Charlestown's new Red Light Running Public Safety Initiative!

As part of our continuing commitment to the health and safety of our citizens and visitors, Charlestown has instituted a photo red light enforcement program.

Beginning October 24, 2014, we will begin issuing Warning Notices to owners of vehicles that run red lights.

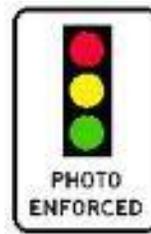
**Live enforcement will begin
November 9, 2014**



Protecting Charlestown's citizens from the High and Often Catastrophic Consequences of Red Light Running

In the U.S., nearly 900 people are killed and more than 150,000 people are injured every year by red light runners. The financial burden is extreme. The cost in human suffering is beyond measure. For this reason, Charlestown implemented a Red Light Photo Enforcement Program.

RED Means Stop!



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Red Light Cameras from Sensys America

The Photo Enforcement Experts

Help protect citizens in the Town of Charlestown by obeying all traffic laws

About Red Light Cameras

Our selected vendor, Sensys America, Inc., provides a state-of-the-art detection system that measures the speed of every vehicle as it approaches the intersection. If the system predicts that a violation is about to occur, it snaps a high-resolution digital photograph of the vehicle before the stop bar. If the vehicle actually runs the red light, the system captures a second image of the vehicle in the intersection. A digital video captures the entire event. No citation is issued until the event has been reviewed by two independent individuals including one police officer. With thousands of Sensys installations worldwide, no citation has ever been dismissed because of faulty equipment.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Are the red light cameras safe?

A: Yes. Although some studies have suggested that red light cameras increase rear end collisions, they have been proven to reduce the much more dangerous “T-Bone” collisions. To further increase program safety, DeLand is installing infrared flash to **eliminate** driver distraction.

Q: I’ve heard they’re just about raising revenue. Is this true?

A: This is false. According to a recent study by the insurance Institute for Traffic Safety: “The average annual rate of fatal red light running crashes declined by 14 percent in the cities with camera programs and increased slightly (2 percent) in the cities without cameras.” The purpose of our program is safety, first, last and always.

Q: Will the City be enforcing right turn violations?

A: Yes, but only the most serious violations. A right turn on red before a complete stop is *illegal* and an officer stationed at the intersection would be perfectly within his rights to cite the driver. Rhode Island law, however, permits photo enforcement of right turns. You are cautioned that any red light violation is dangerous and may be cited.

Frequently Asked Questions (continued)

Q: How will my privacy be protected?

A: Each image captured by the traffic infraction detectors is immediately encrypted and transmitted via a secure means. Only law enforcement personnel and Sensys America personnel under a strict duty of confidentiality will view violation images unless they are displayed at a hearing requested by the violator.

Q: Will the cameras take my picture if I don’t run the red light?

A: The system may capture an image of your vehicle if you are in proximity to a violating vehicle or if you approach the intersection at a speed that indicates you may run the red light. If you do not run the red light, any image captured by the traffic infraction detectors will be discarded. We treat the protection of your identity and images *very seriously*.

Q: Can I contest a Notice of Violation?

A: Yes. Each Notice of Violation will include instructions on how you can submit an Affidavit of Non-Responsibility or have a formal hearing in front of a judge.