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, 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.

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 his or her vehicle past the white stop bar he or she will receive a violation notice.

No. 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.

**Choose Safety**

**Stop On Red**

We ask for your continued cooperation as we move forward with the installation of red light cameras in Dolton. Remember, red light cameras are only a cost to those who BREAK THE LAW. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Dolton Police Department at (708) 841-2533.
"I encourage you to choose safety. Stop on red."

In its effort to improve public and driver safety throughout the community, the Village of Dolton, 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 Dolton.

As your Chief of Police, I want to advise you that over the course of the next few weeks, three camera systems will be installed at the intersections of Sibley and Lincoln Ave. (Eastbound and Westbound) and Sibley and Indiana (Westbound) 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 Dolton Police Department, will be available to answer any questions you have; we will hold public discussions, be happy to attend community sponsored events, published written materials regarding the program as well as a host of Public Service Announcements.

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

A MESSAGE FROM
POLICE CHIEF ROBERT COLLINS JR.

10 FACTS

01 Red light cameras save lives
02 Red light cameras are only a cost to 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 by reducing injuries and deaths caused by accidents
05 Red light cameras help reduce fatalities at high crash intersections
06 Red light cameras help reduce the number of injury-related car crashes at intersections
07 Red light cameras help reinforce safe driver behavior
08 Red light cameras allow police officers more time for community policing
09 Red light camera violations are considered “non-moving” violations and do not affect a person’s driving record
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 DOLTON?

THEY SAVE LIVES

2013

| 36 crashes | 16 injuries |

2014

| 23 crashes | 5 injuries |

The red light cameras installed eastbound and westbound at the intersection of Sibley and Lincoln Avenue and the camera at Sibley and Indiana westbound will help reduce the high number of traffic incidents in that area. In 2013, there were 36 crashes, 16 of which involved personal injury and in 2014, we saw 23 crashes, 5 of which involved personal injury. We know that by taking this precaution, we will reduce the number of vehicle collisions while increasing driver and pedestrian safety. Even one crash is one too many.