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, NO “Notice of Violation” will issue. 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 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 the vehicle past the white stop bar a red light camera violation will be issued.**
Not so. 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.

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We ask for your continued understanding and cooperation as we move forward with the implementation of a red light camera program in Oakbrook Terrace.

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 Oakbrook Terrace Police Department at (630) 941-8230.

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OAKBROOK TERRACE WELCOMES RED LIGHT CAMERAS

Choose Safety  
Stop On Red

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10 FACTS

**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 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 for drivers and pedestrians

05 Red light cameras help reduce fatalities and injury-related car crashes at intersections

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 violations do not affect a person’s driving record

09 Red light camera 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 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 OAKBROOK TERRACE?**

The Oakbrook Terrace Police Department is committed to enforcing traffic laws within the city boundaries. Unfortunately, we do not have the ability to patrol busy intersections without putting our officers in harm’s way. However, we live in a world in which we have come to embrace the use of advanced technology to support our efforts. To that end, we are able to use the red light camera system to operate and 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 resident needs and concerns as well as other emergency situations.

Thank you for your support of the men and women who protect our community.

**A MESSAGE FROM THE OAKBROOK TERRACE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**WHY RED LIGHT CAMERAS IN OAKBROOK TERRACE? THEY SAVE LIVES**

The 2016 Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) study demonstrates that red light cameras not only reduce fatal red light related crashes but all types of crashes. This nationwide study spans across 117 major U.S. cities over the duration of 12-plus years. It is the first and largest study to examine the effects of terminating red light camera programs. Not surprisingly, the results show that crashes increase again when cameras are deactivated.

**IIHS STUDY INCLUDES 117 MAJOR U.S. CITIES SPANNING OVER 12 YEARS**

In cities that turned on red light cameras

- 21% FEWER fatal red light running crashes per capita
- 14% FEWER fatal crashes of all types per capita at signalized intersections

In cities that turned off red light cameras

- 30% MORE fatal red light running crashes per capita
- 16% MORE fatal crashes of all types per capita at signalized intersections

**LOCATION OF CAMERAS ROUTE 83 AND 22ND ST**

source: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, Effects of Turning On and Off Red Light Cameras on Fatal Crashes in Large U.S. Cities July 2016 Report