

Intersections poised for red light cameras

Number of accidents cited for installations at four locations in Homewood

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The village of Homewood is planning to install red light cameras at four Homewood intersections that have seen their share of accidents.

The cameras are activated when a vehicle passes through the intersection when the light is red. The camera records the vehicle's position in the intersection and the license plate.



The southbound intersection of Halsted Street at Ridge Road, which experienced 47 traffic accidents since Jan. 1, 2007, is among four intersections in Homewood recently named as likely to receive red light cameras.

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A study recently completed by Gatso USA and Homewood police reviewed accident statistics and analyzed red light violations throughout the village to determine where to locate the cameras.

The four intersections chosen would have a total of six red light cameras. The intersections and the number of accidents at each since Jan. 1, 2007 are:

- Southbound on Halsted Street at Ridge Road (47).
- Southbound on Halsted Street at 183rd Street (46).
- Eastbound on 183rd Street at Governors Highway and Northbound on Governors Highway at 183rd Street (39).
- Southbound and northbound on Halsted Street at 175th Street (32).

The latter two intersections would have two cameras each.

Homewood Police Chief Larry Burnson said eastbound on 183rd Street at Harwood Avenue should also be targeted for a camera, but there wasn't a way to install equipment at the southwest corner and not make the sidewalk too narrow.

The intersection of 183rd Street and Kedzie Avenue was also considered, but is controlled by Cook County, which still hasn't determined how it would manage a red light camera program.

The Homewood Village Board approved the red light program Tuesday.

Burnson said Gatso's goal is to have the cameras in place in 90 days.

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