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Red light cameras now active at two major Oak Forest intersections

Oak Forest, Illinois – Red light cameras at two heavily traveled intersections within the City of Oak Forest – 159th Street and Cicero Avenue and 167th Street and Cicero Avenue – were activated on Tuesday, August 26 at 12:01 a.m.

Motorists who run a red light at either intersection over the next 21 days will receive warning notices instead of monetary fines, which will be assessed starting September 15. Signs indicating that cameras are present have been posted in the intersections to deter drivers from running red lights.

The entire process – from installation to operation to maintenance – will be funded by the fines that violators pay to the city. The system captures violations, matches license plates to Department of Motor Vehicle records, issues citations, and collects fines. In the future, the system, created by Gatso USA, will be used to search for vehicles involved in Amber Alerts.

According to the National Campaign to Stop Red Light Running, photo enforcement is no longer an emerging technology but a proven, well-established traffic safety tool that reduces crashes and saves lives. It is safer than the traditional law enforcement technique of observation, chase and citation because officers do not have to run through the red light at possibly high speeds to pursue violators – putting officers and other motorists at risk. It also affords officers more time to focus on other important work where their presence is required.

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