



The Town of Cutler Bay is very concerned about the safety of its community and the increasing number of serious and sometimes fatal traffic accidents that occur in dangerous intersections. Therefore in an effort to reduce these horrible and avoidable accidents the Town has begun the implementation of a multifaceted program to make driving in Cutler Bay safer. One of the most important components of this program will be the installation of safety cameras at select intersections the intent of which is to enhance its ability to reduce the number of vehicles running red lights.

Red-light running is a dangerous driving habit that can have serious consequences. The Insurance Institute of Highway Safety reports that in 2009, 113,000 were injured and 676 people were killed in red-light running crashes. In that same year, 62 Floridians lost their lives making Florida the 3rd most deadly state in the nation for red-light running crashes.

The Town of Cutler Bay's red-light safety camera program is designed to reduce the number of violations, crashes and injuries caused by red-light runners. The objective is to change drivers' behavior, making the community safe as more and more drivers obey the traffic signals and stop on red.

A red-light violation occurs when a motorist enters an intersection after the traffic signal has turned red. Motorists already in the intersection when the signal changes to red are not considered red-light violators. For example, a driver who enters on a green light will not receive a citation even if that motorist must wait until the light turns red to complete a left-hand turn after oncoming traffic clears.

The Town of Cutler Bay Police Department reviews each photograph and corresponding data and determine if there was a violation of Florida State Statute 316.0083. Under this law, a red light camera violation fine is \$158, of which Cutler Bay only receives \$75. The ticket must be paid within 30 days of receipt of the notice to avoid additional penalties. Please follow the payment instructions on the back of the notice.

As per Town Ordinance, there will be an introductory "grace" period of forty-five (45) days for each intersection where a red light camera(s) is installed. The Introductory "grace" period is meant to provide drivers with the opportunity to acquaint themselves with the new technology, and ensure that the system operates properly. During the initial forty-five (45) day "grace" period, the registered owner(s) will receive

a "Courtesy Warning Notice" for the infraction. Upon the completion of the introductory period, the registered owner(s) of the vehicle will received a citation from the Town.

The following intersections are functional and/or under construction:

- Caribbean Blvd and South Dixie Highway
  1. Beginning of "Courtesy Notice" May 31, 2011
  2. "Courtesy Notice" will be in effect for 45 days
  3. End of "Courtesy Notice": July 16, 2011
- Allapattah Road (SW 112 Ave) and Cutler Ridge Blvd (SW 211 Street)

***Currently under construction***

The following locations are in the design and permitting phase:

- Old Cutler Rd @ Hainlin Mill Dr.
- SW 184<sup>th</sup> St @ Dixie HWY
- Franjo Rd @ Old Cutler Rd
- Marlin Rd @ Old Cutler Rd

This is a traffic safety initiative that will continue to make the Town of Cutler Bay an excellent place to live, work and play.