

HIGHWAY STATISTICS

2010 Electronic Red Light Safety Program (ERLSP)

The Electronic Red Light Safety Program (ERLSP) began operations on February 1, 2004 with the activation of a camera located at the intersection of Route 13 and Webbs Lane in Dover.

In 2001, Senate Bill 262 legislated that 20 individual locations across the state could be equipped with cameras for the video enforcement of red light running violations. The specific locations included six cameras in Dover, two in Newark, one each in Seaford and Elsmere, and 10 others in unincorporated areas of the state.

Section 98 of the Fiscal Year 2010 Bond Bill (Senate Bill 155) of the 145th General Assembly contains the authorizing language to continue DelDOT's Electronic Red Light Safety Program on an open-ended basis. Ten new camera locations have been determined and are expected to be operational by summer 2010. They include one additional location in Kent County, seven in New Castle County, and two in Sussex County.

Under the program, the fine for a violation is \$112.50 and is sent to the registered owner of the vehicle. Late charges can apply. Effective 1/21/08, the fines are as follows:

- Violation \$112.50
- 30-days late: \$122.50
- 60 days late: \$132.50
- 90 days late: \$142.50

Unlike traditional violations cited by a police officer, the camera violations are considered a civil offense not a criminal one. Because of this, the violation and fine will not impact a motorist's insurance rate or accumulate points on their driving record.

The contractor for the ERLSP is American Traffic Systems (ATS). They will maintain and operate the camera systems as they are placed.

In calendar year 2010, 54,176 Notices of Civil Violation were issued for red light running. This is a 31.1% increase from calendar year 2009 (41,249). This increase is due primarily to the addition of 21 different cameras at 10 new intersection locations (see list above). However, violations on the original locations have increased 11.0% over last year, primarily in the Dover and Newark jurisdictions.

Currently, there are 30,393 outstanding violations from a six year period, totaling over \$4,331,003. Delinquencies in calendar year 2010 were 6,518 violations, totaling over \$928,815. Approximately 17,734 violations are from in-state registered vehicles. Maryland tags accounted for 4,119 violations, New Jersey tags equaled 1,522 and Pennsylvania tags accounted for 4,098 violations.

The Department contracted with Linebarger Coggin, Inc, in December 2010 to begin collecting delinquent fines. The administrative procedures are now being implemented and collections should begin by March 2011. The percentage of all delinquent fines was approximately 11.8 percent of all violations in Calendar Year 2010, up from 11.4 percent for Calendar Year 2009.

City of Wilmington runs its own Red Light Camera Safety Program independently, which is not included herein.

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