

HIGHWAY STATISTICS

2011 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 118 of the Fiscal Year 2011 Bond Bill (Senate Bill 130) of the 146th General Assembly contains the authorizing language to continue DeIDOT's Electronic Red Light Safety Program on an open-ended basis. In 2010, 21 cameras at ten new intersections throughout the state were added. 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

Note: Fines are capped at \$142.50 and become delinquent after 120 days past due.

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 2011, 48,503 Notices of Civil Violation were issued for red light running. This is a decrease of 11% from calendar year 2010 (54,892). The Department is reluctant to speculate on the rationale for this reduction. Multiple factors may account for this, including fewer vehicle miles traveled on Delaware roads due to the economy, the presence of the cameras at various intersections, and greater enforcement of traffic laws in other areas of the roadway by law enforcement.

Currently, there are 34,124 outstanding violations from a six year period, totaling over \$4,860,000. Delinquencies in calendar year 2011 were 4,414 violations, totaling over \$628,995. Approximately 53% (18,073) violations are from in-state registered vehicles. Maryland tags

accounted for 4,941 violations, New Jersey tags equaled 1,800 and Pennsylvania tags accounted for 4,753 violations.

The Department contracts with Linebarger, Coggan, Blair and Sampson, LLP, to collect delinquent fines. They receive 25% of the revenue collected from outstanding fines as a result of their collection process.

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

For additional information please see, [Delaware Red Light Safety Program](#).

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