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Florida's Highway Safety Report Finds Crashes Continue to Decrease at Red-Light Safety Camera Intersections

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(Miami, FL January 8, 2014) - For the second consecutive year, the City of Miami and the majority of other cities and towns in Florida have reduced dangerous intersection crashes using red-light safety cameras, according to a new study released by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

The City of Miami reported a 52% decrease in total crashes and a 46% decrease in rear-end crashes based on a three year prior to installation average. Nearly 59% of the agencies responding to the agency's survey reported a decrease in total crashes. According to the report, Florida jurisdictions using red-light safety cameras have seen a decrease in red-light running related collision.

Most notably, only about 1% of drivers in the City of Miami received a second violation. These results indicate that red-light cameras are operating as designed, which is to reduce the number of right-angle intersection crashes by changing driver behavior through traffic law enforcement.

The annual report is required by state law and used data from the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. Additionally, the City of Miami has used camera footage to investigate other crimes over 230 times during this period.

Pursuant to the Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Act, a portion of all red-light running fines issued through red-light safety camera programs goes to trauma centers and to research efforts addressing spinal and brain injuries. Thus far, more than \$5 million has gone to the Miami Project, which researches new treatments for persons living with spinal and brain injuries, many of which are the result of traffic crashes and more than \$16 million to trauma centers throughout the state.

Unfortunately, red-light safety cameras can't stop all red-light running. Attached is a string of the worst red-light runners across the state from 2013. This compilation provided by American Traffic Solutions aims to show just how dangerous red-light running is and just how violent a red-light running collision can be. This serves as a reminder to drivers to always obey the law and, most importantly, to stop on red. <http://youtube.com/watch?v=geDtq0pSSUs>

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