

Lower Merion Township, PA

Red Light Enforcement Program



About The Program

Each year, too many families are impacted by crashes caused by people speeding or drivers failing to stop at red lights. Sadly, the victims of traffic crashes are often occupants of other vehicles or pedestrians who were in the area.

Improving traffic safety is one of the strategic goals of the Lower Merion Township Police Department. After much debate and consideration, we will be installing a traffic enforcement system in Lower Merion Township. This enforcement program is effective at deterring speeding and red light running, reducing crashes and ultimately saving lives.

We realize that having police officers handle traffic enforcement personally is the most effective way to alter driver behavior. This practice will continue. The enforcement cameras will assist our officers in controlling traffic while they are in other areas of the Township performing other duties.

This state-of-the-art system is designed to help us encourage safer driving habits with a consistent presence to reduce red light violations and improve traffic flow. Best of all, it will help us save lives.

How does the program work?

Red Light Enforcement System

The intersection photo enforcement system operates ONLY when the traffic light is red, capturing evidence of actual violations. The camera captures two photographic images and video of the alleged red light violation:

1. The first image provides a view of the vehicle BEFORE crossing the white stop line, while showing that the traffic light is red.
2. The second image provides a view of the vehicle AFTER crossing the white stop line, demonstrating that the vehicle proceeded through the intersection while the traffic light remained red.

How is it determined whether or not a violation actually occurred, and how is the owner notified?

Alleged violations are reviewed by police officers to determine the validity of the violation. If the officer determines that a violation has occurred, a notice of violation, otherwise known as a Citation, will be issued and mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle.

All Citations issued based on evidence obtained from an automated red light enforcement system shall be issued within thirty (30) days of the violation.

The notice will include information on how a citizen can pay the Citation, as well as how the citizen may view images of the violation by utilizing the online payment portal, viewcitation.com. Citizens will have until the due date listed on their violation to pay the civil penalty or to challenge the Citation in traffic court.

Can you explain the fines, payment & availability of hearings?

Red light violations carry an associated civil monetary penalty of \$100.00. **These Citations are civil violations and DO NOT affect your driving record, insurance rates or your CDL status.**



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Payments

Pay by calling 1-888-920-1411, online at viewcitation.com or by mailing check or money order to the below address (**Cash payments are NOT accepted**):

Citations Processing Center - Lower Merion Township, PA
PO BOX 56045
Boston, MA 02205-6045

No payment plans are available. Payments are due in full.

Hearings

You may challenge this Citation at an in-person municipal hearing. To schedule your municipal hearing, visit viewcitation.com to schedule online, or call 1-888-920-1411, M-Th (8:00am-8:00pm) F (8:00am-6:00pm) ET, for over-the-phone assistance with contesting the Citation.

Municipal Hearings will be held at:

Lower Merion Township Board Room
75 E. Lancaster Avenue
Ardmore, PA 19003

If the vehicle in question or the vehicle's plates were stolen at the time of the violation, contest the citation and bring a copy of the filed police report with you to the court hearing.

Failure to pay the Citation or appear at your scheduled hearing will result in an automatic final determination of liability.