

SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Photo Red Light Biennial Report

Dated February 25th, 2011

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Members of the 76th Legislative Assembly,

ORS 810.434 establishes biennial reporting on the effect of PRL(photo red light) cameras relating to traffic safety, public acceptance, and on the administrative process.

The City of Salem implemented a Photo Red light enforcement program in March 2008.

Effects on Traffic Safety:

Since the implementation of the PRL program, The City of Salem has had an overall **reduction** of traffic collisions at the involved intersections by **28%**. The number of recorded violations at the involved intersections has **reduced** by **22%**.

The Degree of Public Acceptance:

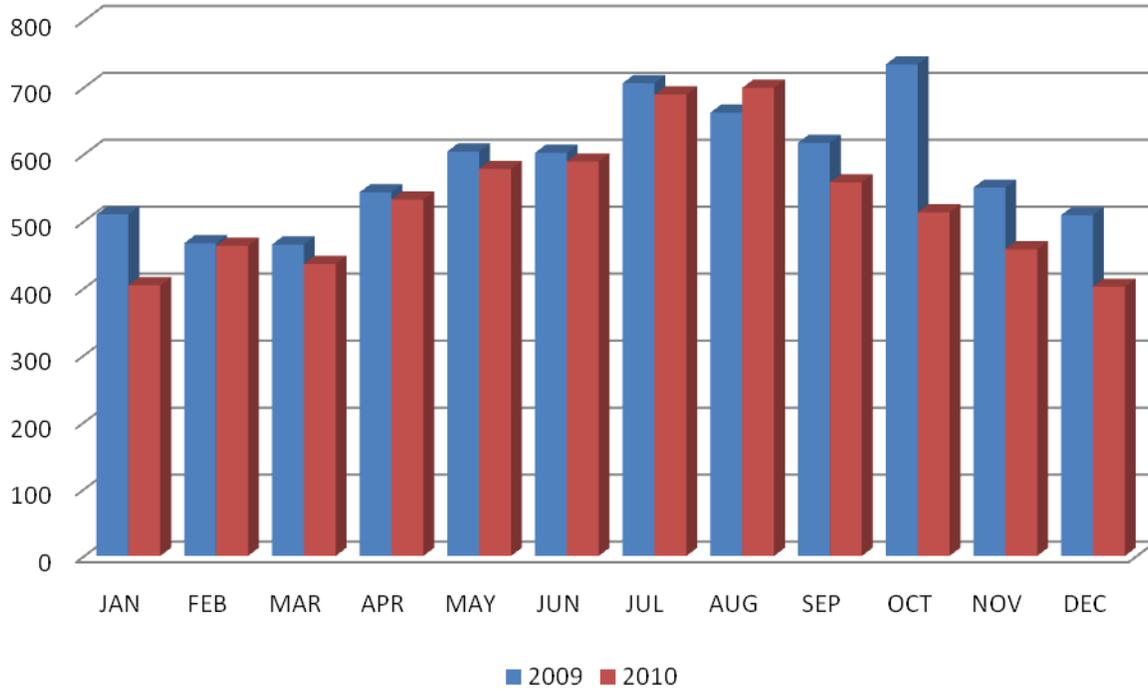
In general, most comments made have been positive and supportive. There have been no complaints filed with the Internal Affairs Division. A recent online poll conducted by the Statesman Journal indicated “**55 %**” of those that responded to the poll indicated they believed the cameras were improving roadway safety in Salem.

Citizen groups that have engaged the Police Department in conversations about Photo Red Light have been supportive and have made recommendations for expansion of the program.

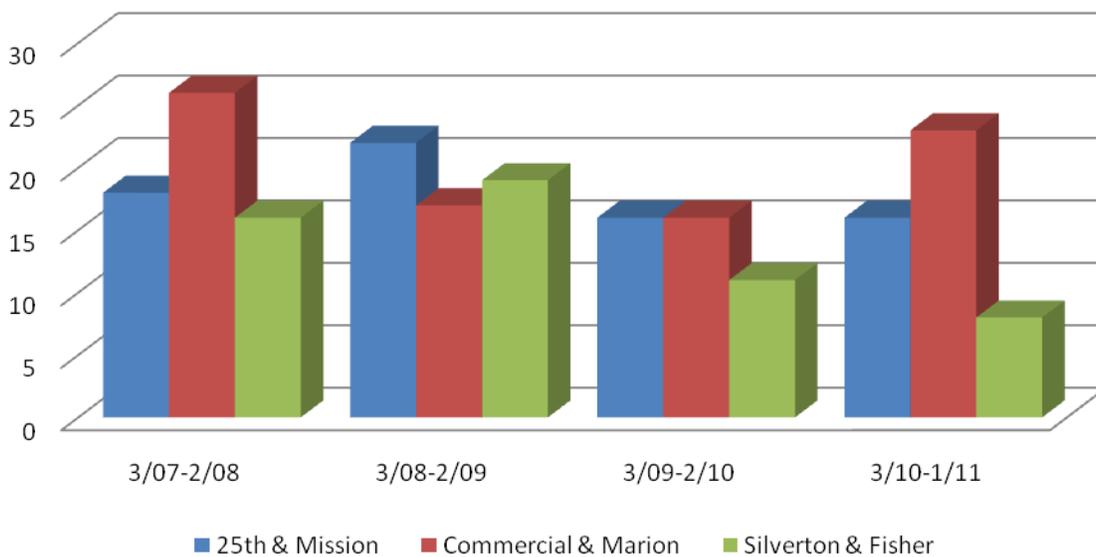
The PRL Program’s Administrative Process:

Once a violation is imported into the Redflex pending folder for the City of Salem account, either a regular or retired police officer views the violation. Along with verifying the violation, the officer confirms gender match, and either “Accepts” or “Rejects” the violation. If Accepted, the violation generates a citation to the listed party. The citation is then either processed for payment or enters the judicial process through either a request for trial or with the submitting of a “Certificate of Innocence” /”Certificate of Non Liability” form to the Municipal Court. Once Municipal court receives the form, the citation is automatically dismissed and forwarded to the Police Traffic Unit for further review. Review consists of checking the registered owners DMV records against the violator photos. If consistent, the citation is re-issued. If not consistent, the violation becomes inactive.

RECORDED VIOLATIONS AT PRL LOCATIONS



CRASHES REPORTED TO SALEM POLICE



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City of Salem's Biennial Photo Red Light Report

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