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Township of Union Activates New Level of Road Safety with Start of Red-Light Camera Program

UNION, NJ-- Red-Light Safety Cameras will be activated in Township of Union on Saturday, December 3, ushering in a new level of protection for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists at three intersections. A public education and 30-day warning phase will accompany the start of the program, giving drivers an opportunity to become familiar with the system. Fines will not be issued during the warning period, but photographs will be taken and warning notices will be mailed to the vehicle's registered owner.

Township of Union is one of almost 40 localities in New Jersey saying yes to red-light safety camera programs, and for good reason. Over the past decade, on average, red-light runners have caused 885 fatalities and 165,000 injuries annually in the U.S. Two-thirds of the time, the person who dies is someone other than the red-light runner. National and international research shows cameras reduce red-light running violations and the life-threatening T-bone collisions that can result when vehicles collide in the middle of an intersection. This year, an Insurance Institute for Highway Safety study found Red-Light Safety Cameras saved more than 150 lives in 14 of the country's largest cities.

Cameras along with warning signs will be located at these intersections and approaches:

- North, east, south and westbound approaches at Stuyvesant and Morris Avenues;
- North, east, south and westbound approaches at Salem Road and Morris Avenue;
and
- East, west and southbound approaches at Morris and Liberty Avenues.

Cameras will operate 24 hours a day and capture images of every vehicle running a red light. Persons who receive a ticket will be able to review the collected evidence including the photograph of the license plate and brief video of the event. The program is administered by American Traffic Solutions, and all violations are issued and approved by the Township of Union Police Department.