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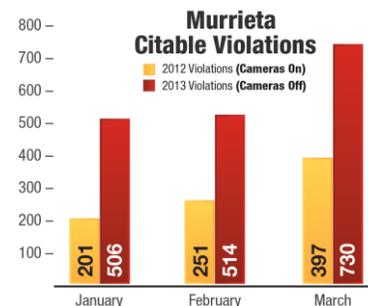
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### With Cameras Off, Red-Light Running Events Increase in Murrieta

SCOTTSDALE, AZ -- A new analysis by American Traffic Solutions (ATS) shows drivers in Murrieta, CA, are running red lights at an alarming rate since the cameras were turned off last December.

ATS analyzed red-light running events at the city's three intersections with red-light cameras and found events increased 86.9 percent, nearly double the number of events captured when comparing the first 14 weeks of 2013 with the same time period in 2012. ATS' cameras in Murrieta went dark in mid-December 2012. The cameras themselves were disabled so no images were captured, however because the cameras remained in place, the sensors that detected potential red-light running events are still operational.

Comparing the two 14-week time periods, ATS' analysis found total red-light running events increased from 940 with cameras in operation to 1,757 with cameras disabled. Because no images were captured, and there was no police review, it is impossible to know how many of the events would have resulted in actual violations being issued. On average, captured red-light running events grew by eight a day, increasing the risk of a dangerous T-bone collision. Studies show red-light safety cameras effectively reduce red-light running violations and the related threat of collisions.



"This change is consistent with what typically occurs in other communities once red-light cameras are turned off," says Charles Territo, ATS Senior Vice President of Public Affairs and Marketing, Communications. "With cameras in operational, drivers changed their behavior. This data shows just how much of a red-light running deterrent they were for drivers in Murrieta."

Researchers in Virginia reported similar results in a 2012 study from Old Dominion University. In the immediate months after red-light cameras were turned off in Virginia Beach, researchers found the relative risk of running a red light at those same locations was nearly three times greater than in the months before the cameras were turned off. A year later, the relative risk was more than four times greater, according to the report titled: Turning off the cameras; Red-light running characteristics and rates after photo enforcement legislation expired. While the Virginia Beach cameras were active, red-light running violations decreased 69 percent from before camera deployment.

At a press conference in late 2012, Mayor Pro Tem Rick Gibbs said red-light running violations at the Murrieta's most dangerous intersection decreased after the installation of red-light safety cameras from one every 14 minutes in 2006 to one every 508 minutes in 2012.

Even though red-light safety cameras were turned off in mid-December, they remained in place pending an outcome of a court case. Last week, Riverside Superior Court Judge Daniel Ottolia ruled the November election on the cameras in Murrieta was improper. The decision to restart the program now rests with the city council.

#### **About American Traffic Solutions:**

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