Red Light Photo Enforcement Program

509.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE
It is the policy of the Redding Police Department to use a Red Light Photo Enforcement System where necessary to improve traffic safety and reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities.

509.2 RED LIGHT SYSTEM MANAGEMENT
The Redding Police Department Traffic Lieutenant is responsible for the Red Light Photo Enforcement Program. The Redding Police Department Traffic Supervisor is responsible for the daily operations of the Red Light Photo Enforcement Program. The Redding Police Department shall maintain overall control and supervision of the system per Vehicle Code Section 21455.5(d). Only Red Light Enforcement Specialists and other personnel trained in the use of the system are authorized to issue citations arising from the use of red light photo enforcement cameras.

509.3 PROCEDURE
(a) The Redding Police Department is under contract with Redflex Traffic Systems to solely provide equipment and data processing of potential red-light violations at intersections selected by the City of Redding. The vendor shall have no responsibility for traffic enforcement in the City of Redding.

(b) All requests for information regarding the Red-Light Photo Enforcement Program will be referred to the Traffic Supervisor or their designee.

(c) Notwithstanding Section 6253 of the Government Code or any other provision of law, photographic records made by an automated enforcement system shall be confidential and shall be made available only to governmental agencies and law enforcement agencies per Vehicle Code Section 21455(e)(1).

(d) Confidential information obtained from the Department of Motor Vehicles for the administration or enforcement of this system shall be held confidential and may not be used for any other purpose per Vehicle Code Section 2145.5(e)(2).

(e) Except for court records described in Section 68152 of the Government Code, Redflex will destroy all records three years following receipt of information relating to any incident/violation unless otherwise instructed by the Redding Police Department, or by using the "HOLD" flag in the Violation Authorization module. Upon placement of the "HOLD" flag, Redflex will continue to retain the information until such time as otherwise instructed by the Redding Police Department. Without this instruction, "HOLD" flag or disposition information, Redflex will set the purge date six months from the date of receipt. Once this data is purged, it cannot be retrieved. The confidential records and information described above shall be destroyed in a manner that will preserve the confidentiality of any person included in the record or information per Vehicle Code Section 21455.5(e)(3).
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(f) Photographs used outside of the Redding Police Department for evidence purposes for violation of Vehicle Code Sections 21453(a) and 21453(c) shall have the faces of all passengers blocked out so they are not recognizable in the photographs.

(g) At red light photo enforced intersections, the following photographic evidence must exist for a red light violation to be considered:

1. Photograph of vehicle prior to the limit line with the red light signal phase also showing in the photograph.
2. Photograph depicting the license plate of the violating vehicle.
3. Photograph of the driver of the vehicle.
4. Photograph of the vehicle beyond the limit line with the red light signal phase also showing in the photograph.

(h) In the event all criteria are met, the reviewer may utilize the computer program to issue the citation. Drivers of authorized emergency vehicles engaged in an emergency response as allowed by California Vehicle Code will not be subject to citations from the Red Light Photo Enforcement Program.

(i) When a police officer witnesses a violation of Vehicle Code Sections 22101(d), 21453(a) or 21453(c) at a red light photo enforced intersection, the officer may initiate an enforcement stop to detain the driver for the violation. If no citation is issued the officer shall complete a field interview card and forward the information to the Traffic Supervisor. If a citation is issued or other enforcement activity is initiated, a copy of the citation or report shall be forwarded to the Traffic Supervisor to ensure a duplicate citation is not issued by the Red Light Enforcement Specialist.

509.4 DUTIES OF THE RED LIGHT ENFORCEMENT SPECIALIST

Red Light Enforcement Specialists are assigned to the Traffic Unit, under the command of the Field Operations Division. The duties of the Red Light Enforcement Specialists are:

(a) Review red light camera violations and issue traffic citations.
(b) Prepare and present court cases when subpoenaed.
(c) Meet with citizens during office hours to discuss and/or show video evidence.
(d) Return phone messages and voicemails.
(e) Perform miscellaneous duties as directed by the Traffic Unit Supervisor.

Red Light Enforcement Specialists are expected to:

(a) Inform supervisors regarding work progress, problems that arise, unusual circumstances, potential liability issues, and issues concerning the Police Department and/or the Red Light Photo Enforcement Program.
(b) Notify the supervisor of any change in working hours. Arrive for duty on time and prepared for work. Do not loiter or socialize excessively. Keep on task.
(c) Keep work area clean and orderly.
(d) Maintain acceptable grooming and uniform standards.
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(e) Maintain proper interpersonal skill which fosters good internal and external relations.

(f) Wear professional business attire for court appearances.

(g) Conform to State and Federal laws as they relate to concealed weapons.

(h) Be familiar with and adhere to City of Redding policies regarding civilian and unrepresented employees.