



Safety Corner

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Red Lights and Stop Signs



According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS), "Each year more than 900 people die and nearly 200,000 are injured in crashes that involve red light running. About half of the deaths are pedestrians and occupants in other vehicles who are hit by the red light runners." *"...stop sign violations are associated with approximately 200 fatal crashes and 17,000 non-fatal injury crashes."* – NHTSA statistics

Running red lights and rolling through stop signs has grown measurably in the past few years. Since this unsafe behavior generally goes unchecked, the behavior becomes habitual and acceptable in many areas of the U.S.

DID YOU KNOW

- 1 in 3 people claim they personally know someone who has been injured or killed in a red-light-running crash -- similar to the percentage of people who know someone who was killed or injured by a drunk driver.
- Only 15.8% of respondents cited those reasons ["frustration" and "road rage"], while nearly half (47.8) admitted to being prompted by nothing more complicated than ***being in a hurry.***
- Red light runners do not conform to a set demographic – the dangerous practice reaches across drivers of all age, economic groups and gender. The perpetrators are everyday people; professionals, blue-collar workers, unemployed, homemakers, parents, and young adults.

If one of your neighbors continued to run stop signs in your neighborhood where your kids play, how would you feel?

- Saving a few seconds per intersection (very few minutes over the course of a day) is just not worth endangering the lives of yourself and others.
- Always look ahead to anticipate light changes: both sudden acceleration to make a light or hard braking to stop short can lead to trouble
- Driving too fast for conditions is sometimes the cause of running a red light/stop sign so modify how you drive in poor weather or when you are late.
- Remember that the person that you endanger by running that light is someone's loved one. Always put safety first.

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MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL SAFETY MEETINGS

Please remember, monthly departmental safety meetings must be documented and attendance rosters turned into Brenda Rebo. Attendance rosters should be turned in at the conclusion of each monthly safety meeting. The county will continue to conduct quarterly dinner gift certificate drawings for employees of departments who have 100% attendance at their monthly safety meetings. Employees attending all 12 departmental safety meetings shall be eligible for a safety incentive award at the end of the year.



2nd Quarter Dinner Winner

Jim Fowler (Eureka Refuse)
Ben Fisher (LCSO)
Lois Sciligo (Fair)
Nancy Trotter-Higgins (Trea.)
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