


POLICY 125.0	RED LIGHT CAMERAS	
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	CFA STANDARDS:	REVIEWED: 12/13

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the administration of red light camera violations for Department vehicles.

B. POLICY

It is the policy of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department to operate in compliance with Florida State Statutes providing for the Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Act and City Ordinance 26-210 thru 26-212 regulating the Traffic Intersection Safety Act.

C. DEFINITION

Red Light Cameras

Automated red light camera systems are used to identify red light traffic violators, present the violations to designated Police Departments and process notices to the vehicle’s registered owner(s). Cameras are set so that only vehicles that enter an intersection after the light has turned red are photographed.

D. PROCEDURES

1. Department Vehicles Receiving Fort Lauderdale Red Light Camera Violations

With regards to operation of emergency vehicles and obedience to traffic laws, references can be located in F.S. 316.072(5), 316.074, 316.075 and Fort Lauderdale Police Department Policy 306.1 (Police Vehicle Operation).

- a. Traffic signal violations by emergency vehicles being operated in emergency mode (emergency lights on) will be automatically rejected by the vendor and not forwarded to the Police Department for review.
- b. Instances where an emergency vehicle with emergency lights not activated commits an alleged red traffic signal violation will be forwarded to a Department Traffic Infraction Enforcement Officer by the vendor.
- c. If a Traffic Infraction Enforcement Officer determines an emergency vehicle was in violation of the red light, the circumstances of the violation will be immediately forwarded to the Traffic Infraction Enforcement Officer’s supervisor. The supervisor shall determine which unit the vehicle is assigned to at the time of the violation.

- d. All still images, video and data related to the violation shall be downloaded from the system and preserved. This shall be accomplished by burning the information to CD. The supervisor shall then reject the violation in the computer system under “Police Vehicle Rejection”, with notes in the narrative box indicating “Administrative Review”. A copy of the violation evidence package and an Emergency Vehicle Traffic Signal Violation Review Form will be sent through the officer’s Assistant Chief to the violator’s assigned Lieutenant or Division Captain.
- e. The Lieutenant or Division Captain will review the incident to determine if the violation is justified by existing FLPD policy and/or Florida State Statute or unjustified, and will complete the Administrative Review Form indicating the finding. The administrative review form and evidence package will be forwarded up the chain of command. If the administrative review determines the incident was justified, there shall be no further action taken. The form will then be filed in the Red Light Camera Unit.
- f. If the administrative review determines the incident to be unjustified, the following procedures shall apply;
 - (1). The first “Unjustified Violation” in a twelve (12) month period will result in verbal counseling, which will be documented on the Emergency Vehicle Traffic Signal Violation Review Form.
 - (2). The second “Unjustified Violation” in the same twelve (12) month period will result in the issuance of a Supervisor/Employee Interview Form.
 - (3). The third and all subsequent “Unjustified Violations” in the same twelve (12) month period will require an investigation by the employee’s command on a Complaint Control Form (CCF). Violations may result in progressive discipline.
 - (4). The Emergency Vehicle Traffic Signal Violation Review Forms will be compiled and maintained in the Red Light Camera Unit.

2. Department Vehicles Receiving Other Jurisdiction Red Light Camera Violations

If FLPD Fleet receives a red light camera Notice of Violation for a FLPD vehicle from another jurisdiction, the follow procedures shall apply;

- a. The Notice of Violation shall be forwarded to the FLPD Red Light Camera Unit.
- b. The FLPD Red Light Camera Unit shall request the outside agency to dismiss the Notice of Violation based on an internal administrative review.
- c. If the issuing agency agrees, the Notice of Violation will be handled via the FLPD administrative review process.

- d. If the issuing agency does not provide administrative review options, the Red Light Camera Unit shall notify the employee who shall provide proof of payment of the NOV by the end of the next business day, or a transfer of liability will be completed causing a UTC to be issued in the name of the employee.
- e. If the issuing agency will not provide this option, then the Non-Liability Affidavit will be completed with the officer identified and the Uniform Traffic Citation will be issued to the officer.
- f. It will be the officer's responsibility to handle the Uniform Traffic Citation via proper legal channels.