SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Traffic Control Unit

Photo Red Light Biannual Report

Dated February 19th, 2013
by Sgt. Tony Moore

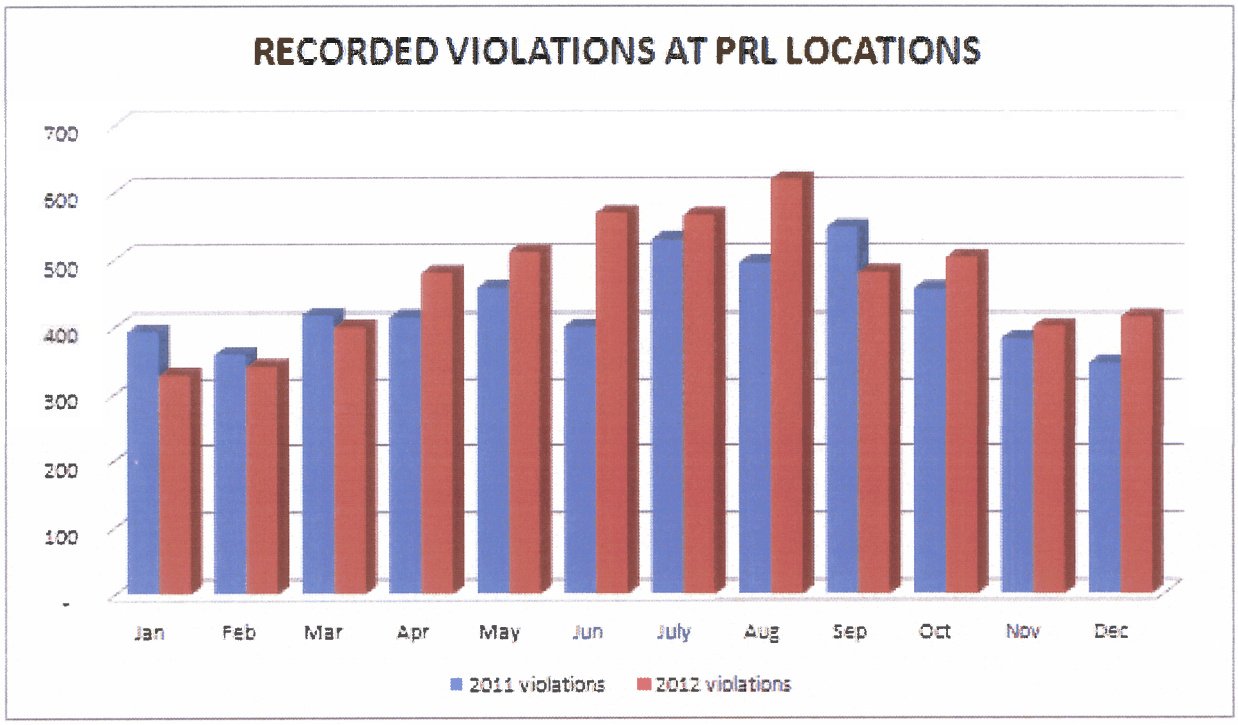
Photo Red Light Program Implemented March 2008

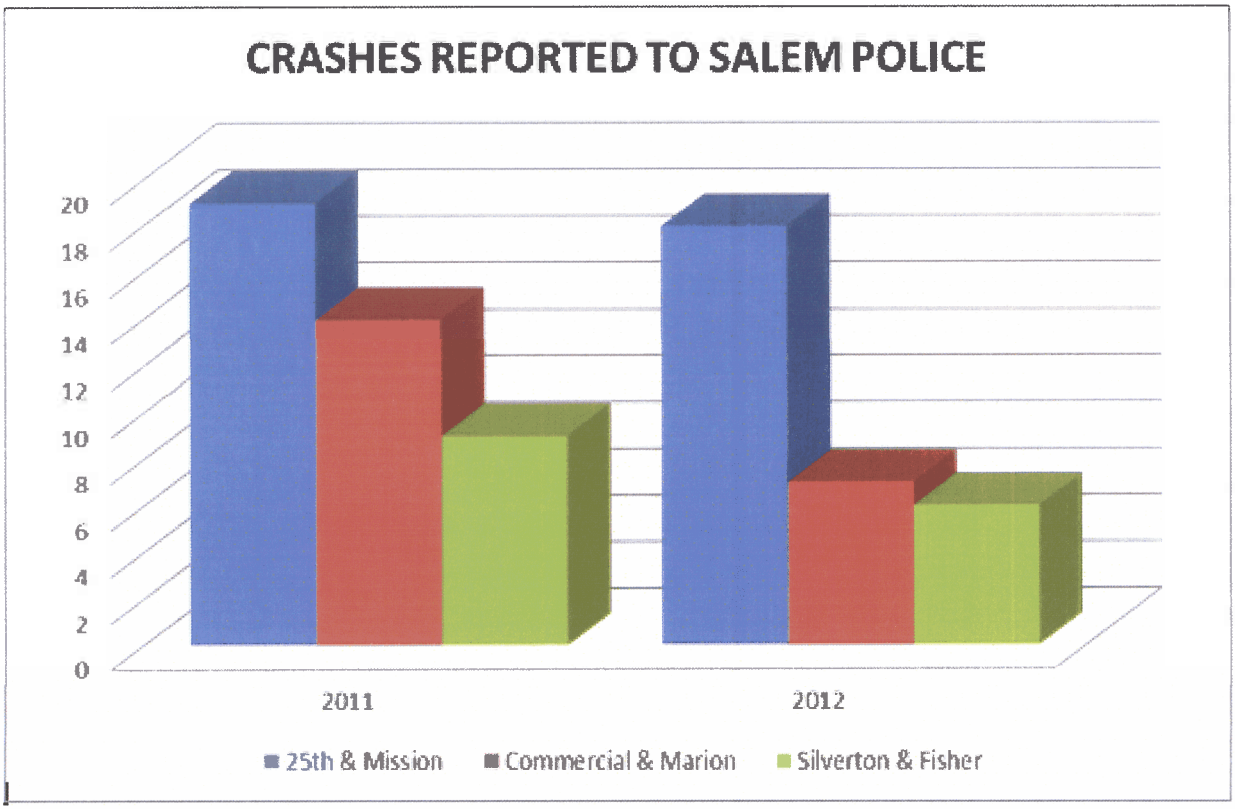
Effects on Traffic Safety:
Since the implementation of the PRL program, The City of Salem has had an overall **reduction** of traffic collisions at the involved intersections by **33%**. The number of recorded violations at the involved intersections has **reduced** by **13%**.

The Degree of Public Acceptance:
In general, most comments made have been positive and supportive. There have been no complaints filed with the Internal Affairs Division. Public opinion polls randomly appear through local media outlets and routinely indicate a belief that the cameras were improving roadway safety in Salem.

Citizen groups that have engaged the Police Department in conversations about Photo Red Light have been supportive and have made recommendations for expansion of the program.

The PRL Program's Administrative Process:
Once a violation is imported into the Redflex pending folder for the City of Salem account, either a regular or retired police officer views the reported violation. Along with verifying the violation, the officer confirms gender match, and either "Accepts" or "Rejects" the violation. If accepted, the violation generates a citation to the listed party. The citation is then either processed for payment or enters the judicial process through either a request for trial or with the submission of a "Certificate of Innocence" /"Certificate of Non Liability" form to the Municipal Court. Once Salem Municipal court receives the form, the citation is automatically dismissed and forwarded to the Police Traffic Unit for further review. Review consists of checking the registered owners DMV records against the violator photos. If consistent, the citation is re-issued. If not consistent, the violation becomes inactive.


RECORDED VIOLATIONS AT PRL LOCATIONS
700
600
500
400
300
200
100
-
Jan
Feb
Mar
Apr
May
Jun
July
Aug
Sep
Oct
Nov
Dec
2011 violations
2012 violations


CRASHES REPORTED TO SALEM POLICE
20
18
16
14
12
10
8
6
4
2
0
2011
2012
25th & Mission
Commercial & Marion
Silverton & Fisher

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City of Salem's Biannual Photo Red Light Report

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