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END OF 30-DAY WARNING PERIOD FOR RED LIGHT PHOTO SAFETY SYSTEM

(San Diego) Beginning Thursday, March 26, anyone who ran a red light at the Mira Mesa Red Light Photo Safety (RLPS) intersection will receive a citation in the mail. The citations carry a minimum $436 penalty.

A new system at Mira Mesa Boulevard and Westview Parkway in Mira Mesa was activated on February 24 and a thirty day warning period began for violators during which time they were issued warning citations only. **The thirty day warning period for violators at this intersection ends as of March 25, 2009.**

Recently added RLPS intersections include: Clairemont Mesa Boulevard at Convoy Street; Qualcomm Way at Camino del Rio North; and Cleveland Avenue at Washington Street. This brings the total of RLPS intersections within the city of San Diego to twelve. These systems are put in place to create a safer environment for San Diego's motorists.

The RLPS system operates using cameras mounted on poles and sensors which are buried in the pavement prior to the intersection. Once the signal turns red, the system is activated and will recognize a vehicle which trips the sensors and travels into the intersection, past the limit line. The camera system photographs the vehicle from the front as well as from behind. The system is designed to operate **only after the signal has turned red.** A motorist who is caught in the intersection while the signal light is yellow will not be photographed. In addition, the intersections are equipped with video technology which will capture 12 seconds of video for each violation. The video will show the violator entering the intersection after the light has turned red.

There are twelve RLPS intersections currently in operation: "A" Street at 10th Avenue; Garnet Avenue at Mission Bay Drive; Grape Street at North Harbor Drive; Aero Drive at Murphy Canyon Road; El Camino Real at Del Mar Heights Road; Mira Mesa Boulevard at Scranton; "F" Street at 10th Avenue; Camino del Rio North at Mission Center Road; Mira Mesa Boulevard at Westview Parkway; Clairemont Mesa Boulevard at Convoy Street; Qualcomm Way at Camino del Rio North; and Cleveland Avenue at Washington Street.

Locations for RLPS cameras are selected by the City of San Diego Transportation Engineering Division and the San Diego Police Department. The selections are made based on traffic collision history and collision type. Other factors, such as traffic violation history, vehicular, pedestrian and bicyclist traffic volume and speed and input from residents are taken into consideration as well.

The City of San Diego's RLPS program creates a safer environment for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists. It's a joint effort of the City's Transportation Engineering Division and the San Diego Police Department.

Information about the RLPS program is available on the City of San Diego's web site at www.sandiego.gov. Additionally, residents are encouraged to email suggestions or feedback on the program to redlightphoto@sandiego.gov.

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