



## VILLAGE OF PINECREST

Press Release

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### Pinecrest Instituting 30-Day Warning Period at Red Light Camera Safety Program Photo-Enforced Intersections

**Pinecrest, Fla.** – Starting Monday, May 11th, Pinecrest will issue warnings to drivers who run red lights at four photo-enforced intersections along Pinecrest Parkway (US 1). The warning period will last 30 days.

Drivers who run red lights will be sent a warning notice, but will not be fined during the 30-day period.

Automated safety photo-enforcement systems have been installed at the following four intersections along Pinecrest Parkway each with a history of violations or crashes caused by red-light running:

- 128<sup>th</sup> Street
- 124<sup>th</sup> Street
- 112<sup>th</sup> Street
- 104<sup>th</sup> Street

The safety cameras utilize radars to monitor northbound traffic. They will only capture vehicle data via video and hi-resolution images, if it enters the intersection after the signal turns red. A Pinecrest police officer will review evidence of potential violations and have sole discretion to determine whether a violation occurred. Drivers found in violation will receive a written notice during the warning period.

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Once the program is officially active on June 10th, drivers who are found to run red lights will receive a ticket in the mail. They will be able to review images and video of their violations before paying or contesting the citation. The fine for running a red light at a photo-enforced intersection is \$158. Points will not be added to the driver's record. If a red-light running violation is issued directly by a law enforcement officer, the Miami-Dade County fine is \$277 and four points are added to the driver's record.

"The warning period gives drivers in the Village time to adjust to the program. Our foremost goal is to increase safety by reducing violations and crashes, and we know the presence of the systems will serve as a deterrent for most drivers," said Village Manager Yocelyn Galiano Gomez.

A traffic study conducted in February 2014 found five intersections along Pinecrest Parkway averaged 25 violations during a 12-hour period, with one intersection experiencing 50 violations.

Pinecrest is partnering with Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc., a North American leader in road safety technology, to operate the red-light camera program. Redflex also partners with Jacksonville, Clearwater, Kissimmee, and South Miami.

"Automated photo enforcement has proven to be one of the most effective tools available to reduce red-light running. The technology has undoubtedly saved thousands of lives during the past three decades, and we're proud to partner with the Village of Pinecrest in its efforts to improve roadway safety," said Redflex CEO Jim Saunders.

### **About Redflex Traffic Systems®, Inc.**

Redflex Traffic Systems®, Inc., a leader in road safety technology, operates more than 2,000 photo enforcement systems in more than 200 cities throughout the United States and Canada. With continuous development of new safety products, Redflex has been helping to reduce collisions and save lives for more than 25 years. For more information, visit [www.redflex.com](http://www.redflex.com).

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