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## ***Jersey City Adds a Fourth Red Light Camera at Newark & Tonnele Avenues; Warning Phase Activated 1/1/2012 Ticketing Period to Commence at 12:01 a.m. on Mon., Jan. 31, 2012***

JERSEY CITY – **Police Department** officials announced today that a fourth red light camera began its trial phase over the holiday weekend at **12:01 a.m. (midnight) on Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012** at the intersection of **Newark and Tonnele avenues**. The camera, which is part of a New Jersey Department of Transportation program, will take video and photos of red-light violators.

The trial phase or “warning period” will last until **11:59 p.m. on Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> 2012** during which violators will receive a written warning in the mail. After that, motorists cited for running the red light will receive an \$85 citation.

The City’s road safety program aims to protect drivers, passengers, cyclists and pedestrians from injuries or crashes caused by red-light running. Jersey City’s road safety program has been in effect since April 2011 and has already recorded over 16,000 violations at two locations.

“The intent of our road safety program is to get drivers to obey traffic signals,” said **Police Chief Thomas Comey**. “The purpose of this program is to improve public safety and reduce collisions resulting from red-light violations.”

Intersection safety cameras operate 24-hours a day and capture still images and video of red-light running violations. Intersection safety cameras are currently located at three other intersections:

- John F Kennedy Blvd @ Communipaw Ave/CR 612
- Jersey Avenue @ 18<sup>th</sup> Street
- Montgomery and Merseles streets

Intersection safety technology is just one way Jersey City is making local streets safer for everyone. The program is administered by American Traffic Solutions, Inc. (ATS) with each violation reviewed and approved by Jersey City’s Police Department prior to being issued.

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