

# Pawtucket - Rhode Island



## School Safety Zone Program & Red Light Enforcement

### About The Program

Each year, too many families are affected by crashes caused by speeding or running red lights. Sadly, the victims of traffic crashes are often occupants of other vehicles or pedestrians who happen to be in the intersection or near the road.

Improving traffic safety is one of the strategic goals of the Pawtucket Police Department.

That is why I am so pleased to report that after much input from the community, we will be installing a traffic enforcement system in Pawtucket.

This state-of-the-art system is designed to help us encourage safer driving habits and improve traffic flow. Best of all, it can help us save lives!

*- Chief Tina Goncalves*

### How does the program work?

#### Red Light Enforcement System

The intersection photo enforcement system operates **ONLY** when the traffic light is red, capturing evidence of actual violations.

The camera captures two photographic images and video of the alleged red light violation:

1. The first image provides a view of the vehicle **BEFORE** crossing the white stop line, while showing that the traffic light is red.
2. The second image provides a view of the vehicle **AFTER** crossing the white stop line, demonstrating that the vehicle proceeded through the intersection while the traffic light remained red.

#### Speed Enforcement System

The speed photo enforcement system captures evidence of vehicles traveling in excess of the posted speed limit in designated enforcement locations during designated school days between the hours of 7am thru 6pm.

The camera system captures two photographic images and video, as well as a speed measurement of the alleged violation.

### How is it determined whether or not a violation actually occurred, and how is the owner notified?

Alleged violations are reviewed by a police officer to determine the validity of the violation. If the officer determines that a violation has occurred, a notice of violation, otherwise known as a Citation, will be issued and mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle.

All Citations issued based on evidence obtained from an automated school-zone-speed-enforcement system shall be issued within fourteen (14) days of the violation.

All Citations issued based on evidence obtained from an automated, traffic-violation-detection system shall be issued within twenty-eight (28) days of the violation.

The notice will include information on how a citizen can pay the Citation, as well as how the citizen may view images of the violation by utilizing the online payment portal; [www.viewcitation.com](http://www.viewcitation.com). Citizens will have until the court date listed on their violation to pay the civil penalty or challenge the Citation in traffic court.

### **Can you explain the fines, payment & availability of hearings?**

Red light violations carry an associated civil monetary penalty of \$85.00.

Speed violations carry an associated civil monetary penalty of \$50.00.

**These Citations are civil violations and Do Not affect your driving record, Insurance rates or your CDL status. These civil violations Do Not qualify for use of the Rhode Island Good Driving statute.**

### ***Payments***

Pay by calling 1-855-370-4229, online at [www.viewcitation.com](http://www.viewcitation.com) or by mailing check or money order:

**Citations Processing Center - Pawtucket RI  
PO BOX 7200  
Beverly, MA 01915**

No payment plans are available. Payments are due in full.

### ***Hearings***

You may challenge this Citation by attending Traffic Court on the date indicated on the back side of notice.

Hearings take place at:

Pawtucket Municipal Court  
Pawtucket Police Department  
121 Roosevelt Avenue, Pawtucket RI

Failure to pay the Citation or appear at this hearing will result in an automatic final determination of liability.

### ***Providing an Affidavit of Defense***

If you were **NOT** driving the vehicle at the time of the violation, or the vehicle/plates were stolen, you may use the affidavit located on the reverse side of the citation. Fill out and return the affidavit to: Citations Processing Center

Citations Processing Center - Pawtucket RI  
PO BOX 7200, Beverly, MA 01915

Note - If using the affidavit of defense, you are **NOT** required to appear in court.