



ST. CHARLES  
SINCE 1834

## AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Title: Recommendation to Discontinue the Redflex Red Light Traffic Program at Rt. 31 at W. Main Street

Presenter: Chief Lamkin

*Please check appropriate box:*

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| X | Government Operations (9/16/13) |  | Government Services |
|   | Planning & Development          |  | City Council        |
|   | Public Hearing                  |  |                     |

Estimated Cost: \$ Budgeted: YES X NO

If NO, please explain how item will be funded:

**Executive Summary:**

The City of St. Charles entered into an agreement with Redflex Systems in September of 2008. The original decision to install a red light camera on the northbound leg of Rt. 31 at W. Main Street was to increase public safety through a reduction in traffic crashes. In the year prior to activation, there were 15 crashes at this location.

- In 2009:8 crashes
- In 2010:9 crashes
- In 2011:5 crashes
- In 2012:9 crashes
- In 2013:5 crashes YTD

In the first full year of activation there were 353 verified violations, as opposed to 2013, there have been 167 YTD.

The contract with Redflex was designed with a cost neutral clause, so that in the event that revenue for the violations did not surpass the cost for the equipment and processing violations, there would be no additional cost to the city. The city has never generated any revenue from the program, but has benefitted by a reduction in crashes. That has also reflected in a reduction of violations.

From a staff perspective, from the review of violations and processing of violations to include adjudication, it involves about 150 hours of staff time. This does not account for staff time related to FOIA requests and reports required for IDOT.

This initial term of the contract was for five years, which expires September 23, 2013. The police department staff review indicates this initial initiative was successful, but should be discontinued. Police Department recommends that Redflex Systems be informed of the intent to discontinue the contract upon the expiration date.

**Attachments:** *(please list)*

**Recommendation / Suggested Action** *(briefly explain):*

Recommendation to discontinue the Redflex Red Light Traffic Program at Rt. 31 at W. Main Street.

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