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East Providence school camera safety warning period to begin this week

East Providence, RI – The City of East Providence announced its school traffic camera safety program warning period will begin this week.

Nine initial cameras have been installed with appropriate signage to inform motorists that the program is now live. The program will enhance school safety and make traffic enforcement operations citywide more efficient.

“We want our residents and area motorists to know the program will be live and the warning period will begin this week,” said East Providence Police Chief Chris Francesconi. “Our goal is simple: to get motorists to drive safely and not speed in school zones.

“Changing driver behavior for the benefit of our residents and their kids is the purpose of this program; not issuing tickets,” Francesconi added.

As part of the program, Sensys Gatso, the contractor, has covered the costs associated with the equipment, camera installation and signage. The police department will retain all powers and responsibilities and will make the final determination if a violation occurred. Motorists will also retain all rights of appeal through the judicial process. Sensys Gatso’s role is to gather data and send it to the East Providence Police Department for review. The cameras are all pole mounted.

Initial School Safety Camera Locations:

- eastbound Forbes Street @ Riverside Middle School
- westbound Forbes Street @ Riverside Middle School
- northbound Pawtucket Avenue @ Kent Heights School
- southbound Pawtucket Avenue @ Kent Heights School
- northbound Pawtucket Avenue @ St. Margaret's School
- southbound Pawtucket Avenue @ St. Margaret's School
- northbound Pawtucket Avenue @ East Providence High School
- southbound Pawtucket Avenue @ East Providence High School
- northbound Pawtucket Avenue @ St. Mary's Bay View Academy

During the 30-day warning period violators will receive a notice that if the program had been outside of the warning period, they would have received a ticket totaling \$50 for exceeding the speed limit in a school zone. The school safety camera program will be operational during school days from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The program will begin issuing actual tickets in January when school returns after the holiday break.

For more information, please visit <https://www.eastprovidenceri.gov/PublicSafetyCams>

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