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TRAFFIC ALERT

As of Monday, August 27, 2007 the 21-day period warning notice issuance period ends for the automated traffic enforcement systems located at River Road and Bryn Mawr and River Road and Balmoral.

Commencing at 12:01 a.m. on the 27th violation notices will be generated and sent to the registered owners of the vehicles that were captured by the system violating the red lights. The notices will offer the registered owner the option of paying the fine, which is set by statute at \$100, contesting the matter at an administrative hearing, or contesting the violation by mail. These violations if paid or adjudicated are not reported to the Secretary of State or Insurance companies.

During the warning ticket period hundreds of violations have been recorded by the system with some remarkable results. A significant number of the violations involve the failure of the vehicle operator to come to a stop when making a right turn on red. On the majority of the right turn on red violations the vehicle drivers slowed enough to make the turn, but never brought the vehicle to what would be remotely considered a complete stop. Illinois law requires that the vehicle be brought to a complete stop before making a right turn on red.

No traffic crashes have been reported at River Road and Bryn Mawr and River & Balmoral since the installation of the system.

The Public Safety Department wants to remind vehicles operators to come to a complete stop at the white stop line at every intersection and yield to pedestrians and cross traffic before making a right turn on red.