

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: POLICE

AGENDA DATE: April 20, 2010

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Police – Assistant Chief Eric Shelton, 564-7357

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: ALL

SUBJECT:

This is a presentation to the City Manager and to City Council to provide an update and discussion on traffic safety and crime initiatives: the Red Light Camera Program, the Left Lane Truck Restriction Ordinance, the Pay Before You Pump Ordinance, and the Uninsured Vehicle Impound Ordinance.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The named traffic safety and crime initiatives have been adopted in recent years. The presentation will provide an update of statistics on each as part of the City Manager Updates.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

A/C R. Lechner For Chief Allen

(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager



TRAFFIC SAFETY AND CRIME INITIATIVES UPDATE

April 20, 2010



Initiatives

- Red Light Cameras
- Left Lane Truck Restriction Ordinance
- Pay Before You Pump Ordinance
- Uninsured Vehicle Impound Ordinance



Red Light Cameras (RLC's)

- Currently **23** Cameras / **15** Intersections
- Notices Started October 31, 2006
- October 31, 2006 - February 28, 2010:
75,676 Notices

Source: El Paso Police Department (EPPD) Traffic Section



Current RLC Intersections

Intersection	# Cameras
Campbell / Missouri	2
Airway / Montana	1
Gateway North / Kenworthy	1
McCombs / Sun Valley	1
Transmountain / Rushing	1
Transmountain / Gateway North	1
Gateway East / Zaragosa	1
Gateway West / George Dieter	2
Joe Battle / Rojas	2
Joe Battle / Montwood	2
Montana / Hawkins	2
Resler / Mesa	2
Resler / Redd	2
Mesa Hills / Sunland Park	1
Mesa / Sunland Park	2

Source: EPPD Traffic
Section



Statistics

Cumulative of All RLC Intersections

- 34% Serious Injury Crash Reduction
- 45% Right Angle Crash Reduction
- 20% Reduction in Crashes with Red Light Violation as Contributing Factor
- 6% Reduction in Rear-End Crashes
- 20% Reduction in Red Light Violations

Source: EPPD Traffic Section



RLC Program Expansion

- Americas and Alameda
 - Construction to begin late April 2010
 - Installation of 3 Cameras

- 8 More Intersections Under Analysis



Intersections Under Analysis

- Montwood and Lee Trevino
- Montwood and Zaragosa
- Montwood and Yarbrough
- North Desert and North Mesa
- South Desert and North Mesa
- Yandell and Mesa
- Diana and Dyer
- Fairbanks and Dyer



Left Lane Truck Restriction Ordinance

- Ordinance Passed August 4, 2009
- Enforcement Began September 24, 2009
- 74 Issued Citations Through March 31, 2010
- TXDOT is Conducting a Formal Study Summer 2010 with Presentation to City Council Fall 2010

Source: City of El Paso Municipal Court



Informal Study by Traffic Engineering

Conducted Monday, March 29, 2010 (PM)

	I-10 East & Schuster	I-10 East & Hawkins
# Violations	0	1
# Trucks	168	206
% Compliance	100.0	99.9

Source: City of El Paso Traffic Engineering



Informal Study by Traffic Engineering

Conducted Tuesday, March 30, 2010 (AM)

	I-10 East & Schuster	I-10 East & Hawkins
# Violations	0	0
# Trucks	178	200
% Compliance	100.0	100.0

Source: City of El Paso Traffic Engineering



Commercial Motor Vehicle Crashes

September 24, 2009 – March 31, 2010

- Time Period September 24, 2009 – March 31, 2010
 - 99 Crashes with 16 (16%) Occurring in Left Lane*

- Time Period September 24, 2008 – March 31, 2009
 - 84 Crashes with 23 (27%) Occurring in Left Lane*

***Further Analytical Information Not Available at this Time**

Source: EPPD I-Leads RMS



Pay Before You Pump Ordinance

Gas Theft Report Statistics

Ordinance Effective
August 23, 2005

*Included for comparison purposes /
2004 figures reflect voluntary
compliance by store management
before ordinance was passed

Source: EPPD I-Leads RMS

Year	# Reports
2003*	+/-3000
2004*	+/-1500
2005	154
2006	47
2007	15
2008	8
2009	2
2010 (YTD)	2



Uninsured Vehicle Impound Ordinance Towing Statistics

Ordinance Passed July 14,
2009

Ordinance Effective
September 5, 2009

Enforcement Commenced
November 1, 2009

Month	# Impounds
Nov. 2009	179
Dec. 2009	155
Jan. 2010	153
Feb. 2010	135
Mar. 2010	107
As of Apr. 8, 2010	40
Total	769

Source: EPPD Fleet Management Office



Questions