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Town of Paradise Valley Modifies its Photo Enforcement Program to Remain Fully Operational while still Complying with the New AZ Attorney General Opinion

The Town of Paradise Valley first implemented its photo RADAR program in 1987. As time progressed, so did the technology, and the program was expanded to cover signalized red light violations.

On March 16th, 2016 Attorney General Mark Brnovich issued an opinion (Attorney General Opinion No. I16-002) related to a question presented by a member of the Arizona House of Representatives. The question was: "Are third party contractors who operate photo enforcement systems required to be licensed as private investigators under A.R.S. 32-2401 (16)...?"

Attorney General Brnovich responded in his Summary Answer "Third-party contractors who operate photo enforcement systems in Arizona are subject to the private investigators licensing requirements in Arizona Revised Statute ("A.R.S.") § 32-2401 to -2462. In so concluding, this Opinion overrules Arizona Attorney General Opinion No. I10-001, which is to the contrary."

The Town of Paradise Valley and its police department strongly believe that photo enforcement modifies driver behavior by reducing speed and red light violations. In November 2015, the Town partnered with Redflex to include Redflex's HALO system on Lincoln at Tatum. Redflex HALO is an intelligent collision prevention system that extends the all-red phase for cross-traffic when it detects a vehicle is likely to run a red light. Law-abiding drivers in cross-traffic lanes do not receive a green light while the violator is running the red light, greatly reducing the chances they will be involved in a deadly collision.

The Town of Paradise Valley strives for driver safety and believes that traffic safety can be enhanced with a photo enforcement program. Therefore the Town will continue to enforce state laws by using the photographic equipment and technology the Town has purchased. All citations issued will be prosecuted. However, at the present time the Town will not have any third party contractor operate the photo enforcement system that the Town owns and uses for gathering evidence related to traffic offenses. The Town will require third party contractors to comply with Attorney General Opinion No. I16-002. Paradise Valley remains committed to traffic safety, therefore with this modification the photo enforcement system remains functional. A map of the photo enforced intersections is attached below.

Photo Enforced Intersection

- Lincoln & Mockingbird
- Lincoln & Palo Cristi
- Lincoln & McDonald
- Tatum & Desert Jewel

**Photo Enforced and HALO
Red Light Collision Avoidance System
Intersection**

- Lincoln & Tatum

