

City of South Pasadena Red Light Camera Analysis
For the period March 17 (inception) through May 13, 2011 _ (58 days)

Total number of events (camera violations") **4,398**

Breakdown by license tags:

NON-Florida license tags **517 (11.7%)**
Company designation **429 (9.6%)**

(Florida and out of state includes 198 rental car companies)

City of St. Petersburg **1,527 (34.7%)**
City of St. Pete Beach **472 (10.7%)**
City of South Pasadena **231 (5.2%)**

Note: Among the "violators" are the following vehicles identified by tag owner: Pinellas Board of County Commissioners, Pinellas County Environmental Mgmt., Pinellas Suncoast Trans. Auth., Salvation Army, AAA Auto Club South and Wheel Chair Transport Services.

There are five (5) red light cameras in South Pasadena (6/10ths of a square mile in total area). All are located on Pasadena Avenue, the single north/south thoroughfare in the City. Following is the number of "violations" recorded at each of the 5 locations:

Location/ID	Count	Description
119540	823	NB/Pasadena Ave. @ Sailboat Key Blvd.
119547	1,171	NB/Pasadena Ave. @ Park Street
119548	1,077	SB/Pasadena Ave. @ Gulfport Blvd.
119870	572	NB/Pasadena Ave. @ <u>Shore Drive S.</u> *
119871	<u>755</u>	SB/Pasadena Ave. @ <u>Shore Drive S.</u> *
Total	<u>4,398</u>	

**This one intersection is the only one that has cameras both north and south bound where almost one third (30%) of the total "violations" were recorded, of which 231 were assigned to residents of Shore Drive S. and Pasadena Isle.*

IMPORTANT - Concerning the purported reason for these cameras, "pedestrian safety," on June 1, 2011, in response to my inquiry, I received a response from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Dept. citing the Dept. of Highway Safety and Driver Vehicle Information Database ("DAVID") for the only period available, January 1, 2004 - May 31, 2011, which states: "According to DAVID, there were 3 pedestrian crashes in South Pasadena. They are as follows:

01/01/2006-S011-148160 - Pasadena Ave/14th Avenue S.; 12/26/2008 - S008-331600 - 1893 S. Shore Drive; 05/02/2011 - 0628760 - Pasadena Ave/Hibiscus Ave."

NOTE: At least one of these fatalities involved a pedestrian in a motorized scooter and none of them were the result of a red light camera "violation" - or where any of the cameras are currently located.

Submitted by: Dan Calabria, June 14, 2011

(Attached: Copy of June 8, 2011 Lead Editorial, St. Petersburg Times -

"A pursuit of cash, not safety")