Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Devices (ATESD)

CT Public Act 23-116 authorizes municipalities to use automated traffic enforcement safety devices (ATESDs) at locations within school zones, pedestrian safety zones, and other locations in such municipality pursuant to (1) an ordinance adopted by the municipality in accordance with the Act’s requirements and (2) a plan approved every three years by CTDOT. The Act defines an “automated traffic enforcement safety device” as a device designed to detect and collect evidence of alleged violations of the ordinance by recording images that capture the license plate, date, time, and location of a vehicle that (1) exceeds the posted speed limit by 10 or more miles per hour or (2) runs a red light.

The purpose of the Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Device (ATESD) Program is to empower Connecticut municipalities to improve roadway and pedestrian safety within their communities. ATESD capture images of drivers committing traffic violations, such as speeding and running through red lights. The objective of this program is to improve public safety, change driver behavior, and save lives.

The Connecticut Department of Transportation, along with municipalities, and other stakeholders have developed guidelines for the Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Device (ATESD) Program.
The guidance document contains:

- Guidelines for applying for an ATESD.
- Requirements for installing an ATESD.
- Criteria CTDOT will be using to evaluate plans submitted by Connecticut municipalities.

**T2 Center Safety Matters Coffee and Conversation**
The Connecticut Safety Circuit Rider (SCR), Melissa Evans, and Joseph Ouellette, Executive Director of the Office of the State Traffic Administration (OSTA) met for a coffee and conversation virtual webinar about the new ATESD program. Link to recording below: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XnciJAsX9bE

**Connecticut Red Light Intersection Evaluation Tool**
The Connecticut Transportation Safety Research Center (CTSRC) at the University of Connecticut has developed an application to query signalized intersection and red light running crashes in your municipality. The link below provides a guide on how to use this valuable tool. CT-REDV Red Light Intersection Evaluation Tool (uconn.edu)

**Keeping You Informed**
The T2 Center has developed a web page for ATESD and will continue to update it as new information becomes available, you can visit the page at: www.t2center.uconn.edu under the Information Exchange.

**Additional References:**
AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE VISION ZERO COUNCIL.
Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Device Program (ct.gov)