



CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

530-897-4941

Type of incident: Reminder regarding flashing red traffic signals.
Location: W. 2nd at Chestnut

The Chico Police Department's Traffic Unit has received a number of complaints regarding motorists failing to stop for the flashing red signal at W. 2nd and Chestnut Street.

With the CSUC construction project at that intersection, the traffic signals have been changed to a flashing red signal. This is a particularly busy pedestrian crossing with CSUC students and staff going to and from the campus and the BMU.

Unfortunately, many motorists are failing to stop for the flashing red signal. This creates a hazard for pedestrians crossing in the crosswalk who are expecting motorists to stop as required by the vehicle code.

The law requires that a driver who encounters a flashing red signal light shall stop before entering the intersection, or in this case before entering the crosswalk, and then proceed through only when safe. Basically, the motorist must treat the flashing signal the same as a stop sign. (CVC 21457.)

Police Traffic Officers will be doing additional enforcement in this area and will be citing drivers who fail to stop or who fail to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk.

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