



Watertown Police Department News Release

Type of Incident New traffic sign "No Turn on Red"	Date 01/30/12	Time 2:30 pm
Location 1 st Avenue and South Highway 81		
Narrative <p>Al Petrich, Regional Traffic Safety Manager for the South Dakota Department of Transportation, contacted the Watertown Police Department today to advise that they will be installing a "No Turn on Red" sign at the corner of 1st Avenue and South Hwy 81. The sign will be installed sometime during the day on Tuesday January 31st. This sign will be for Westbound traffic that would be turning right (Northbound) onto Hwy 81. Petrich said the reason for the sign is because several accidents at the intersection listed improper turn as a contributing factor to the accident. This is the first "No Turn on Red" sign within Watertown but they are common in other South Dakota communities like Sioux Falls and Rapid City. The Watertown Police Department will monitor the area and issue warnings, temporarily, until motorists become familiar with the new sign.</p>		
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