

## 10: LIGHTING EXEMPTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES MODEL POLICY

Minn. Stat. § 169.541

### Section 10.0 POLICY

It is the policy of the Albany Police Department to provide a uniform guideline for all department personnel to use when operating a department vehicle without headlights, taillights or marine navigational lighting while functioning as a peace officer.

### Section 10.02 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this policy the following definitions apply:

- A. Vehicle: means a motor vehicle or watercraft owned, leased or otherwise the property of the State of Minnesota or a political subdivision.
- B. Lights: refers to headlights, taillights and marine navigational lighting as referenced in MN STAT 84.87, 84.928, 169.48 to 169.65 and 86B.511.

### Section 10.03 POLICY

A peace officer may not operate a vehicle without lights contrary to MN STAT 169.541. **LIGHTING EXEMPTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT; STANDARDS.** Under conditions of limited or reduced visibility as defined in MN STAT 84.87, 84.928, 169.48 to 169.65 and 6B.511:

- A. On an interstate highway.
- B. At speeds greater than what is reasonable and prudent under existing weather, road and traffic conditions.
- C. Faster than the posted speed limit.
- D. In situations where the peace officer is an active participant in the pursuit of a motor vehicle in violation of MN STAT 609.487.