

DEPARTMENT MANUAL

SOUTH LAKE MINNETONKA POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER	ISSUE DATE	EFFECTIVE DATE	NUMBER
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LIGHTING EXEMPTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES	DISTRIBUTION		RESCINDS
	ALL PERSONNEL		329 – Dated 08/01/2000

PURPOSE

It is the policy of the South Lake Minnetonka 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.

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this policy the following definitions apply:

Vehicle – A motor vehicle or watercraft owned, leased or otherwise the property of the State of Minnesota or a political subdivision.

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.

PROCEDURE

A peace officer may **not** operate a vehicle without lights as follows:

- 1) Contrary to MN STAT 169.541, **LIGHTING EXEMPTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT; STANDARDS.**
- 2) Under conditions of limited or reduced visibility as defined in MN STAT 84.87, 84.928, 169.48 to 169.65 and 86B.511.
- 3) On an interstate highway.
- 4) At speeds greater than what is reasonable and prudent under existing weather, road and traffic conditions.
- 5) Faster than the posted speed limit.
- 6) In situations where the peace officer is an active participant in the pursuit of a vehicle in violation of MN STAT 609.487.