LIGHTING EXEMPTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES MODEL POLICY

MN STAT 169.541

I. POLICY

It is the policy of the Onamia 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.

II. 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 868.511.

111. PROCEDURE

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 868.511:

- on an interstate highway.
- at speeds greater than what is reasonable and prudent under existing weather, road and traffic conditions.
- faster than the posted speed limit.
- in situations where the peace officer is an active participant in the pursuit of a motor vehicle in violation of MN STAT 609.487.

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