



LIGHTING EXEMPTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES POLICY

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Definitions

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

Lights: Headlights, taillights, and marine navigational lighting as referenced in Minn. Stat. §§ 84.87, 84.928, 169.48 to 169.65, and 86B.511.

Policy Statement/Objective

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines and procedures for the lighting exemption of law enforcement vehicles.

It is the policy of the Commerce Fraud Bureau (CFB) 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 an agent and to follow the requirements set forth in Minn. Stat. § 626.8476.

Scope

This policy applies to all CFB personnel.

Procedures

A peace officer may not operate a vehicle without lights contrary to Minn. Stat. § 169.541 under conditions of limited or reduced visibility as defined in Minn. Stat. §§ 84.87, 84.928, 169.48 to 169.65, and 86B.511:

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