

MADISON LAKE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
Policy & Procedure Manual
Subject: Operating Law Enforcement Vehicle without Lights

301.09 OPERATING LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES WITHOUT LIGHTS (POST Mandated)

Policy

It is the policy of the Madison Lake 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:

- 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.**

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 86B.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.