

ST. CLOUD POLICE DEPARTMENT
Law Enforcement
Policies and Procedures

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POLICY

It is the policy of the St. Cloud 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. Licensed police officers may operate department motor vehicles without lights if they are in compliance with Minn. Stat. §169.541 and only while investigating violations defined as crimes by Minn. Stat. §609.02 and comply with the restrictions listed in this policy.

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this policy, the following definitions apply:

- A. **Vehicle**: A motor vehicle or watercraft owned, leased or otherwise the property of the City of St. Cloud or a political subdivision.

- B. **Lights**: Refers to headlights, taillights and marine navigational lighting as referenced in Minn. Stat. §84.87, §84.928, §169.48 to §169.65, §361.15 and §86B.511.

PROCEDURE

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

- 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 Minn. Stat. §609.487.

- E. Contrary to the elements of Minn. Stat. §169.541.