

**REDWOOD FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

SUBJECT: #6 LIGHTING EXEMPTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES

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I. POLICY

It is the policy of the Redwood Falls Police Department to provide a uniform guideline for all department personnel to use when operating a department vehicle without headlights, taillights while functioning as a peace officer.

II. PROCEDURE

A. Definitions

1. Vehicle: A motor vehicle or watercraft owned, leased or otherwise the property of the State of Minnesota or a political subdivision.
2. Lights: Headlights and taillights as referenced in MN Stat. 84.87 to 84.928, 169.48 to 169.65 and 86B.511.

B. 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:

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 MN STAT 609.487.