

Lighting Exemption of Law Enforcement Vehicles

313.1 POLICY

It is the policy of the Carver County Sheriff's Office 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.

313.2 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this policy the following definitions apply:

- Vehicle: means a motor vehicle or watercraft owned, leased or otherwise the property of the State of Minnesota or a political subdivision.
- Lights: refers to headlights, taillights and marine navigational lighting as referenced in MN STAT 84.47, 84.928 to 169.65 and 86B.511

313.3 PROCEDURE

A deputy 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.

313.4 REFERENCE

MS 609.487

MS 169.541

MN POST Rules 6700