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PURPOSE

Minnesota State Law (Statute 169.541) exempts licensed peace officers from the lighting requirements of statutes 169.48 to 169.65 when the officer reasonably believes that operating the vehicle without lights is necessary under the circumstances to investigate a criminal violation of state laws, rules, or orders or local laws, ordinances, or regulations, and if, the officer's conduct is consistent with the standards adopted by the P.O.S.T. board under the same statute.

603.01 DEFINITION

For the purpose of this policy, the following definitions apply; Vehicle – A motor vehicle or watercraft owned leased or otherwise the property of the City of Champlin. Lights – refers to headlights, tail lights and navigational lighting as referenced in MN State Stat. 84.87, 84.928, 169.48 to 169.65 and 361.15.

603.02 PROCEDURE

A peace officer may not operate a vehicle without lights at night:

1. On an interstate highway.
2. At speeds greater than what is reasonable and prudent under existing weather, road and traffic conditions.
3. In situations where the peace officer is an active participant in the pursuit of a motor vehicle in violation of MN State Stat. 609.487.
4. Contrary to the elements of MN State Stat. 169.541.

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