

## **21.4 VEHICLE LIGHTING EXEMPTION POLICY**

### **POLICY**

Police officers who in the course of their duties have occasion to operate their vehicle without lights will adhere to the standards set forth in MN Statute 169.541 and department policy.

### **PURPOSE**

Minnesota State Statutes exempt law enforcement officer from compliance with state vehicle lighting requirements in certain circumstances. The department allows this action under the procedures set forth below.

### **APPLICATION**

This policy applies to all members of the Lowry Police Department engaged in official duties, whether within or outside our territorial city limits. Conduct not mentioned under a specific rule, but which violates a general principle is prohibited.

Police officers in the course of their duties may operate their vehicles without lights:

- If the officer reasonably believes that such action is necessary to investigate a criminal violation or suspected violation of state or local laws and/or ordinances and regulations.

Officers may not operate without lights:

- On interstate highways
- At speeds greater than what is reasonable and prudent under existing weather, road and traffic conditions.
- Where the police officer is an active participant in a pursuing motor vehicle being operated in violation of MN Stat 609.487 - Flee Peace Officer
- Contrary to elements of MN Statute 169.541