

City of Baxter

Police Department Manual

LIGHTING EXEMPTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES			
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PURPOSE

To provide a standard operating procedure for all employees to use when operating any motor vehicle owned or leased by the City of Baxter, without headlights or taillights, and to comply with Minnesota State Statutes regarding use of lights on vehicles.

DEFINITIONS

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

VEHICLE: A motor vehicle or watercraft owned or leased or otherwise the property of the State of Minnesota or a political subdivision.

LIGHTS: Refers to headlights and taillights as referenced in MN State Statute 84.87, 84.928, and 169.48 to 169.55.

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 State Statute 609.487.