

STAPLES POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICY #407-1

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**SUBJECT:** LIGHTING EXEMPTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT  
VEHICLES POLICY - Minnesota Statutes, Section 169.541  
**TO:** ALL OFFICERS  
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**I. POLICY**

It is the policy of the Staples Police Department 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.

**II. DEFINITIONS**

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

- A. Vehicle:** A motor vehicle or watercraft owned, leased or otherwise the property of the State of Minnesota or a political subdivision.
- B. Lights:** refers to headlights, taillights and marine navigational lighting as Referenced in MN Statutes, Sections 84.87, 84.928, 169.48 to 169.65 and 86B.511.

**III. PROCEDURE**

A peace officer may **not** operate a vehicle without lights:

- A.** On an interstate highway
- B.** At speeds greater than what is reasonable and prudent under existing weather, road and traffic conditions
- C.** Faster than the posted speed limit
- D.** In situations where the peace officer is an active participant in the pursuit of a motor vehicle in violation of MN Statutes, Section 609.487
- E.** Contrary to the elements of MN Statutes, Section 169.541