

SECTION SMP

SMP-L LIGHTING EXEMPTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES

SMP-L: OPERATION OF PATROL VEHICLES WITHOUT HEADLIGHTS & TAILLIGHTS

Section SMP-L.10 Purpose

To provide a uniform guideline for all department personnel to use when operating a department vehicle without headlights or taillights while functioning as a peace officer for the Avon Police Department.

Section SMP-L.11 Definitions

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

Vehicle: 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 navigational lighting as referenced in MN State Statute 84.87, 84.928, 169.48, and 361.15.

Section SMP-L.12 Procedure

A (peace officer) may NOT operate a vehicle without lights:

1. On an interstate highway.
2. At speeds greater than what is reasonable and prudent under existing weather conditions, 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.
5. Contrary to the elements of MN State Statute 169-541.

Section SMP-L.13 Responsibility

It shall be the responsibility of every employee to be thoroughly familiar with and follow exactly the procedure outlined and statutes referenced in the policy at any time while employed as a (peace officer) for the Avon Police Department.