

PIERZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

Policy Name: Lighting Exemption of Law Enforcement Vehicles	
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Minnesota Statutes, Section 169.541

POLICY

It is the policy of the Pierz 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.

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, 169.65, and 86B.511.

PROCEDURE

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

- A. On an interstate roadway.
- 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.