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Model Policy
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- I. POLICY: It is the Policy of the Fulda 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.

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 marine navigational lighting as Referenced in MNS 84.87, 84.928, 169.48 to 169.65 and 86B.511.

III. 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:

- On an interstate highway.
- At speeds greater than what is reasonable and prudent under existing weather, road and traffic conditions.
- Faster than the posted speed limit.
- In situations where the peace officer is an active participant in the pursuit of a motor vehicle in violation of MN STAT 609.487.

The Fulda Police Department had adopted Posts Model Policy

