



COLUMBIA HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY MANUAL

TITLE: OPERATION OF POLICE VEHICLES WITHOUT HEADLIGHTS	GENERAL ORDER NUMBER: 604
REFERENCES: M.S. §§ 609.487, 169.541	EFFECTIVE DATE: 06/01/2016
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The purpose of this General Order is to provide a uniform guideline for all department personnel to use when operating a Department vehicle without lights while functioning as a police officer for the City of Columbia Heights.

604:1 General Procedures

A peace officer shall not operate 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 prudent and reasonable 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 Minnesota Statutes § 609.487, *Fleeing a Police Officer*.

604:2 Responsibility

It shall be the responsibility of every employee to be thoroughly familiar with and follow exactly the procedures outlined in this General Order at any time while employed as a police officer for the City of Columbia Heights.

BY ORDER OF:

Scott Nadeau, Chief of Police

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