

**HERMANTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT
GENERAL ORDER**

SUBJECT: OPERATION OF POLICE VEHICLES WITHOUT HEADLIGHTS OR TAILLIGHTS	NUMBER: 226.00
	EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/27/01
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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 of the Hermantown Police Department.

I. 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 SS 84.87, 84.928, 169.48 to 169.65 and 86B.511.

II. 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, 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 MN SS 609.487;
5. Contrary to the elements of MN SS 169.541.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

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

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IV. COMMENTS

Rescinds:	N/A
Standards Reference:	G.O. 122.00
Statute/Ordinance Reference:	N/A
General Order Reference:	N/A

BY AUTHORITY OF:

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