

**GLENCOE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**POLICIES / RULES / PROCEDURES**

**POLICY NUMBER: 6.01**

**POLICY TITLE: OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES  
WITHOUT LIGHTS**

**SECTION: VEHICLE OPERATIONS**

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**PURPOSE:**

To establish guidelines in accordance with applicable statutes to govern the conduct of Officers employed by the Glencoe Police Department, as licensed peace officers for the purpose of operating a motor vehicle without lights. Minnesota Statutes 169.48, 169.541, Subd 1 and 2 (See Appendix A)

When operating a motor vehicle without lights, an Officer's conduct must be reasonable and consistent with the guidelines established by current Minnesota Statutes and this directive.

**GENERAL GUIDELINES:**

Only licensed Officers may operate, without lights, motor vehicles that are owned, leased or otherwise the property of the City of Glencoe.

Operation of motor vehicles without lights must be in the performance of the Officer's law enforcement duties.

The Officer must reasonably believe that operating a motor vehicle without lights is necessary under the circumstances to investigate a criminal violation or suspected criminal violation of State Laws, Rules, or Orders or local laws, Ordinances, or Regulations.

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POLICY:

It is the policy of the Glencoe 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: means 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 STAT 84.87, 84.928, 169.48 to 169.65 and 86B.511.

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.

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ACCOUNTABILITY:

All members of the Department are responsible for ensuring that this and all other policies of the Department are followed. Deviations from this policy are permitted within the scope of authority granted all members of the Department; however, the deviation must be reported in accordance with policy 1.04 (Policy Deviations – Reporting Requirements).

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