
Vehicle Driving Lights

443.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Office personnel shall safely comply with state laws concerning the operation of vehicles without driving lights. All Office licensed peace officers are responsible for following these procedures.

443.1.1 PROCEDURES

- (a) Minnesota Statute [169.541](#) permits a licensed peace officer to operate a Sheriff's Office motor vehicle or watercraft without driving lights, when in the performance of the deputy's law enforcement duties, if the deputy reasonably believes that operating the vehicle without driving lights is necessary to investigate a violation or suspected criminal violation of the law.
- (b) Sheriff's deputies shall use due caution and operate a motor vehicle or watercraft in a reasonable manner when operating without driving lights.
- (c) Sheriff's deputies shall not operate a motor vehicle or watercraft without driving lights under the following conditions:
 - 1. While in the right of way or when needed for safety parking lights will be activated.
 - 2. On inter-state highways.
 - 3. In the pursuit of another motor vehicle.
 - 4. At speeds greater than what is reasonable and prudent under existing weather, road and traffic conditions.
 - 5. Contrary to the provisions of Minn. Stat. [169.541](#).