

206**Vehicle Operation Without Headlights**

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to advise the members of the Breckenridge Police Department the conditions under which Department vehicles may be operated without headlights and to meet the requirements of Minnesota State Statutes dealing with the operation of Police vehicles without headlights.

Policy: It is the policy of the Breckenridge Police Department that no marked or unmarked city owned vehicle may be driven after the hours of darkness without headlights except:

- In accordance with a legitimate law enforcement purpose; when the officer reasonably believes that operating the vehicle without lights is necessary to investigate criminal or suspected criminal activity.
- By a full-time police officer. Legislation excludes part-time officers from operating vehicles without lights.
- On interstate highways.
- At speeds greater than what is reasonable and prudent under existing weather, road, and traffic conditions.
- In situations where the peace officer is an active participant in pursuing a motor vehicle being operated in violation of Minn. Stat. 609.487-Fleeing A Peace Officer In A Motor Vehicle.
- In personal vehicles.

In all cases due to the inherent dangers involved, the officer's conduct must be reasonable and vehicles must be operated with due care and caution.