

LOWRY POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

After each pursuit, the supervisor and law enforcement agency units involved with the pursuit will evaluate the pursuit and make recommendations to the chief law enforcement officer on ways to improve the agency's pursuit policy and tactics.

P. Training

In accordance with POST requirements, all sworn members shall be given initial and periodically updated training in the department's pursuit policy and safe emergency vehicle operation tactics.

In accordance with Minn. Stat. §626.8458, the chief law enforcement officer shall provide in-service training in emergency vehicle operations and in the conduct of police pursuits to every peace officer and part-time peace officer employed by the agency who the chief law enforcement officer determines may be involved in a police pursuit given the officer's responsibility.

This training shall comply with learning objectives developed and approved by the board and shall minimally consist of at least eight hours of classroom and skills-based training every five years. Continual training should also be considered for those officers authorized to use the PIT maneuver, tire deflation device deployment, GPS tracking, and related pursuit intervention procedures, tactics, and technologies.

If the chief law enforcement officer determines an officer will not be involved in police pursuits, the CLEO must notify POST of the officer's exemption status.

21.4 VEHICLE LIGHTING EXEMPTION POLICY

POLICY

Police officers who in the course of their duties have occasion to operate their vehicle without lights will adhere to the standards set forth in MN Statute 169.541 and department policy.

PURPOSE

Minnesota State Statutes exempt law enforcement officers from compliance with state vehicle lighting requirements in certain circumstances. The department allows this action under the procedures set forth below.

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APPLICATION

This policy applies to all members of the Lowry Police Department engaged in official duties, whether within or outside our territorial city limits. Conduct not mentioned under a specific rule, but which violates a general principle is prohibited.

Police officers in the course of their duties may operate their vehicles without lights:

- If the officer reasonably believes that such action is necessary to investigate a criminal violation or suspected violation of state or local laws and/or ordinances and regulations.

Officers may not operate without lights:

- On interstate highways
- At speeds greater than what is reasonable and prudent under existing weather, road and traffic conditions.
- Where the police officer is an active participant in a pursuing motor vehicle being operated in violation of MN Stat 609.487 - Flee Peace Officer
- Contrary to elements of MN Statute 169.541

GENERAL ORDER 22

VEHICLE TOW/IMPOUND/FORFEITURE

PURPOSE

Impoundment/Towing of motor vehicles is a necessary part of serving the residents of *Lowry*. *Such* vehicles may be abandoned, lost, stolen, or recovered. It is our responsibility to take custody of vehicles as necessary and to arrange proper storage and security. The Lowry Police Department must keep timely and accurate records on all custody tows and make dispositions promptly.

We help with other vehicle tows at the request of victims of crime or traffic problems, such as traffic accidents. These non-custody tow requests must be handled in a fair and equitable manner for victims and the businesses supplying such services.