

Commissioners' Letter

January 15, 2011

Legislative Committee Members:

The 2009 Legislature directed the Minnesota Departments of Transportation and Public Safety to study the effects of 24-hour use of vehicle lighting on public highways and report the findings regarding traffic safety impact by January 15, 2011.

The attached report compiles research results, including studies from the U.S., Canada and Europe, and is submitted to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy, pursuant to Laws of Minnesota 2009, Chapter 168, section 13.

Overall, the research demonstrates that daytime use of headlights or factory-equipped daytime running lights has a positive and measurable impact on reducing roadway crashes, injuries and fatalities; furthering Minnesota's Toward Zero Deaths) initiative and its goal of fewer than 350 traffic fatalities by 2015.

For any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact us or our department personnel.

Sincerely,



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Minnesota Department of Public Safety
Governor's Representative for Highway Safety



Thomas Sorel
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Toward Zero Deaths Steering Committee Chairman