

# MINNESOTA PATRIOT GUARD

## ESCORT POLICY

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### Preamble:

All Minnesota laws will be strictly adhered to while doing an escort for the Minnesota Patriot Guard. We are not a funeral escort nor an escort service but are sometimes requested to escort remains on an approved Minnesota Patriot Guard mission. We are there to honor the fallen, not act as a funeral escort service. Items 1 & 2 below apply to any Minnesota Patriot Guard mission/escort.

1. Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 169.64 Red & Blue flashing lights: it is illegal to have and use red & blue flashing lights on a personal vehicle.

- Red lights: Only authorized volunteer first responders can obtain a permit from the Commissioner of Public Safety to use a flashing red light on their personal vehicle while responding to emergencies.

- Blue lights: prohibited on private vehicles, generally restricted to road maintenance equipment or authorized emergency vehicles..

Permission from LEO does not give us the right to break the law.

2. Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 169.68 no person shall use or equip a vehicle with a siren unless it is an authorized emergency vehicle. Minnesota law strictly prohibits vehicles from being equipped with sirens, bells or whistles except for authorized emergency vehicles.

3. We are an honor escort, not a funeral escort nor escort service, hence we are not to be road-guarding during an honor escort.