



DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Law of the Month – February, 2019

Safe While on the Road

With snow, rain, ice, and more upon us this winter, we all have a duty to keep each other safe while on the road. One thing we do not often think of doing is regularly inspecting our vehicles. While the full swing of our busy schedules keep us occupied, we do not stop and check our headlights, tail lamps, or more. We just hop in our cars and expect them to be working. However, we never expect to be in a rash or have engine problems. Therefore, we at the Dodge County Sheriff's Office ask you to take the extra minute to make sure your vehicle equipment is working properly. The working tail lamps could save you from being hit from behind in limited visibility or working headlamps could help prevent a collision with a deer crossing the road. Overall, you play a vital role in the safety of motorists on the roadway, so we encourage you to take the time to inspect your vehicle before driving. You never truly know what that extra minute could save you.

Wisconsin State Statute 347.06(3)

(3) The operator of a vehicle shall keep all lamps and reflectors with which such vehicle is required to be equipped reasonably clean and in proper working condition at all times.