

SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL POLICE Informational

The following information pertains to traffic laws and regulations specifically geared for the farming and agricultural community. Some of these regulations may not be common knowledge. Therefore, in the interest of traffic safety, we are providing this information to the community.

Lighting and Marking of Farm Implements at Night – Generally, a farm implement may only be operated on a roadway after dark when it does not exceed eight (8) feet in width as a single vehicle or eight feet six inches as a combination. If you are operating a farm implement at night that meets the above requirements, it must be equipped with the following; a two headlight system, red reflectors on the rear, yellow reflectors on the front, four-way flashers, and a slow moving vehicle emblem on the rear. If towing an implement at night, the above listed safety devices must also be found on the towed item; except for the headlamps.

Markings During Daytime Operations – During daytime operation of a slow moving vehicle, the only requirement is the slow moving vehicle emblem. It should be noted though that the American Society of Agricultural Engineers recommends that all agricultural equipment using public roadways use the same lighting requirements as do equipment operating at night.

Allowing Other Vehicles to Pass Your Slow-Moving Vehicle on Highways – When a vehicle travels at less than the posted maximum speed, and at such a slow speed impedes “the normal and reasonable movement of traffic”, the driver should pull off and allow traffic to pass when it is safe to do so.

Any and all questions can also be answered via our website at www.swrpd.org / “ask an officer”

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