7-02/120.15 Backing of Buses

The majority of bus accidents occur when a bus is backing. Buses shall not be backed without the assistance of the Security Deputy when two deputies are assigned to a bus crew. When only a Driver is assigned, he shall secure the assistance of other personnel.

Driving from sunlight into a shaded area, glare, shadow and/or reduced light will play tricks with your vision. Due to the reduced visibility, it shall be required that all personnel carry and use a flashlight to aid and assist the Driver when backing.

The Security Deputy shall place himself in a position outside the bus where he can ensure the bus has proper clearance while backing, and direct the Driver in the proper manner. If there is any doubt, stop the vehicle and reevaluate the situation.

Both the Driver and Security Deputy are responsible for compliance with this policy.