



U.S. Department of Transportation  
**National Highway Traffic Safety  
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

October 1, 2018

Mr. Charlie Grimes  
Warranty Advisor  
Ferrara Fire Apparatus, Inc.  
27855 James Chapel Rd.  
Holden, LA 70744

NEF-150MR  
18V-613

**Subject:** Brake Light may Randomly Illuminate/FMVSS 108

Dear Mr. Grimes:

This letter serves to acknowledge Ferrara Fire Apparatus, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

FERRARA/CINDER/2017-2019  
FERRARA/IGNITER/2017-2019  
FERRARA/INFERNO/2017-2019  
FERRARA/INTRUDER/2017-2019  
FERRARA/ULTRA/2017-2019

**Mfr's Report Date:** September 11, 2018

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 18V-613

**Components:**

EXTERIOR LIGHTING:BRAKE LIGHTS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 108

**Problem Description:**

Ferrara Fire Apparatus, Inc. (Ferrara) is recalling certain 2017-2019 Ferrara Inferno, Igniter, Cinder, Ultra, and Intruder emergency vehicles equipped with Whelen accessory brake lights. Depending on the specific wiring of the vehicle, these brake lights may illuminate when the brake pedal has not been pressed. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment."

**Consequence:**

If the brake lights incorrectly illuminate, it can confuse other drivers, possibly increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Ferrara will notify owners, and dealers will replace the brake lights, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin November 1, 2018. Owners may contact Ferrara customer service at 1-800-443-9006.

**Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-1060, or by email at [michelle.rice@dot.gov](mailto:michelle.rice@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement