



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Randy Smith
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NEF-150MR
19V-073

Subject: Brake Lights May Randomly Illuminate

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter serves to acknowledge Life Line Emergency Vehicles'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:

LIFELINE/TYPE I/2017-2019
LIFELINE/TYPE III/2017-2019

Mfr's Report Date: January 31, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-073

Components:

EXTERIOR LIGHTING:BRAKE LIGHTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 200

Problem Description:

Life Line Emergency Vehicles (Life Line) is recalling certain 2017-2019 Type I and Type III ambulances built on Ford F-Series, Ford E-Series, Freightliner, Chevy Cutaway G-Series, Dodge Chassis Cab, Navistar and Kenworth chassis, equipped with Whelen accessory brake lights. Depending on the specific wiring of the vehicle, the brake lights may falsely illuminate even without the brake pedal being pressed.

Consequence:

If the brake lights falsely illuminate, other drivers could become confused, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Life Line will notify owners, and dealers will replace the lights, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in March 2019. Owners may contact Life Line customer service at 1-563-578-3317, extension 132.

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.

- Your company must supply the estimated date(s) for which it will notify dealers and/or distributors regarding this safety recall. If your company subsequently becomes aware that either the beginning or the completion dates reported to the agency for any of the notifications will be delayed by more than two weeks, your company shall promptly advise the agency of the delay and the reasons therefore, and furnish a revised estimate. (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(ii)).

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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to Life Line's instructions.

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. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Kareem Habib
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement