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

May 9, 2019

Ms. Melissa McElveen Warranty Administrator/Procurement Fire Equipment Sales & Service 1665 Stamey Livestock Road Sumter, SC 29153

Subject: Brake Light may Randomly Illuminate

Dear Ms. McElveen:

This letter serves to acknowledge Fire Equipment Sales & Service'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: FORD/F-550/2018 FREIGHTLINER/M2/2018

Mfr's Report Date: March 28, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-251

**Components:** EXTERIOR LIGHTING:BRAKE LIGHTS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 2

## **Problem Description:**

Fire Equipment Sales & Service (FES) is recalling one Super C Brush emergency vehicle and one Tanker emergency vehicle equipped with Whelen brake lights recalled under 18E-063. Depending on the specific wiring of the vehicle, these brake lights may illuminate when the brake pedal has not been pressed.

## **Consequence:**

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

## **Remedy:**

FES has already notified owners, and replaced the brake lights, free of charge. Owners may contact FES customer service at 1-803-494-6000 or Whelen customer service at 1-860-718-2331.

## 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.



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Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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. If both vehicles have in fact already been remedied, you will need to submit only one completion rate report, stating a 100% completion rate.

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,

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