



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

June 3, 2019

Mr. Wesley Chestnut
Smeal Holding LLC
1541 Reynolds Road
Charlotte, MI 48813

NEF-150MR
19V-337

Subject: Aerial Device May Collapse

Dear Mr. Chestnut:

This letter serves to acknowledge Smeal Holding LLC'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:

SMEAL/AERIAL FIRE APPARATUS/2017-2019

Mfr's Report Date: April 30, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-337

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 12

Problem Description:

Smeal Holding LLC (Smeal) is recalling certain 2017-2019 Aerial Fire Apparatus vehicles. The tube steel used in the base rail of the aerial device may be missing joint welds, which may cause the aerial device to become unsteady and possibly collapse.

Consequence:

The aerial device may collapse increasing the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Smeal has notified owners, and dealers will inspect the aerial devices, replacing any sections with missing welds, free of charge. The recall began May 2, 2019. Owners may contact Smeal customer service at 1-800-867-6478. Smeal's number for this recall is 1911.

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.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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 required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please provide a chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information, with their dates of receipt. Please provide this information as soon as possible.

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 the manufacturer'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,



Joshua Neff
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement