ATLANTIC BEACH FIRE DISTRICT

ONE RESCUE ROAD
ATLANTIC BEACH - TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD
NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK

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RE: Defective Ford F450 (Ambulance) Diesel Fuel Tank
2004 VIN 1FDXF47P24E[redacted]

To Whom It May Concern:

As a result of a serious structural defect of the fuel tank in the above captioned ambulance that caused the vehicle to stall during several emergency calls and not restart thereby critically imperiling life and safety, the Board of Fire Commissioner submit this letter.

Specifically, the coating in the interior diesel fuel tank corrodes and collects as sediment which is extracted into the fuel system. The fuel line becomes fouled and clogged damaging the fuel pump and valves.

This safety defect hazard was communicated to the Ford dealer without any positive retort. To characterize their reaction as one of intense disappointment is a conservative description seeing that this was a life threatening risk to patient and a very dangerous condition for the emergency medical technicians and ambulance driver.

Therefore, the Board of Fire Commissioner would greatly appreciate it if your good offices could look into this matter and make the necessary direction to have Ford Motors re-call the defective delaminating fuel tank and reimburse expenses to the Fire District – totaling approximately $3500 of taxpayers monies.

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A response at your earliest convenience would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,
Board of Fire Commissioners

Arnold Geller, District Secretary/Commissioner

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