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Lieutenant Taro D.Landis
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NVS-216 rrr
Ref. No. 10480484

Dear Lt. Landis

Thank you for your correspondence concerning a (MY) 2011 Dodge Charger in your police vehicle fleet. Your correspondence was received by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation (ODI).

NHTSA is the Federal agency responsible for improving safety on our Nation's highways. We are authorized to order manufacturers to recall and repair vehicles or motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. We also monitor the adequacy of manufacturers' recall campaigns. In order for the agency to initiate an investigation, we look carefully at the body of consumer complaints and other available data to determine whether a defect trend may exist. We do not have authority to act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

We appreciate the report you provided on October 15, 2012, regarding a trunk fire in a MY 2011 Dodge Charger used in your fleet of police vehicles. On November 15, 2012, two ODI investigators inspected the subject police cruiser and similarly equipped cruisers to assess potential causes of the fire and, in particular to assess whether a safety defect meriting a formal investigation was apparent. Due to the severely burned condition of the vehicle, the investigators could not determine the exact cause of the fire.

Based on our inspection and our review of all available information- including complaints available in our database- we see no basis on which to open a formal safety defect investigation. ODI will continue to monitor all available data concerning trunk fires in MY 2006 through



MY 2011 Dodge Charger vehicles, including those used for police service and, should you learn new facts from your investigation we would be happy to reconsider. You can obtain further information concerning the NHTSA investigation and recall process on our web site at www.nhtsa.gov.

Should you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment in the future, we would appreciate it if you would complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire online at www.nhtsa.gov or call the Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236. Also, a summary listing of vehicle owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc. can be obtained at our web site.

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