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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Via USPS Certified Mail

December 18, 2014

American Emergency Vehicles
Attn: Mr. Dominick Gaetano
165 American Way
Jefferson, NC 28640

NVS-215cg
EQ 14-015
14E-034

Subject: Safety Recall 14E-034

Dear Mr. Dominick Gaetano:

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA), Office of Defects Investigation (ODI), Recall Management Division (RMD) is conducting an equipment query (EQ) investigation in relation to certain suspension fluid tank mounting brackets. This investigation has been assigned the identification number EQ 14-015.

In a letter dated July 1, 2014, LiquidSpring LLC, (LiquidSpring), notified the NHTSA that it decided a defect exists in certain aftermarket CLASS DS96F-A, DS96F-M and DS96F-MC suspensions for Ford E-450 chassis; DS120F-A and DS120FA10 suspensions for Ford F-450 chassis; DS137F-A and DS137F-A10 suspensions for Ford F-550 chassis with 18,000lb GVWR; DS147F-B2 suspensions for Ford F-550 chassis with 19,500lb GVWR; and DS96GM-AR, DS96GM-AR12, DS96GM-AM and DS96GM-MR suspensions for Chevrolet G3500/4500 chassis. The mounting bracket that attaches the suspension fluid tank to the frame may fail allowing the fluid tank to separate from the vehicle. If the suspension fluid tank mounting bracket fractures and the tank separates from the chassis, the tank may become a road hazard, increasing the risk of a crash. This matter was assigned recall number 14E-034. A copy of the notification is enclosed for your information.

LiquidSpring reported to NHTSA that it sold **55** of these suspension fluid tank mounting brackets to American Emergency Vehicles (your company) for possible installation into vehicles. The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of a potential safety defect in vehicles your company may have manufactured, and to remind you of your responsibility under Federal Law.

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those vehicles it manufactured in which the defective equipment was installed. The content of that notification is specified in 49 U.S.C. 573.6, Defect and Noncompliance Information Report. As of this date, we have not received the required report from your company.

In view of this safety risk and your company's obligations under Federal law, should you decide your vehicles contain a safety defect, you must notify NHTSA of that decision and file a defect information report. We are also reminding your company that it is required to issue timely notification to owners who may have purchased vehicles with these suspension fluid tank mounting brackets. In advance of issuing its owner notification letters, your company must submit a draft of its letter to NHTSA for review. Your company is reminded that this letter must meet the requirements of 49 CFR 577.5, "Notification pursuant to a manufacturer's decision." Your company is further reminded that notifications must be sent to those persons registered under State law as the owners of the vehicles. If particular owners cannot be reasonably ascertained by State records, notifications must be sent to those persons you identify as the most recent purchasers. We are also reminding your company that it is required to notify dealers and distributors as required by 49 CFR 577.13.

In addition to the Defect Information Report and the draft owner notification letter, please also provide a proposed schedule for conducting the required owner and dealer notifications that includes the following information:

a. the approximate date on which the owner notification will begin;
b. the approximate date on which the owner notification will be completed (if the owner notification is to be staggered, give the beginning and ending owner notification date for each segment); and,
c. the approximate date on which the dealer notification will be completed.

Please further note that you must file six quarterly recall status reports as required by 49 CFR 573.7. These reports are to be filed on consecutive yearly quarters beginning with the quarter in which notification to owners begins.

If your company has not received any of this equipment, or if your products are not available to be sold, offered for sale, delivered, or imported into the United States, please so state. If your company does not agree that vehicles it manufactured with these suspension fluid tank mounting brackets are defective, and therefore will not conduct a safety recall of the vehicles, you must submit a written response explaining that decision and include all supporting documents, analysis, and/or test reports.

This letter is being sent to your company pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30166, which authorizes NHTSA to conduct any investigation that may be necessary to enforce Chapter 301 of Title 49. Your company's failure to respond promptly and fully to this letter could subject your company to civil penalties pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30165 or lead to an action for injunctive relief pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30163.

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
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Braun Industries
Attn: Mr. Robert Sherer
1170 Production Drive
Van Wert, OH 45891

NVS-215cg
EQ 14-015
14E-034

Subject: Safety Recall 14E-034

Dear Mr. Robert Sherer:

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA), Office of Defects Investigation (ODI), Recall Management Division (RMD) is conducting an equipment query (EQ) investigation in relation to certain suspension fluid tank mounting brackets. This investigation has been assigned the identification number EQ 14-015.

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LiquidSpring reported to NHTSA that it sold **26** of these suspension fluid tank mounting brackets to Braun Industries (your company) for possible installation into vehicles. The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of a potential safety defect in vehicles your company may have manufactured, and to remind you of your responsibility under Federal Law.

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Braun Northwest
Attn: Mr. Richard Underdahl
150 North Star Drive
Chehalis, WA 98532

NVS-215cg
EQ 14-015
14E-034

Subject: Safety Recall 14E-034

Dear Mr. Richard Underdahl:

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA), Office of Defects Investigation (ODI), Recall Management Division (RMD) is conducting an equipment query (EQ) investigation in relation to certain suspension fluid tank mounting brackets. This investigation has been assigned the identification number EQ 14-015.

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LiquidSpring reported to NHTSA that it sold **3** of these suspension fluid tank mounting brackets to Braun Northwest (your company) for possible installation into vehicles. The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of a potential safety defect in vehicles your company may have manufactured, and to remind you of your responsibility under Federal Law.

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Crestline Coach Ltd
Attn: Mr. Daryl Krell
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Saskatoon, SK., Canada S7P 0A9

NVS-215cg
EQ 14-015
14E-034

Subject: Safety Recall 14E-034

Dear Mr. Daryl Krell:

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA), Office of Defects Investigation (ODI), Recall Management Division (RMD) is conducting an equipment query (EQ) investigation in relation to certain suspension fluid tank mounting brackets. This investigation has been assigned the identification number EQ 14-015.

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LiquidSpring reported to NHTSA that it sold **4** of these suspension fluid tank mounting brackets to Crestline Coach Ltd (your company) for possible installation into vehicles. The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of a potential safety defect in vehicles your company may have manufactured, and to remind you of your responsibility under Federal Law.

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Demers Ambulance Inc
Attn: Mr. Roger Nadon
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Beloeil Quebec, Canada J3G 4N5

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Subject: Safety Recall 14E-034

Dear Mr. Roger Nadon:

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LiquidSpring reported to NHTSA that it sold **1** of these suspension fluid tank mounting brackets to Demers Ambulance Inc (your company) for possible installation into vehicles. The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of a potential safety defect in vehicles your company may have manufactured, and to remind you of your responsibility under Federal Law.

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This letter is being sent to your company pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30166, which authorizes NHTSA to conduct any investigation that may be necessary to enforce Chapter 301 of Title 49. Your company's failure to respond promptly and fully to this letter could subject your company to civil penalties pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30165 or lead to an action for injunctive relief pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30163.

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
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U.S. Department
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**National Highway
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1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Via USPS Certified Mail

December 18, 2014

Dodgen Industries
Attn: Mr. Kyle Anderson
1505 13th Street North
Humboldt, IA 50548

NVS-215cg
EQ 14-015
14E-034

Subject: Safety Recall 14E-034

Dear Mr. Kyle Anderson:

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA), Office of Defects Investigation (ODI), Recall Management Division (RMD) is conducting an equipment query (EQ) investigation in relation to certain suspension fluid tank mounting brackets. This investigation has been assigned the identification number EQ 14-015.

In a letter dated July 1, 2014, LiquidSpring LLC, (LiquidSpring), notified the NHTSA that it decided a defect exists in certain aftermarket CLASS DS96F-A, DS96F-M and DS96F-MC suspensions for Ford E-450 chassis; DS120F-A and DS120FA10 suspensions for Ford F-450 chassis; DS137F-A and DS137F-A10 suspensions for Ford F-550 chassis with 18,000lb GVWR; DS147F-B2 suspensions for Ford F-550 chassis with 19,500lb GVWR; and DS96GM-AR, DS96GM-AR12, DS96GM-AM and DS96GM-MR suspensions for Chevrolet G3500/4500 chassis. The mounting bracket that attaches the suspension fluid tank to the frame may fail allowing the fluid tank to separate from the vehicle. If the suspension fluid tank mounting bracket fractures and the tank separates from the chassis, the tank may become a road hazard, increasing the risk of a crash. This matter was assigned recall number 14E-034. A copy of the notification is enclosed for your information.

LiquidSpring reported to NHTSA that it sold **17** of these suspension fluid tank mounting brackets to Dodgen Industries (your company) for possible installation into vehicles. The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of a potential safety defect in vehicles your company may have manufactured, and to remind you of your responsibility under Federal Law.

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Via USPS Certified Mail

December 18, 2014

Elkhart Coach
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Elkhart, IN 46514

NVS-215cg
EQ 14-015
14E-034

Subject: Safety Recall 14E-034

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