



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 14-027
Date Opened: 08/22/2014
Investigator: Chris Lash
Approver: Frank Borris
Subject: Front Brake Hose Failure
Reviewer: Jeff Quandt

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Ford Motor Company
Products: 2013 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor
Population: 20,000 (Estimated)
Problem Description: Front brake hoses may fail resulting in increased stopping distance.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	0	TBD	TBD
Crashes/Fires:	0	TBD	TBD
Injury Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Number of Injuries:	0	TBD	TBD
Fatality Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Number of Fatalities:	0	TBD	TBD
Other*:	1	TBD	TBD

*Description of Other: Fleet contact reporting 13 front brake hose failures in 11 vehicles.

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: A preliminary evaluation has been opened.

Summary:

ODI received information from a metropolitan police fleet regarding problems with front brake hose ("jounce hose") failures in model year (MY) 2013 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor vehicles (VOQ 10621634). The police department reported 13 brake hose failures involving 11 vehicles from a fleet of 46 MY 2013 Explorer Police Interceptor vehicles. Inspection of the failed hoses showed small splits in the hoses near the body side ferrule of the hose assembly. A preliminary evaluation has been opened to assess the scope, frequency and safety-related consequences of the alleged defect in the subject vehicles.