

CUSTOMER TOOK VEHICLE TO PASADENA FIRE DEPARTMENT
COMPLAINING OF AN
EXHAUST SMELL IN THE CAR AND BORROWED THEIR METER AND IT
REGISTERED A
10PPM AFTER A DRIVE AROUND THE BLOCK. CUSTOMER CALLED DEALER
CRYING
SAYING THE LEVELS WERE UNSAFE. I CALLED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
AND SPOKE
WITH THE LIEUTENANT AND DID NOT TELL THE CUSTOMER THE CAR WAS
UNSAFE,
BUT DID TELL HER SHE SHOULD GET THE VEHICLE CHECKED AGAIN AND
RECOMMENDED I TAKE IT TO ANOTHER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND HAVE IT
CHECKED.
I TOOK IT TO SEMINOLE FIRE DEPARTMENT TODAY AND BORROWED 2
METERS AND
ONE (DRAEGER X-AM 5000 SERIES DETECTORS) REGISTERED AN 8 PPM
OR .0008%
AND THE OTHER (HOME TYPE DETECTOR) A 6 PPM OR .0006%. THE
FIREMAN
INFORMED ME THEY CANNOT TAKE THEIR BREATHING EQUIPMENT OFF
UNLESS THE
METER READS 0 AND THEY WOULD NOT PUT THEIR FAMILY IN A VEHICLE
FOR A
PROLONGED TIME ON A TRIP WITH THESE LEVELS. CHECKING RESOURCES
ON THE
INTERNET I FOUND THE FOLLOWING CUT AND PASTED BELOW, WHICH
BASICALLY
SAYS IF THERE ARE 25 PPM OR HIGHER FOR AN 8 HOUR DAY ON A 40 HOUR
WORK
WEEK THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. THIS VEHICLE DOES NOT COME CLOSE
TO THIS
AND WITH THE REAR AC OFF AND THE FRONT AC ON OUTSIDE AIR THERE
IS NOT
A CONCERN. THE CUSTOMER IS A NURSE AND HER SON HAS ASTHMA, SO I
AM
RECOMMENDING THAT FORD REPURCHASE HER VEHICLE AT THIS TIME
BECAUSE
THERE IS NOT A REPAIR FOR THIS CONCERN AT THIS TIME. OSHA PEL] THE
CURRENT OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
(OSHA)
PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE LIMIT (PEL) FOR CARBON MONOXIDE IS 50 PARTS
PER
MILLION (PPM) PARTS OF AIR (55 MILLIGRAMS PER CUBIC METER (MG/M
(3)))
AS AN 8-HOUR TIME-WEIGHTED AVERAGE (TWA) CONCENTRATION [29