



February 2, 2009

Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Attention: Early Warning Division (NVS-217)  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

In accordance with 49 CFR 579.5, please find the enclosed defect related service bulletins, product updates, or other defect related correspondence to our dealers or customers for Pierce Manufacturing Inc. for the months of: **January 2009.**

**1. VIN Correction – Customer Notification**

This letter notifies Pierce customers whose Impel chassis VIN was incorrect. The letter is the only notification of the incorrect model code identifier. The original VIN will stay affixed to the vehicle.

**2. 08V-574 Customer Notification Letter**

Customer letter for Caterpillar C13 diesel engine upgrade. The safety recall addresses a defect in the Aftertreatment Regeneration Device (ARD) Extension Pipe.

**3. 08V-574 Dealer notification Letter**

Dealer letter for Caterpillar C13 diesel engine upgrade. The safety recall addresses a defect in the Aftertreatment Regeneration Device (ARD) Extension Pipe.

PIERCE MANUFACTURING, INC.

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## INSERT CUSTOMER INFO

The Vehicle Identification Numbers (VIN) for a series of fire apparatus manufactured by Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. were incorrectly assigned using the letter "I" to designate the "IMPEL" chassis model in the 5<sup>th</sup> position of the VIN. The letter "I" is not an approved character for use in a VIN as established by the rules of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) as documented in the Code of Federal Regulations 49 CFR 565. The letter "I" was used in VINs from the introduction of the IMPEL chassis in November, 2007 until the error was discovered in September, 2008. The letter "I" has been replaced with the letter "J", and new VINs have been assigned for the affected apparatus. The change from the letter I to the letter J in position 5 may also change the value of the check digit in position 9.

NHTSA procedures for VIN corrections dictate that the original VIN stay affixed to the vehicle as established at the time of manufacture. **This document is the only official notice that the VIN for this vehicle has been changed.** A copy of this letter should remain in the vehicle and be presented to law enforcement officials in the case of any confusion in vehicle identification or ownership.

Note that this action constitutes a change in the letter assigned to a model code only. There is no physical change in the vehicle or its model name, and no impact on its function, performance, or vehicle classification.

Manufacturer:	Pierce Manufacturing, Inc
Chassis Model:	Impel
Job Number:	XXXXX
Original VIN:	4P1 I _____
New VIN:	4P1 J _____

Questions concerning this VIN correction procedure can be addressed to the following individuals at NHTSA:

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Sincerely,  
Pierce Manufacturing,

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