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May 26, 2010

Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Smith:

The following information is submitted in accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 573.6 as it applies to a defect related to motor vehicle safety.

573.6(c)(1)
American LaFrance, LLC
1090 Newton Way
Summerville, SC 29483-7430

573.6(c)(2)
American LaFrance heavy-duty class 8 Eagle model fire trucks shipped between February 3, 2009 and March 16, 2010, and equipped with Series 60 EPA07 diesel engines manufactured by Detroit Diesel Corporation with software versions earlier than V62.6 ZGS 114.

573.6(c)(3)
This recall involves seven (7) vehicles equipped with the subject engines that have been shipped to American LaFrance customers. (Note that an additional eleven (11) engines remain in American LaFrance's control and are currently located in our facilities.)

573.6(c)(4)
According to Daimler/Detroit Diesel Corporation's March 16, 2010 Defect Information Report, 100 percent of the subject vehicles are estimated to contain the defect.

573.6(c)(5)
As described in Daimler/Detroit Diesel Corporation's March 16, 2010 Defect Information Report, the engines on these vehicles may shut down unexpectedly when a diesel particulate filter over-temperature condition is detected. In emergency vehicle applications, an unexpected engine shutdown could hamper rescue operations and put first responders and/or the public at risk.

573.6 (c)(6)

5/18/10 Letter received from NHTSA (EQ10-005) advising American LaFrance of a potential safety defect in certain American LaFrance vehicles equipped with

the above-referenced engines (as described in Daimler/Detroit Diesel Corporation's Defect Information Report, NHTSA Recall No. 10E005).

5/18/10 E-mail sent to Daimler Trucks North America requesting information to enable American LaFrance to evaluate the need for a safety recall.

5/19/10 Daimler Trucks provided the information requested.

05/20/10 American LaFrance, LLC determined that the condition constitutes a safety-related defect and, accordingly, decided to initiate this recall.

573.6(c)(7)

Not applicable

573.6(c)(8)

American LaFrance will notify owners of the seven (7) affected vehicles that have left American LaFrance's control and advise them that Detroit Diesel will repair the vehicles free of charge by reprogramming the engine control logic to illuminate the High Exhaust System Temperature (HEST) malfunction indicator light without requesting engine shutdown.

A draft of American LaFrance's Part 577 Owner Letter is attached for your review.

The eleven (11) affected engines/vehicles that remain in American LaFrance's inventory will be remedied by Detroit Diesel at our facility. Detroit Diesel will include these engines/vehicles on its Quarterly Recall Report.

The Safety Recall is expected to begin on or about June 1, 2010. Owners may contact Daimler Trucks at 1-800-547-0712 or American LaFrance at 1-888-253-8725. The number which American LaFrance, LLC, has assigned to this recall for tracking purposes is **ALF-0110**.

Very Truly Yours

AMERICAN LAFRANCE, LLC



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Enclosure: Draft Part 577 Owner Letter