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George Person (NVS-215)
Chief of Recall Management
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Vehicle Recall: **Drop-Down Hose Tray**

Dear Mr. Person:

Pierce has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the motor vehicles listed below. We therefore furnish notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

Manufacturer's Identification Code: 39-0139830

1. Name of Manufacturer and Corporate contact:

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2. Identification of Vehicle Classification:

Make: Pierce
Model Years Involved: 2003 - 2009
Models: Custom Contender, Dash, Enforcer, Impel, Lance, Saber, Velocity
Mfg. Date Beginning: 02/20/2003
Mfg. Date Ending: 03/27/2009

3. Number of Potentially Affected Vehicles: 25**4. Estimated Percentage of Vehicles Containing the Defect: 100 %**

5. Description of the Defect: Certain Pierce custom fire apparatus may be equipped with drop-down fire hose trays mounted under the front bumper. The hose tray latch may accidentally open while the vehicle is in motion. If this occurs the fire hose may drop to the roadway without warning. Potential injury to people and property may occur. The sudden hose deployment may also distract drivers trying to avoid the hose and a crash may occur.

6. Chronology of Principal Events:

July 2009 – Tray opened up driving down the road on one customer vehicle.

March 2010 – Improved hose tray design installed on customer vehicle.

June 2010 – Decision made to upgrade all drop-down hose tray installations.

7. Corrective Action: A new and improved latch design has been developed. A new hose box incorporating the new latch will be installed on all affected trucks.

The production remedy will be the same as the field remedy.

8. Representative Notices: Notices will be sent at a later date.

Sincerely,
Pierce Manufacturing, Inc



Roger Lackore, P.E.
Director of Research and Development