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July 2, 2010

George Person (NVS-215)  
Chief of Recall Management  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington DC 20590

Vehicle Recall: **Steel Wheel Lug Nut Loosening**

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: 2009 - 2010  
Models: All models  
Mfg. Date Beginning: 08/11/2009  
Mfg. Date Ending: To Be Determined

**3. Number of Potentially Affected Vehicles:** To Be Determined

**4. Estimated Percentage of Vehicles Containing the Defect:** To Be Determined

**5. Description of the Defect:** Certain Pierce custom fire apparatus may have been manufactured with excessive paint on the steel wheel mounting surfaces. The excessive paint may cause the wheel lug nuts to lose clamp load, loosen and fall off. Eventually the wheel(s) could separate from the vehicle and cause a crash.

**6. Chronology of Principal Events:**

May 5, 2010 to June 3, 2010 – Pierce notified of five custom fire apparatus experiencing loose steel wheel lug nuts and/or broken wheel mounting studs.

June 7, 2010 – An investigation revealed excessive paint on wheels painted job color. The excessive paint condition occurred with a new tire installer in July 2009.

June 24, 2010 – Pierce notified of another custom fire apparatus with a loose wheel.

**7. Corrective Action:** To Be Determined

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

Sincerely,  
Pierce Manufacturing, Inc



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