



U.S. Department of Transportation  
**National Highway Traffic Safety  
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

March 29, 2018

Mr. Charlie Grimes  
Warranty Advisor  
Ferrara Fire Apparatus, Inc.  
27855 James Chapel Rd.  
Holden, LA 70744

NEF-150MR  
18V-174

**Subject:** Front Axle Spindle may Fracture

Dear Mr. Grimes:

This letter serves to acknowledge Ferrara Fire Apparatus, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

FERRARA/IGNITER/2004-2012  
FERRARA/INFERNO/2004-2012

**Mfr's Report Date:** March 14, 2018

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 18V-174

**Components:**

SUSPENSION:FRONT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 59

**Problem Description:**

Ferrara Fire Apparatus, Inc. (Ferrara) is recalling certain 2004-2012 Inferno and Igniter emergency vehicles, equipped with Timoney Independent Front Suspensions. Inconsistent machining may result in fatigue cracks developing over time in the front axle spindles, causing failure of the spindle and the possible separation of a front wheel from the vehicle.

**Consequence:**

A wheel separation from the vehicle can increase the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Ferrara will notify owners, and dealers will replace the front axle spindle, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin April 27, 2018. Owners may contact Ferrara customer service at 1-800-443-9006.

**Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-1060, or by email at [michelle.rice@dot.gov](mailto:michelle.rice@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement