



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Ms. Sarah Atchison
President/CEO
Midwest Fire Equipment & Repair Company
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Luverne, MN 56156

NEF-150MR
18V-587

Subject: Brake Light may Randomly Illuminate

Dear Ms. Atchison:

This letter serves to acknowledge Midwest Fire Equipment & Repair Company'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:

MIDWEST FIRE/ALL-POLY SERIES/2017-2019
MIDWEST FIRE/QUICK ATTACK/2017-2019

Mfr's Report Date: September 4, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V-587

Components:

EXTERIOR LIGHTING:BRAKE LIGHTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 37

Problem Description:

Midwest Fire Equipment & Repair Company (Midwest) is recalling certain 2017-2019 Midwest All-Poly Series and Quick Attack emergency vehicles, equipped with certain Whelen accessory brake lights. Depending on the specific wiring of the vehicle, these brake lights may illuminate when the brake pedal has not been pressed.

Consequence:

If the brake lights incorrectly illuminate, it can confuse other drivers, possibly increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Midwest will notify owners, and Whelen will replace the brake lights, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in September 2018. Owners may contact Midwest customer service at 1-800-344-2059.

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.

We have received Midwest's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

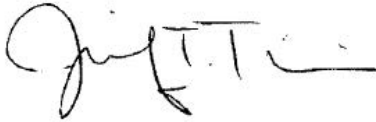
Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are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

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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 or through the office email at 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