

U.S. Department of Transportation

# National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

September 26, 2018

Ms. Ruth Gabaud REV Ambulance Group Orlando, INC. 2737 N. Forsyth Road Winter Park, FL 32792 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-150MR 18V-602

Subject: Brake Light may Randomly Illuminate/FMVSS 108

Dear Ms. Gabaud:

This letter serves to acknowledge REV Ambulance Group Orlando, 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:

FRONTLINE/TYPE I/2017-2018
FRONTLINE/TYPE III/2017-2018
MARQUE/TYPE I/2017-2018
MARQUE/TYPE III/2017-2018
MCCOY MILLER/TYPE I/2017-2018
MCCOY MILLER/TYPE III/2017-2018
ROAD RESCUE/TYPE I/2017-2018
ROAD RESCUE/TYPE III/2017-2018
WHEELED COACH/TYPE I/2017-2018
WHEELED COACH/TYPE III/2017-2018

**Mfr's Report Date:** September 8, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V-602

**Components:** 

EXTERIOR LIGHTING:BRAKE LIGHTS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 600

### **Problem Description:**

REV Ambulance Group Orland, Inc. (REV) is recalling certain 2017-2018 Road Rescue, Marque, Wheeled Coach, Frontline, and McCoy Miller Type I and Type III ambulances, equipped with 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. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment."

## **Consequence:**

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



### Remedy:

REV will notify owners, and Whelen will replace the brake lights, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin October 29, 2018. Owners may contact REV customer service at 1-855-661-9232.

#### **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.

NHTSA is missing critical, required information for this safety recall. This information must be supplied through the NHTSA Recalls Portal within 5 working days of confirming its accuracy:

- The percentage of products estimated to contain the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(4)).
- Your company must supply the estimates date(s) for which it will notify dealers and/or distributors regarding this safety recall. If your company subsequently becomes aware that either the beginning or the completion dates reported to the agency for any of the notifications will be delayed by more than two weeks, your company shall promptly advise the agency of the delay and the reasons therefore, and furnish a revised estimate. (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(ii)).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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. Please identify whether REV or Whelen will be providing the required reports.

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,

Jennifer Timian

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations

Enforcement

