



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

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Mr. William Bird
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NEF-150MR
18V-919

Subject: Brake Lights May Randomly Illuminate/FMVSS 108

Dear Mr. Bird:

This letter serves to acknowledge Toyne 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:

TOYNE/FIRE APPARATUS/2017-2018

Mfr's Report Date: December 20, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V-919

Components:

EXTERIOR LIGHTING:BRAKE LIGHTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 41

Problem Description:

Toyne, Inc. (Toyne) is recalling certain 2017-2018 Fire Apparatus trucks, equipped with Whelen accessory brake lights. Depending on the specific wiring of the vehicle, the brake lights may falsely illuminate even without the brake pedal being 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 falsely illuminate, other drivers could become confused, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Toyne will notify owners, and dealers will replace the brake lights, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in February 2019. Owners may contact Toyne customer service at 1-712-673-2328 or Whelen customer service at 1-860-718-2331.

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.

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. 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. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Kareem Habib
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement