



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Steve Schultz  
Chief Engineer Apparatus  
W. S. Darley & Co.  
920 Kurth Rd  
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

NEF-150MR  
19V-162

**Subject:** Brake Light may Randomly Illuminate/FMVSS 108

Dear Mr. Schultz:

This letter serves to acknowledge W. S. Darley & Co.'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:**

DARLEY/FIRE APPARATUS/2017-2019

**Mfr's Report Date:** March 4, 2019

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 19V-162

**Components:**

EXTERIOR LIGHTING:BRAKE LIGHTS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 5

**Problem Description:**

W.S. Darley & Co. (Darley) is recalling certain 2017-2019 WASP fire trucks built on a Ford F-550 or Spartan Metro Star chassis equipped with Whelen brake lights. Depending on the specific wiring of the vehicle, these brake lights may illuminate when the brake pedal is not being pressed. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 108, "Lamps, Reflective devices, and Assoc. Equipment."

**Consequence:**

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

**Remedy:**

Darley has notified owners and will provide replacement brake lights, free of charge. The recall began March 4, 2019. Owners may contact Darley customer service at 1-800-634-7812.

**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).

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:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kareem Habib".

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