



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Ms. Barb Lafferty  
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NEF-150MR  
19V-212

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

Dear Ms. Lafferty:

This letter serves to acknowledge Alexis Fire Equipment 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:**

ALEXIS FIRE EQUIPMENT/FIRE APPARATUS/2018

**Mfr's Report Date:** March 19, 2019

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 19V-212

**Components:**

EXTERIOR LIGHTING:BRAKE LIGHTS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 11

**Problem Description:**

Alexis Fire Equipment Company (Alexis) is recalling certain 2018 Custom Fire Apparatus vehicles equipped with Whelen 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:**

Alexis will notify owners, and dealers will install replacement lights. free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in April 2019. Owners may contact Alexis customer service at 1-800-322-2284. Alexis' number for this recall is 18E-063.

**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). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kareem Habib', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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