



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

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Mr. Khristian Pettigrew
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NEF-150MR
19V-214

Subject: Brake Light may Randomly Illuminate/FMVSS 108

Dear Mr. Pettigrew:

This letter serves to acknowledge Fouts Bros'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:

FOUTS BROS./F-3000/2017-2018
FOUTS BROS./F-PUMPER/2017-2018
FOUTS BROS./F-RESCUE/2017-2018

Mfr's Report Date: March 20, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-214

Components:

EXTERIOR LIGHTING:BRAKE LIGHTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 15

Problem Description:

Fouts Bros (Fouts) is recalling certain 2017-2018 Fire Apparatus F-3000, F-Rescue and F-Pumper vehicles 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 Associated Equipment."

Consequence:

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

Remedy:

Fouts has notified owners, and Fouts service centers will replace the brake lights, free of charge. The recall began on March 25, 2019. Owners may contact Fouts customer service at 1-800-948-5045.

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.

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