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**TO:** All U.S. Ford and Lincoln Dealers

**SUBJECT:** **NEW VEHICLE DEMONSTRATION / DELIVERY HOLD - Advance Notice Compliance Recall 26C50**
Certain 2026-2027 Explorer Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles
Overhead Console Inspection and Replacement

## AFFECTED VEHICLES (U.S. Population Of Affected Vehicles 33,578):

| Vehicle | Model Year | Assembly Plant | Build Date Range |
|---|---|---|---|
| Explorer | 2026 | Chicago | March 06, 2025 through August 13, 2026 |
| Explorer | 2027 | Chicago | October 06, 2025 through October 23, 2026 |

Affected vehicles are identified in OASIS and FSA VIN Lists.

## REASON FOR THIS COMPLIANCE RECALL

All of the affected Explorer Police Interceptor Utility vehicles may not conform to the requirements specified by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 101 Control and Displays. On the affected vehicles, the overhead console map lights may turn on and remain illuminated without the ability to turn them off, which may distract the driver, increasing the risk of a crash.

## SERVICE ACTION

DO NOT DEMONSTRATE OR DELIVER any new in-stock vehicles involved in this compliance recall. For new vehicle storage guidelines, refer to EFC13033, Storage Guidelines for New Vehicles.

**A complete dealer bulletin, including technical instructions, is expected to be available to dealers by 12/21/26 when a remedy is planned to be available for this compliance recall.**

**IMPORTANT: Dealers should open a Repair Order (RO) only when a full dealer bulletin is published. Opening an RO against an Awareness or Advance Notice will result in warranty rejections against a recall.**

## OWNER NOTIFICATION

Owners of record will be notified via first-class mail within sixty days, which may occur before remedy availability including repair instructions have been provided to dealers.

## PLEASE NOTE:

**Federal law requires dealers to complete this recall service before a new vehicle is delivered to the buyer or lessee. Violation of this requirement by a dealer could result in a civil penalty of up to $27,168 per vehicle. Correct all vehicles in your new vehicle inventory prior to delivery.**

## DEALER-OPERATED RENTAL VEHICLES

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act law effective June 2016 prohibits a rental company from selling, renting or leasing vehicles subject to a compliance recall. Please consult your legal counsel for legal advice.

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**QUESTIONS & ASSISTANCE**

For questions and assistance, contact the Special Service Support Center (SSSC) via the SSSC Web Contact Site. The SSSC Web Contact Site can be accessed through the Professional Technician System (PTS) website using the SSSC link listed at the bottom of the OASIS VIN report screen or listed under the SSSC tab.

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