REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Good afternoon, on Sunday August 23, 2020, Deltona Fire Rescue’s Engine 61 was responding to a non-emergency call. While driving at low speed and making a turn into a residential neighborhood the front passenger side tire blew out without any apparent cause. Fortunately, the tire separated from the wheel and rolled underneath the apparatus buffering the vehicle’s impact on the asphalt thus causing no damage to the bumper or undercarriage. Although there were no injuries or damages, this incident has raised many concerns. Upon investigation the tire showed no signs of damage and a manufacture date of March 2019. It appears as though the radial strands delaminated from the inside and blew out as can be seen from the pictures I have attached. The tire is a Goodyear G751 MSA 315 80 22.5 which is possibly being used on many fire apparatus around the country. Therefore, as a Florida fire officer and my organization’s safety and health officer I believe this is a matter that should have the attention of every fire department organization. The purpose of this email is to seek information from any other departments that may have had a similar incident with these tires in order to determine if there may have been an issue with production, if so please contact me. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

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