



ARIZONA STATE LODGE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, INC.

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President

Pat Scherden
Secretary

Jack Nasser
President
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16,800 Executive Plaza Drive
Dearborn, Michigan 48121

Re: FORD CROWNE VICTORIA

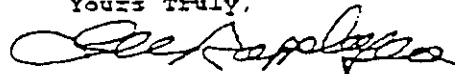
Dear Mr. Nasser:

As State President of the Arizona Fraternal Order of Police, I am writing you on behalf of our members who serve with law enforcement agencies throughout the State of Arizona. In the past two years, two Arizona Highway Patrol Police Officers have been burned alive after their police interceptor Ford Crowne Victoria vehicles were rear-ended at high speeds. It appears both fires that killed these officers were initiated after their respective gas tanks were punctured.

As an organization and our members specifically, we are greatly concerned that the Ford Police Crowne Victoria is not a crash-worthy vehicle. As you know or should know, police vehicles are subjected to a variety of law enforcement usages, including scene protection, blockage of roads and traffic enforcement on high speed roads and highways. If you are marketing these vehicle for law enforcement use, they must be safe for their intended use. As a spokesperson for law enforcement officers in Arizona, I want to know our members are safe in these vehicles. If not, it is incumbent upon Ford to take the steps necessary to ensure these vehicles are crash-worthy and safe.

We will expect Ford will act responsibly and take the steps necessary to protect the police officers driving Ford police vehicles. Please advise me of any questions regarding this matter. I may be contacted at telephone number (602) 493-5611 or through my mailing address, 1743 East Kathleen Road, Phoenix, AZ 85022.

Yours Truly,



Lee Rappleyea
State President

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