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Mr. Chappell

I have reviewed the information that you provided about the ***Emergency Vehicle Detection System*** and applaud the efforts of your team. As a 25 year veteran of the fire service it is imperative that personnel who are responding to calls for emergency service arrive to their destination in a safe and efficient manner. One of the biggest challenges we have in the fire service is responding to and returning from calls for service.

Most recent data shows that the fire service averages around 15,000 fire emergency vehicle crashes per year that result in 345 non-fatal injuries and 8 fatalities for firefighters. Products like yours can assist in reducing those numbers. In today's technological world individuals even though warned have a hard time focusing on the road. One of the key features of your product is that when an emergency vehicle is approaching it stops those distractions and gives the driver both an audio and visual indicator to yield to the emergency vehicle.

In closing I would like to say thank you to your group for developing a product that can protect those individuals that are trying to help others. I hope to see this product in the near future and fully endorse the ***Emergency Detection System*** as it can assist in the safe arrival of all emergency personnel.

Sincerely,

Robert P Bassett

St. Petersburg Fire Rescue is committed to serving the community and each other by protecting and improving health, safety, and quality of life through exceptional emergency service and education.