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FROM : National Wildfire Coordinating Group

REPLY TO : NWCG@nifc.gov

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SUBJECT : SAFETY ADVISORY : Int'l Harvester Corp. Mod. 4300 and 4400 vehicles

Yesterday the Stanislaus experienced a sever mechanical deficiency on a 2002 IHC Crew Carrier. The body shifted to the right (passenger side)while the vehicle was being operated with a full load of Crew and supplies. All mounting bolts from the right front spring hanger were found missing.

There is an active recall on the spring hanger bolts. IHC informs me the recall notices were sent out in March and April 2002 to the Consignee address. The Stanislaus Fleet Manager never received a copy of the recall notification.

Immediately have each IHC Crew Carrier, and other Model 4300 and 4400 models affected by this recall inspected by insuring the spring hanger bolts are tight to manufacturers torque specifications and take the vehicle to your local IHC dealer for the recall remedy. If you are aware of this recall and have not already taken the affected vehicles to your local IHC dealer for the recall remedy, do so immediately.