



### **Update on Tragic Ride Accident at Ohio State Fair**

As many of you know, on the opening day of the Ohio State Fair, Wednesday, July 26, Amusements of America's KMG Fire Ball ride had a tragic, fatal accident in addition to multiple injuries, creating immediate action by State authorities as well as world-wide media attention. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those involved in this very rare and unusual ride event, in an industry that prides itself on safety.

The details and circumstances surrounding the cause of this accident are still under investigation by the Ohio Department of Agriculture (the government agency responsible for rides in Ohio), the Ohio State Police, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), and the ride's manufacturer, KMG BV from the Netherlands.

KMG issued a statement to stating: *"We are currently gathering information on the accident and investigating the cause and circumstances of the accident. Until further details are known, operators of Fireball/Afterburner (FRB24) and Move-it (MVT24/MVT32) type amusement rides are instructed to cease operation of the ride until further notice."* The full text of the KMG statement is available on our website at: [www.oaba.org](http://www.oaba.org). We know that many of our carnivals and independent ride owners have a similar KMG "Fire Ball" rides, or a smaller, single trailer version, called the "Freak Out."

Your OABA has responded to an unusual and rare number of media calls and we have been in contact with AIMS, ASTM, IAAPA, IAFE, NAARSO and NICA for assistance and information as additional details develop. In addition, we understand from our members that many states have also directed ride owners of KMG Fireball's and even rides with similar motion to cease operation. We are working with State's such as Illinois to provide clarification so that members can operate their "Freak Out" rides.

Your national trade association representing the mobile amusement industry will continue to stay in communication with Amusements of America, KMG and Ohio regulators to provide any new details as they develop, and will share them with you.

Many of you know that Amusements of America was a founding member of the OABA and we've had two generations of Vivona leadership involved with our Board of Directors and your trade association. Hopefully all can appreciate and empathize with the emotion and challenges this incident has placed on their management team.