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**Spartan Chassis Encourages FDIC Attendees to
“Build What You Want – Get What You Want”**

CHARLOTTE, Michigan, April 10, 2008 – Spartan Chassis, Inc., a subsidiary of Spartan Motors, Inc. (Nasdaq: SPAR), will showcase its flexible design capability to the emergency-rescue industry at the Fire Department Instructors Conference, which opens today.

Spartan will display the Furion™, introduced in late 2007 as the third cab and chassis in the Michigan-based company’s fire truck product line up. Unlike its commercial counterparts, which might end up as a delivery or moving truck, the Furion is a purpose-built cab-and-chassis specifically designed for the emergency-rescue industry.

The Furion will be on display April 10-12 at Booth #2222 at FDIC, the world’s largest firefighter training conference and exhibition. Units complete with apparatus will be on display during the show with several of Spartan’s OEM partners, including: Rosenbauer America (#6301), PL Custom Emergency Vehicles (#7023), Fort Garry Industries (#6210), Crimson Fire (#2433), Gimaex of America (#7504) and Smeal Fire Apparatus (#2401).

“The Furion allows our customers to get a purpose-built cab-and-chassis specifically designed for the emergency-rescue industry instead of settling for a commercial vehicle,” said Richard Schalter, president of Spartan Chassis. “When a Furion rolls off the Spartan Chassis line, it is ready for an apparatus to be fitted, which will save the body builder hours of time and labor in chassis preparation currently required on commercial chassis.”

The Furion features:

- A 94-inch galvanized steel cab designed for safety, roominess and maneuverability
- Plenty of room for six crew members and equipment
- Cab-over-engine design, which allows for greater visibility and maneuverability
- Advanced electrical system, featuring an under-dash heating and air conditioning system

“The Furion is a major initiative for Spartan Chassis and Spartan Motors and marks our entry into the customized commercial chassis market,” said John Szykiel, president and CEO of Spartan Motors. “Historically, we have been very good at converting commercial markets to custom. Over the years, we have secured increasingly large shares in our key markets.”

The Gladiator®, Metro Star™ and the Furion are all purpose-built for the emergency rescue industry and offer varying degrees of customization based on the model chosen allowing fire departments to “get what they want” to meet their specific needs. Spartan also offers its customers specialized customer service, warranties for repairs and replacements, and training programs for vehicle operators, as well as mechanics and technicians.

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Also during FDIC, show goers will have their first opportunity to see a prototype of a Furion Ambulance/Rescue Transport vehicle which will be unveiled during the show. The Miami-Dade prototype unit is compliant with Star-of-Life federal specifications and features superior maneuverability over conventional cab products, shorter overall length to allow for parking in smaller bays and offers a softer ride for patient and crew, while also providing exceptional chassis roll stability during turns and maneuvers. This vehicle will be on display at the Braun Industries, Inc. booth (#1832).

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About Spartan Chassis, Inc.:

Spartan Chassis, Inc., a subsidiary of Spartan Motors, Inc. (Nasdaq: SPAR), is a leading developer and manufacturer of custom chassis for recreational vehicles, fire trucks and specialty vehicles. Spartan Motors, which also manufactures emergency rescue vehicles under the brand names of Crimson Fire, Crimson Fire Aerials and Road Rescue, reported sales of \$681.9 million in 2007 and is focused on becoming the premier manufacturer of specialty vehicles and chassis in North America.

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