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## Spartan Chassis Provides Specialized Training to Growing Number of Technicians

CHARLOTTE, Michigan, August 19, 2009 – A recent Fire Truck Training Conference hosted by Spartan Chassis, Inc., a subsidiary of Spartan Motors, Inc. (Nasdaq: SPAR), attracted 199 fire truck service personnel of all levels of expertise from across the United States, Canada and the Middle East, for rigorous service training on the company's products and services.

Attendance for the event, which was held in Lansing, Michigan, August 2-6, increased significantly over previous years. As more communities face increasingly stringent budget limitations, Spartan Chassis anticipates growth in the number of departments that will begin performing their own inspections, preventative maintenance and repairs.

“Departments are recognizing the value of holding down the cost of repairs and increasing the safety of their fire trucks,” said John Szykiel, president and CEO of Spartan Motors. Whether an old or new model, our trucks are truly complex machines that we build to each customer's specifications. We offer the formal training needed by technicians to maintain and service Spartan Chassis products to help keep them operational at all times.”

Spartan's 15<sup>th</sup> annual training conference provided attendees with a comprehensive understanding and hands-on demonstrations of apparatus components and systems ranging from engines and electrical systems to brakes and safety systems. Several of the 37 courses offered during the event provided preparation for Emergency Vehicle Training (EVT) certification and re-certification exams were held during the week.

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Spartan Chassis Fire Truck Training Conference will be held August 8-12, 2010 at the Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan. Additional conference information and registration will be available online at [spartanchassis.com](http://spartanchassis.com) in early 2010.

### 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, defense and specialty vehicles. Spartan Motors ([www.spartanmotors.com](http://www.spartanmotors.com)) which also manufactures emergency rescue vehicles under the brand names of Crimson Fire, Crimson Fire Aerials and Road Rescue, reported sales of \$844.4 million in 2008 and is focused on becoming the premier manufacturer of specialty vehicles and chassis in North America.

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