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Spartan OEMs & Dealers Look to Transform Future of Emergency-Response Market

8th Annual Partnership Event Draws Record Attendance

CHARLOTTE, Michigan, February 19, 2010 – Last week’s Partnership Meeting hosted by Spartan Motors Chassis, Inc., a subsidiary of Spartan Motors, Inc. (Nasdaq: SPAR), attracted 262 emergency-response vehicle OEMs and Dealers from across the United States and Canada for rigorous training on the company’s products and services. Attendance for the event, which was held in Las Vegas, Nevada, February 8-10, increased approximately 10 percent over the previous year.

“As fire departments face shrinking budgets and a growing demand for services from their communities, Spartan and its partners recognize that we must evolve our business strategies to meet the needs of the market,” said John Szykiel, president and CEO of Spartan Motors. “By working cohesively with its partners, Spartan is creating momentum for transformation of the emergency-response market in 2010 and beyond.”

Spartan’s Partnership Meeting provided attendees with a comprehensive understanding of cab and chassis design, components and systems, as well as sales and customer service techniques. Attendees also had the opportunity to network and improve their knowledge of cutting-edge technology showcased by approximately 40 emergency-response product exhibitors.

About Spartan Motors Chassis, Inc.

Spartan Motors Chassis, Inc., (www.spartanmotors.com) a subsidiary of Spartan Motors, Inc. (NASDAQ: SPAR), designs, engineers and manufactures specialty chassis, specialty vehicles and truck bodies and aftermarket parts for the outdoor recreation/RV, emergency-response, defense, delivery and service markets. The company’s brand names – **Spartan™**, **Crimson Fire™**, **Crimson Fire Aerials™**, **Road Rescue™** and **Utilimaster®** – are known for quality, value, service and being the first to market with innovative products. The company employs approximately 1,600 at facilities in Michigan, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Indiana and Texas. Spartan reported sales of \$430 million in 2009 and is focused on becoming a global leader in the manufacture of specialty vehicles and chassis.

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