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Quality Manufacturing Receives Order for 10 Fire Trucks from South Carolina

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TALLADEGA, Ala., March 11 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Quality Manufacturing, Inc. today announced it has received an order for 10 custom-built pumper fire trucks from Oconee County, S.C. that will be used to upgrade its rescue fleet.

Talladega, Ala.-based Quality Manufacturing, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Spartan Motors, Inc. ([NASDAQ:SPAR](http://www.nasdaq.com/SPAR)), will provide Oconee County with pumper/tanker trucks built with Quality's "Americana" aluminum body. Oconee County, which is close to the borders of North Carolina and Georgia in the northwest corner of South Carolina, is home to 17 fire departments and approximately 425 firefighters.

"We are pleased to provide the good people of Oconee County with the latest and greatest in custom-built firefighting apparatus," said Brian Bennett, president of Quality Manufacturing. "The order is a testament to the quality and features that are built into our custom products. More customers are realizing that custom-built fire and rescue vehicles can prove more cost-effective than buying commercial vehicles."

Quality has already begun work on the trucks, each of which will be equipped with a 1,500 gallon-per-minute pump with a compressed air foam system (CAFS) and 1,000 gallon water tanks.

Quality Manufacturing said experience with multiple orders and its ability to install the CAFS were important factors in the county's decision. Compressed air foam systems are lighter than traditional water hoses, cause less structural damage than water, and can fight different types of fires effectively with wet, medium, or dry foam.

Quality Manufacturing (<http://www.qualitymfg.com/>) engineers, manufactures and markets custom emergency vehicles, including pumper and aerial fire apparatus that are marketed through a dealer network covering North America. Quality focuses its efforts on high-end fire truck customers who desire to extend the lifecycle of their emergency vehicles by purchasing premium products.

Spartan Motors, Inc. (<https://theshyftgroup.com/>) is a leading developer and manufacturer of custom platforms for recreational vehicles, fire trucks, ambulances and other specialty vehicles. The Company also owns fire and rescue vehicle manufacturers Luverne Fire Apparatus, Quality Manufacturing and Road Rescue, Inc.

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