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Spartan Motors Chassis Headed to the Winter Olympics

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CHARLOTTE, Mich., Feb 12, 2010 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- Two new 75 ft/23 M Aerial Ladder Fire Trucks featuring a Spartan Gladiator MFD 5" Raised Roof Custom Cab and Chassis from Spartan Motors Chassis, Inc., a subsidiary of Spartan Motors, Inc. (Nasdaq: SPAR), have been delivered to the Whistler Fire Rescue Service in Whistler B.C. Canada to upgrade their apparatus fleet as they prepare to host the 2010 Winter Olympics and Paralympics Games. The apparatus were ordered through a competitive RFP process from Safetek Emergency Vehicles Ltd., the Canadian dealer for Smeal Fire Apparatus Co.

"Spartan Chassis is proud to have products in use for emergency and defense vehicles that can be found around the world," said John Szykiel, president and CEO of Spartan Motors. "We are delighted that Spartan chassis will be a part of protecting the lives and property of the residents, guests and elite athletes from around the world as they come together to compete in the Winter Olympics in this beautiful world-class venue."

These custom Single Axle Heavy Duty Aerials were built to meet the performance and safety parameters of the purchaser as well as the latest NFPA and ULC Standards. The chassis features a new low profile design with a four wheel drive configuration to allow for safer driving in snow conditions encountered in the area. The cab features a 5" raised roof to provide more interior headroom for personnel as well as three forward facing crew seats.

The apparatus package features Smeal's Uni-Body Marine Grade construction with an "EZ Load" Dual Hose Bed to provide maximum body compartmentation. A Hale QMAX 2250 GPM Pump is included along with a Foam Pro 2002 Single Tank System, 400 G Water and 30 G Foam Cell with an Aerial Bypass Feature to allow for foam discharge through the Aerial Waterway. Three Speedlay hose beds in the Pump Module with a Driver's side Roll-Up Door for the Pump Panel protect the vehicle from winter road conditions.

The Smeal ULC "listed" aerial device is rated at 500 lb. tip load while flowing 1250 GPM 90 degrees side-to-side as well as a +30 degree vertical sweep and features a gated outlet at the ladder tip for standpipe use. In addition, the aerial features a Turntable actuated Positional Waterway control for safety and ease of changing from Rescue to Water tower mode. A variety of additional advancements and features further enhance operational capability.

About Spartan Motors Chassis, Inc.

Spartan Motors Chassis, Inc., (theshyftgroup.com) a subsidiary of Spartan Motors, Inc. (Nasdaq: SPAR), designs, engineers and manufactures custom 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 are known for quality, value, service and being the first to market with innovative products. The company employs approximately 1,500 at facilities in Michigan, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Indiana and Texas. Spartan reported sales of \$844.4 million in 2008 and is focused on becoming a global leader in the manufacture of specialty vehicles and chassis.

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