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Spartan's Wes Chestnut Named Co-Chair of FAMA Technical Committee

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INDIANAPOLIS, April 23, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Spartan Emergency Response](#), a business unit of [Spartan Motors, Inc.](#) (Nasdaq:SPAR) ("Spartan"), announced today that Wes Chestnut, Group Lead of Product Compliance at Spartan and a 20-year veteran of the fire service, was recently named co-chair of the Fire Apparatus Manufacturers' Association (FAMA) technical committee.

"We are extremely proud of all of the accomplishments and recognition Wes Chestnut has received throughout his 16 years of service with Spartan," said Daryl Adams, President and CEO of Spartan Motors, Inc. "Wes plays a critical role within the company, as well as the entire fire service community. He is tasked with maintaining regular communication with federal regulatory bodies, and ensuring Spartan's compliance is met and maintained throughout all facets of the organization."

As co-chair of the technical committee, Chestnut will provide guidance and represent member organizations on technical issues with the goal of constant improvement to fire apparatus and user safety. This role could include interacting with federal agencies or with development of standards through associations such as the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA).

In 2014, Chestnut was named the recipient of the FAMA Technical Committee Chairman's Award for his engagement with the EPA as it moves into Phase II of the greenhouse gas and fuel economy regulations. Chestnut has previously provided leadership to the Chassis subcommittee for FAMA, keeping the organization ahead of new government regulations.

In his 16 years with Spartan, Chestnut has been responsible with interacting with federal agencies like the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in addition to his regular communication with FAMA and NFPA.

About Spartan Emergency Response

Drawing on more than 130 years of excellence in fire truck manufacturing, Spartan Emergency Response is a world-class leader in the design, engineering and flexible production of the most powerful and reliable emergency response apparatus, cabs and chassis on the market. Spartan Emergency Response manufactures a full line of pumpers, tankers, rescues, aerials, quick-attack/urban interface vehicles and other emergency-rescue vehicles on both custom and commercial chassis from its facilities in Michigan, Pennsylvania and South Dakota. For more information, visit www.spartaner.com.

About Spartan Motors

Spartan Motors, Inc. designs, engineers and manufactures specialty chassis, specialty vehicles, truck bodies and aftermarket parts for the recreational vehicle (RV), emergency response, government services, defense, and delivery and service markets. The Company's brand names – Spartan™, Spartan Chassis™, Spartan Emergency Response™ and Utilimaster® – are known for quality, performance, service and first-to-market innovation. The Company employs approximately 1,700 associates at facilities in Michigan, Pennsylvania, South Dakota and Indiana. Spartan reported sales of \$507 million in 2014 and is focused on becoming a global leader in the design, engineering and manufacture of specialty vehicles and chassis. Visit Spartan Motors at theshyftgroup.com.

About FAMA

The Fire Apparatus Manufacturers' Association (FAMA), is the association of choice most committed to enhancing the quality of the emergency service community through the manufacture and sale of safe, efficient emergency response vehicles and equipment. FAMA urges fire departments to evaluate the full range of safety features offered by its member companies.

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