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Industry Veteran Steps into Leadership Role at Custom Ambulance Manufacturer

CHARLOTTE, Michigan, November 1, 2000 — Spartan Motors, Inc. (Nasdaq: SPAR) today announced the appointment of seasoned veteran Charles D. Drake as president of Road Rescue, Inc., its subsidiary that manufactures ambulance and other rescue vehicles.

The Charlotte, Mich.-based manufacturer of custom RV chassis and emergency vehicles said Drake brings 23 years of experience in the emergency vehicle industry to Road Rescue, including 14 years of director-level sales and operations experience in ambulance manufacturing. As president, Drake will be responsible for overseeing day-to-day operations, focused on increasing market share for its custom vehicles and improving profitability of the subsidiary. Road Rescue is one of three companies that comprise Spartan's Emergency Vehicle Team (EVTeam).

— Chuck brings a tremendous wealth of experience to Road Rescue, and we are pleased to welcome him to our EVTeam of companies, — said John Szykiel, president and chief operating officer of Spartan Motors. — The EVTeam continues to enjoy strong sales of its custom products and improved operating efficiencies. Road Rescue has performed particularly well this year, and we are confident that Chuck will help us build on this success with innovative products and strong leadership at Road Rescue. —

Drake joins Road Rescue from Indiana-based Medtec Ambulance Corp., where he maintained responsibility for sales and marketing functions in addition to operational activities for this ambulance maker. He began his career as a customer service manager at Medtec, formerly TEC Coach, and later served as purchasing agent, production manager and sales director before becoming operations manager in 1992. Drake currently serves as president of the Ambulance Manufacturers Division of the National Truck Equipment Association.

Established in 1976, St. Paul, Minn.-based Road Rescue, Inc. (www.roadrescue.com) designs and manufactures custom modular ambulances and specialty vehicles. Road Rescue, which is owned by Spartan Motors, produces five ambulance models, has 18 dealers in the United States and Canada, and employs over 130 people. Spartan Motors, Inc. (www.spartanmotors.com) is a leading developer and manufacturer of custom chassis for fire trucks, ambulances, recreational vehicles, and other specialty vehicles. The Company also owns fire and rescue vehicle manufacturers Luverne Fire Apparatus and Quality Manufacturing.



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