
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 6, 2001

SPARTAN MOTORS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as
specified in its charter)

Michigan
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

0-13611
(Commission
File Number)

38-2078923
(IRS Employer
Identification no.)

1000 Reynolds Road
Charlotte, Michigan
(Address of principal executive offices)

48813
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number,
including area code: **(517) 543-6400**

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information, and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits: The following document is filed as an exhibit to this report on Form 8-K:

99.1 Spartan Motors, Inc. Press Release dated December 6, 2001.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

 nbsp; On December 6, 2001, Spartan Motors, Inc. issued the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K. This report and the exhibit are furnished, not filed.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

SPARTAN MOTORS, INC.

By /s/ Richard J. Schalter

Date: December 6, 2001

Richard J. Schalter
Executive Vice President,
Chief Financial Officer,
Secretary and Treasurer
(Principal Accounting and Financial Officer)

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Spartan Motors Board Elects John Szykiel as Chief Executive Officer

CHARLOTTE, Mich., December 6, 2001—Spartan Motors, Inc. (Nasdaq: SPAR) today announced that its board of directors has elected John E. Szykiel to the post of chief executive officer, beginning in June 2002.

The Charlotte, Mich.-based manufacturer of custom fire trucks, emergency vehicles and recreational vehicle chassis said Szykiel, a 16-year veteran at the Company, will replace Spartan Motors Founder and CEO George W. Szykiel.

John Szykiel, 44, has served as president and COO of Spartan Motors since December 1992, and as a director since 1988. For the past nine years, he also served as president of the Company's largest subsidiary, Spartan Motors Chassis. He has been with the Company since 1985, serving in a number of operations, sales and marketing positions during his tenure. He was instrumental in Spartan Motors' entry into the motorhome market with its rear-engine diesel pusher chassis in 1985.

The election of John Szykiel culminates an 11-month process that included the formation of a special board committee and the hiring of an independent executive-search firm to facilitate the selection of Spartan Motors' new CEO. David Wilson, who last month was elected to replace George Szykiel as the Company's chairman, served as chair of the special board committee that conducted the CEO search.

"John has been instrumental in building a management team which has shaped Spartan Motors into a leading manufacturer of fire trucks, emergency vehicles and premium motorhome chassis," Wilson said. "His experience and leadership will be considerable assets as Spartan Motors implements focused growth initiatives in our core markets. Moving forward, John and the rest of the Company's leadership will be challenged to further improve operating efficiencies, increase market share and deliver profitable growth."

Spartan Motors, Inc. (www.spartanmotors.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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