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Navistar is First Responder to Meet New Fire Truck Standards

International® Emergency Vehicles First in Industry to Meet NFPA Fire Truck Requirements



WARRENVILLE, Ill. (February 19, 2009) – For those who make their living fighting fires and responding to emergencies, Navistar (NYSE: NAV) is delivering a new level of protection by meeting the highest fire truck standards in the industry.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recently released the 2009 edition of “NFPA 1901: Standard for Automotive Fire Apparatus” and International® DuraStar® and International® WorkStar® fire trucks and emergency vehicle platforms are the first to meet this critical industry benchmark.

“With so much on the line for the paramedics and firefighters who protect us every day, it’s critical that our vehicles provide the security needed for these life-saving occupations,” said Jim Hebe, Navistar senior vice president, North American sales operations.

NFPA 1901 compliance is critical for vehicle manufacturers like Navistar as well as truck equipment manufacturers (TEMs) who build and supply the complex components that are added to fire trucks and emergency vehicles.

In addition, NFPA compliance plays an important role for local communities as fire departments upgrade equipment and apparatus to NFPA safety and performance guidelines. For 2009, more than $530 million in funding is available through the federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) and requires NFPA compliance.

The International® DuraStar® and International® WorkStar® fire trucks and emergency vehicles provide the only platform that meets applicable NFPA standards. These vehicles include a number of new features that meet or exceed the NFPA 1901 standards, including electronic vehicle stability system, a comprehensive communication system to record critical vehicle data, and seatbelt warning devices. In addition, the cabs of these trucks are designed and built to provide increased occupant protection called for by the NFPA’s crash-worthiness standards.

The NFPA 1901 standards undergo major revisions every five years based on

real-world incidents in order to provide better safety and effectiveness of fire prevention equipment. These updated standards define the minimum safety requirements for new automotive fire apparatus designed to be used under emergency conditions for transporting personnel and equipment, and to support the suppression of fires and mitigation of other hazardous situations. The NFPA 1901 covers everything from pumpers to aerial fire apparatus to special service apparatus, such as rescue vehicles and hazardous-materials vehicles.

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