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EJ Metals Names Nick Chief of Operations

Senior fire industry executive Nathan Nick to lead operations, quality assurance and service for growing specialty fire apparatus manufacturer

HORTONVILLE, WI (December 11, 2009) – As part of its continuing efforts to enhance quality and expand its production capabilities, E.J. Metals, a Wisconsin-based manufacturer of wildland and specialty fire apparatus, has named Nathan Nick as chief operations officer for the company.

Nick is a longtime fire industry executive with extensive experience in leading operations, “lean” manufacturing programs, engineering, service and quality assurance. Recently, Nick was president and chief operating officer for Seagrave Fire Apparatus LLC. In that role, he was responsible for operations, service, engineering and sales. Nick was instrumental in delivering a multi-million improvement to operating income and led development of Seagrave’s dealer advisory council and customer feedback processes to enhance customer-focused product development.

“We’re extremely pleased to have Nathan Nick join EJ Metals to lead our operations. He brings exceptional and comprehensive experience and insight into world-class operations practices. Just as importantly, he truly understands the expectations and standards that our fire department customers have for apparatus performance, quality and service,” said Kevin Quinn, president of E.J. Metals Inc.

From 1999 to 2007, Nick served as Seagrave’s Director of Engineering, where he developed eight new fire designs and streamlined the order process to ensure accurate product configurations and increase throughput. He also implemented design and process enhancements to improve quality and reduce warranty and service issues after the sale. From 1997 to 1999, Nick was plant manager for



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Pierce Manufacturing Inc., the nation's largest fire apparatus manufacturer. There he was responsible for managing the company primary production facility and managing a team of more than 400.

He began his career in 1990 as a manufacturing engineer and maintenance supervisor for SNE Enterprises, a manufacturer of automotive windows and doors. He was also a manufacturing engineer at Nordberg Inc., and joined Pierce Manufacturing Inc. in 1994 as a manufacturing engineer.

Nicks holds a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering from the University of Wisconsin – Stout. He is also owner and founder of FUZION Engineering, LLC, an engineering consulting firm with a concentration in mobile equipment and technologies.

About E.J. Metals

E.J. Metals is a designer and custom manufacturer of wildland, all-terrain and specialty fire trucks and High Pressure Firefighting Systems. Their product line includes wildland fire trucks, brush trucks, quick attack trucks, RedBox™ Modular Equipment Transport rescues, fire-rescue rough terrain vehicles (FRRTVs), RIVs, compressed air foam systems (CAFS), and stand-alone High Pressure Firefighting skid units from 1500 PSI to 3000 PSI. EJ Metals also provides refurbishment services and builds custom dump shoots for fire tankers. The company is headquartered in Hortonville, Wis.

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