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Auto Body Association of Connecticut Affiliates with SCRS

Prosser, Washington, December 3, 2009 — The Society of Collision Repair Specialists (SCRS) is pleased to announce the Auto Body Association of Connecticut (ABAC) as its newest affiliate association, bringing the total number of SCRS affiliates to thirty-seven.

An assertive advocate for repairer and consumer rights in their state, the ABAC has been involved with a number of high-profile industry-related activities that have attracted much positive industry attention. Earlier in the year, SCRS invited Connecticut Attorney General Richard A. Blumenthal—with whom the ABAC has a close working relationship—to be the keynote speaker at last April's SCRS annual meeting in Hartford, Connecticut. ABAC and SCRS members had an opportunity to share dialogue at this event, at which time it became evident the two associations shared a passionate commitment to the industry.

“SCRS’ heightened focus to be ‘repairer driven’ was very appealing and we saw that SCRS affiliation would offer our membership definite advantages,” explains ABAC President Bob Skrip. “They have a forward-thinking mindset that places repair concerns ahead of any other. Our members will get an up-close-and-personal view of national issues, valuable exposure to help them move their businesses forward. We also become part of a large professional industry network; one can never underestimate the importance of strength in numbers.”

SCRS membership will likewise benefit from the increased growth of the membership network. “Not only is ABAC active, they are engaged in a wide variety of activities,” says SCRS Chairman Barry Dorn. “Whether it is a television advertising campaign informing vehicle owners of their rights, getting standards adopted by the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles or successfully pursuing enforcement of existing regulations on behalf of the collision industry in their state, they are always striving to help repairers and those we serve.”

“The effectiveness with which ABAC has influenced state legislation and built a working relationship with their attorney general is somewhat unique in our industry,” states SCRS Executive Director Aaron Schulenburg. “These are significant accomplishments derived from the hard work and dedication this group has invested in the industry. We welcome ABAC and look forward to a mutually beneficial future.”

About ABAC: The Auto Body Association of Connecticut is a statewide trade association of professionals dedicated to the advancement of the collision repair industry. The ABAC continuously

strives to enhance the professional abilities and knowledge of its membership, helping safe and dependable repairs to the public. Through monitoring and proposing legislation, the ABAC endeavors to protect the best interests of its members as well as Connecticut's consumers. Additional information is available at its web site: www.abaconn.com.

About SCRS: Through its direct members and 37 affiliate associations, SCRS is comprised of 6,000 collision repair businesses and 58,500 specialized professionals who work with consumers and insurance companies to repair collision-damaged vehicles. Additional information about SCRS including other news releases is available at the SCRS Web site: www.scrs.com. You can e-mail SCRS at the following address: info@scrs.com.

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