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Automotive Parts & Services Association (APSA) Announced as Newest SCRS Affiliate

Prosser, WA, September 19, 2008 — The Society of Collision Repair Specialists (SCRS) would like to take this opportunity to introduce the Automotive Parts & Services Association (APSA)—a multi-state trade association of the automotive aftermarket industry—as its newest affiliate association.

APSA is unique in that it covers ten states and represents a variety of industries united under the automotive aftermarket umbrella, including independent automotive parts and paint stores, machine shops, engine rebuilders, automotive repair facilities, and collision repair shops.

Though APSA has been around for decades, the association's collision division—currently specific to the state of Texas—is its newest, being formed in 2007. To get it off on the right path, APSA looked to SCRS.

“Collision repairers are facing many challenges these days, and it seemed like the right time to form a division that addressed their needs,” says APSA President Jim Quinten. “Though moving into the body shop industry was natural for us—we have been representing related industries such as automotive paint suppliers for some time—we knew we needed additional support. We chose to affiliate with SCRS because their industry expertise is impressive. Their knowledgeable perspective and the information they provide will help get our collision division off to a fast start.”

APSA's long history of association leadership, including their experience handling issues surrounding member retention, member benefits and legislation initiatives, make them a valuable addition to SCRS.

“SCRS looks forward to working with APSA in their efforts to build a strong auto body influence within the Texas market,” says SCRS Chairman Gary Wano. “The meetings we have had with them to date leave no doubt that they believe in cooperation as a means to get things done, as do we. We hope to see them at the SCRS Affiliate Leadership Conference on Thursday, Sept 25th, which would be a perfect opportunity for them to share in their successes, gather takeaways from the other participating associations, and experience first hand that ‘Working Together is the Most Important Work We Do’.”

About APSA: Since 1932, APSA has dedicated itself to industry representation, fair and ethical business practices, industry networking, and providing outstanding services to its members. Serving as

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an advocate and leadership organization for businesses engaged in commerce within the automotive aftermarket industry, the association also maintains a strong and necessary rapport with state and federal agencies regarding laws, rules, and regulations that govern relevant businesses and industries.

About SCRS: Through its direct members and 36 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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