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Part Distributor and Insurer Elected to CAPA's Board of Directors

WASHINGTON, DC – The Certified Automotive Parts Association is pleased to announce the election of John Palumbo of PartsChannel, Inc. and Bill Brower of Liberty Mutual Insurance to CAPA's Board of Directors.

John Palumbo is a widely recognized leader in the collision repair industry. Mr. Palumbo's 15 years of experience began in 1996 as chief financial officer at Keystone. His responsibilities included strategic planning, mergers, acquisitions, banking, insurance, benefits, finance, accounting, tax planning, compliance, and investor relations. John is currently the chief executive officer for PartsChannel, Inc., a privately held distributor of aftermarket collision replacement parts. He received his BS degree from Canisius College in Buffalo, New York and graduated with an executive master of business administration from Peter F. Drucker Claremont Graduate University in Claremont, California. He is also a certified public accountant.

Bill Brower is a highly respected property and casualty claims management professional with extensive claims experience and a long established background in auto physical damage claims. Since 2004 Mr. Brower has been the Assistant Vice President & Manager Auto Physical Damage for Liberty Mutual Insurance. Bill graduated Magna Cum Laude from Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio in 2005. He is in the process of studying for his MBA which he expects to complete in 2013. Bill began his career as a repair technician at his father's body shop in Liberty, North Carolina in the 1970s. He served on CAPA's Technical Committee for six years, holds positions on the PCI Physical Damage Committee, and is Vice Chairman of the I-CAR Board of Directors.

"CAPA is fortunate to have both of these gentlemen on the CAPA's board. Their expertise and guidance will be invaluable in our effort to ensure market has continued access to high quality alternative certified parts," said Jack Gillis, Executive Director of CAPA.

“Our Board provides CAPA with a unique insight into issues facing the aftermarket parts industry and has contributed enormously to the nation’s foremost part quality certification program.”

CAPA’s Board includes:

Bob Anderson, Anderson’s Automotive Services
Bill Brower, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
Bill Daly, Allstate Insurance
Warren Farrar, State Farm Mutual Insurance
Jackie Gillan, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety
Jack Gillis, CAPA
John Palumbo, PartsChannel, Inc.
Clark Plucinski, True2Form/Boyd’s Group
Ed Salamy, K.S.I. Trading Corp.
Ben Steinman, Ben's Auto Body
Mike West, Southtowne Auto Rebuild

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The Certified Automotive Parts Association, founded in 1987, is the nation’s only independent, non-profit, certification organization for automotive crash parts whose sole purpose it to ensure that both consumers and the industry have the means to identify high quality parts via the CAPA Quality Seal. CAPA is an ANSI accredited standards developer for competitive crash repair parts. For more information see www.CAPAcertified.org.