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## **Professional Parts Group's Northup Elected to CAPA's Board of Directors**

WASHINGTON DC—CAPA continues to broaden the breadth and expertise of its Board with the election of Chris Northup, CEO of Professional Parts Group.

Mr. Northup is one of the most well-known aftermarket parts executives in the country and has been involved in automotive aftermarket since 1983. He began his career with Keystone Automotive in Pomona, CA where his responsibilities included operations, sales management, strategic planning, marketing and brand development. The company expanded from a family owned business with \$12 million in annual revenues to a company with over 4000 employees and annual revenues of over \$725 million. Chris was a leader in the country's adoption and subsequent improvement of aftermarket crash parts.

Chris regularly addresses various collision industry groups, legislative bodies and regulatory agencies on the future of the industry, the importance of quality products, and future distribution challenges. As a consultant, he has served a variety of insurance and industry clients. He is active in a number of automotive industry boards and committees and is past chairman of the Collision Industry Education Foundation. Chris is a 1981 graduate of the University of La Verne.

“Chris brings an extraordinary amount of “hands-on” knowledge and expertise to CAPA’s Board. Few people know more about the aftermarket parts industry than Chris Northup and we’re thrilled to put that knowledge to work for CAPA. Chris is joining a board of outstanding industry leaders and will, no doubt, become an important part of CAPA’s efforts to protect the marketplace from poor quality parts. We’re honored to have him on board,” said Jack Gillis, CAPA’s Executive Director.

CAPA’s Board includes:

Tim Adelman, ABRA, Inc.

Bill Daly, Allstate Insurance

Bill DeGrocco, GEICO

Jack Gillis, CAPA

Ben Kelley, Center for Auto Safety

Chris Northup, Professional Parts Group

Clark Plucinski, Collision Repair Education Foundation (*Chairman*)

Mike Schoonover, Schoonover Bodyworks Inc.

Ben Steinman, Ben's Auto Body

Carol Waldron, State Farm Mutual Insurance

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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 [CAPAcertified.org](http://CAPAcertified.org).*