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National Auto Body Council Announces 2018 NABC Award Winners

Moppert Brothers Collision Takes NABC Body Shop Image Honors, Kevin Thomas Receives NABC Award of Distinction

CHARLOTTE (November 28, 2018) – At the 2018 SEMA Show, the National Auto Body Council joined the Collision Industry Red Carpet Awards event to announce its annual NABC award winners, honoring the business leaders who set the standards for the collision repair industry.

The NABC Body Shop Image Award recognizes the most significant improvements made to a shop's interior and exterior. The result of this effort improved the image in the community and promoted the professionalism of the collision repair industry.

The NABC Body Shop Image Award was presented to Harry Moppert, owner of Moppert Brothers Collision in Morton, PA. Moppert led the recent renovation of his collision repair shop to create a new stone and stucco façade and brighten the interior with new customer seating, lighting and amenities, as well as updated workspaces for the team.



The NABC Award of Distinction recognizes individuals for bravery, philanthropy, charity and selfless acts of kindness. It transcends the rigors of daily business to uncover those helping the world around them without a thought of recognition for themselves.



The NABC Award of Distinction was given to Kevin Thomas, collision director for Town East Ford in Mesquite, TX. After joining Town East Ford in 1995, Thomas worked his way up to shop manager by 2005. Instilled with a commitment to hard work growing up on the family ranch, he has continually built the dealership's sales and performance. Thomas is known for his acts of kindness and charity to his team as well as customers. Town East Ford has repaired and donated three NABC Recycled Rides™ vehicles over the last five years. When a veteran recipient had a mechanical issue with the vehicle, Thomas went the extra mile to work with LKQ to donate a transmission and his team donated the labor to get the family back on the road.

“Across America, there are collision repair professionals who are doing incredible work to build their businesses and serve their local communities,” said Bill Garoutte, president and CEO of the National Auto Body Council. “We are honored to recognize these two individuals for their accomplishments, but also salute the thousands of other business leaders in our industry.”

ABOUT THE NATIONAL AUTO BODY COUNCIL

The National Auto Body Council is the premier organization of collision industry partners dedicated to strategic networking opportunities that positively change lives in the communities we serve. The collaborative membership of the National Auto Body Council has gifted more than 1,900 vehicles, provided extrication opportunities for over 1,000 First Responders and contributed to thousands of distracted driving pledges in communities through NABC Recycled Rides™, First Responder Emergency Extrication (F.R.E.E.™) and the Distracted Driving Initiative. That effort equates to a 4:1 ROI in dollar value delivered from NABC membership dollars. The National Auto Body Council is changing the paradigm of how the collision industry works and is viewed. For more information, visit www.NationalAutoBodyCouncil.org.

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