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A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As most of you already know, the Collision Repair Board and the industry lost one of its finest members in March when Mike Martin was tragically taken from us. Mike was appointed to the Board just over a year ago. He and his wife Sue were co-owners of G & M Body & Paint in Mansfield. The Martins are highly respected in their community and statewide in the industry. Both have been very active with the Automobile Service Association, North Central Ohio Claims Association, and the Ontario Growth Association. Mike will be sadly missed by us all.

In June, Governor Strickland appointed Russell Westfall to replace Mike Martin. Russell is the owner of Westfall Auto Sales & Collision in Cadiz, Ohio. He brings with him many years of experience and expertise. The Board is looking forward to working with Russell in the near future.

Please keep in touch with the staff and contact them should you have any questions.

Paul N. Duncan, Jr.
Board Chairman

MISSION STATEMENT

Effectively and efficiently enforce Ohio laws by implementing Turnaround Ohio initiatives to enhance consumer protection and promote industry growth and compliance.

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EPA: Businessman arrested for illegal paint storage

LEE COUNTY: The former owner of MAACO Auto Paining and Collision Repair in Fort Myers was arrested for allegedly storing twenty 55-gallon drums of paint waste behind his business.

Scott Stone, of Bonita Springs, has been charged with illegal storage of hazardous waste.

"Mr. Stone lacked the necessary permits to store hazardous waste at his place of business and was non-compliant with several requests to remove the 2,653 pounds of waste from his property," said DEP Division of Law Enforcement Director Henry Barnet.

The DEP says the paint waste was discovered during a three month investigation and Stone was given plenty of time to remove the waste.

Stone was arrested May 19 and released on \$1,500 bond.

If convicted, he could face up to five years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$5,000.

Courtesy of NBC 2 News

Ft. Myers, FL

May 27, 2009

INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT

The following is a 2008 year-end recap of activities:

Complaints Investigated (involving 97 shops)	93
Notices of Violation Issued	102
New Shop Applications Issued	40
Renewal Reminders Issued	16
Prosecution Proceedings Initiated	398
Shops Located "Out of Business"	32
Total Shop Visits	405

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Shop owners must get involved with pending legislation if they intend on making a positive impact on our industry. Contact your local lawmakers. Each year there are numerous issues that arise. Issues that have an effect on the small businessperson. Nearly everyday, a shop phones our office and wants to know what they can do to improve problems plaguing the shop owners. If you contact your legislators, and have your regular patrons do the same, you can make a difference. Let them know where you stand on the issues, and let them know you are tracking the legislation through the process.

Director Greene

Nothing new to report in 2009 as of yet. But keep your eyes on our website. Something good may be in the works!

Director's Comments

Since our Winter Newsletter, we have achieved great success through the Court system in combating non-compliant repairers. In two Counties, the Board, in conjunction with the Attorney General's Office, has been granted "Lock-Down" orders on four illegal shops. With the assistance of the Sheriff's Department and local locksmiths, we made an immediate, lasting impact. All four shops became compliant within forty-eight hours of being locked down.

With cooperation like that, the Attorney General's Office is eagerly awaiting more cases to file. And our staff is working hard to fulfill their wishes.

As I have said many times, it is not our goal to place the small business people out of work. Especially during these troubling economic times, we would much rather bring them into compliance with Ohio regulations. But after years of ignoring our correspondence and holding out to see what will actually happen, some of these repairers need to know we are serious. And I think any of them would tell you that compliance is much cheaper than holding out.

So we'll be filing new cases very soon and I will gladly keep everyone informed of our progress.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

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