



Nebraska AutoBody Association

# News & Information



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*Reader's Note: You can access the information referred to in this newsletter by clicking the underlined hyperlinks in the following news summaries.*

An Atlanta news station recently investigated insurance consultant CCC, which may have been "low-balling" the values of totaled vehicles. Consumer Investigator Jim Strickland of WSBTV reported that CCC was involved in settling over 60,000 crashes vehicle claims in Georgia last year. Strickland got involved after being tipped off by the owner of a glass shop who was offered a \$5,924 settlement based on CCC information. The claimant said he could not find a replacement vehicle for the settlement offered by the insurer, a settlement based on CCC information. A class-action lawsuit has now been filed by Bradley Law Firm along with the law firm of Carey, Danis and Lowe. Allegations outlined in the current [CCC lawsuit](#) are available at the [NABA web site](#).

NABA needs your help in addressing three potential issues that may be surfacing in Nebraska. You do not have to give your name in your response.

- Issue 1) Do you know of any actions taken by OSHA recently to inspect Nebraska repair shops? If so, please [email NABA](#) with any details you have.
- Issue 2) Do you know of any actions taken by insurers recently to lower total loss thresholds for hail-damaged vehicles and/or offer claimants the option to buy-back the hail-damaged vehicle at a significantly higher rate than the vehicle's salvage value. If so, please [email NABA](#) with any details you have.
- Issue 3) Do you know of any instances by insurers to evade charging and collection appropriate Nebraska sales tax. If so, please [email NABA](#) with any details you have.

[NABA has posted information on its web site](#) including several [Ford's Position Statements](#) about structural safety repair procedures including clipping and airbags. A second addition to the NABA Web Site is Honda Motor Company's bulletin, which urges every repair shop to check for any applicable [safety recalls](#) each time a Honda, or Acura vehicle is serviced, repaired, or inventoried.

The Nebraska AutoBody Association is updating its web site which, including individual NABA member pages. [Email NABA](#) if you have shop information on social media sites such as Facebook or Twitter and you wish to have those links appear on your NABA member page. The Nebraska AutoBody Association also added two new resources to its web site. The first addition is a link to Nebraska economic employment data as published by the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#). You can view monthly employment data by visiting the 'Info For Shops' section of NABA's web site. NABA has also expanded the information available about Nebraska [Rules For Total Losses](#) and the [Nebraska Law For Total Losses](#), both of which can be accessed at the previous hyperlinks.

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