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Body Shop Helping Provide Tech Students with Vehicle to Repair, Resell

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Plymouth-Mass.-based King Collision Centers is using its Safe Driving Campaign to provide area collision repair students the opportunity to repair and resell a crash-damaged car. King, along with program sponsors Commerce Insurance, Plymouth Public Schools and Plymouth Police Department, are donating a 2005 Mazda6 and parts to repair it to Plymouth South High School's technical studies program.

Commerce Insurance arranged for the car, which was damaged in a crash last year, and King Collision Centers will be contributing some of the parts for repairs. Students in the Tech Studies program have begun repair work – including paint, body and suspension work – with an aim on completion in May 2010. The car will then be raffled off in the spring with proceeds going to the Technical Studies program.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for our students from so many perspectives. First, they get to do more sophisticated repair work than what we typically have available for them do. Second, they are fixing a car for the purpose of it being sold, and that's fantastic training," said Chris Baker, director of Technical Studies at Plymouth South High School. "Last, the funds raised from raffling of this car will be an incredible shot in the arm for our program."

The cost and availability of raffle tickets will be announced at a later date.

"The Plymouth Safe Driving campaign really is about education. While our primary goal is to spread the word about safer driving practices for younger drivers, if we can help cultivate the next generation of auto mechanics, that's an added bonus," said Bruce King, owner of King Collision Centers.

More information:

- Plymouth Safe Driving Campaign
- Shop Reaching Out to Local Teens with Winter Driving Tips
- King Collision Centers Spearheading Safe Driving Program for Teens



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