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**J-2534 PANELISTS NAMED FOR NASTF MEETING**

**March 3, 2014; St. Johns, FL** – An OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer), a technician and an independent tool manufacturer are on the agenda in Seattle, Washington Thursday, March 20, 2014 to discuss the highly complex and technical topic of J-2534 pass-thru devices in a special session during the 1 PM to 4 PM (PT) National Automotive Service Task Force (NASTF) Spring 2014 General Meeting.

Mark Saxonberg, Manager of Alternative Fuel Vehicles & Environment for Toyota Motor Sales USA, will bring the OEM perspective to the J-2534 Discussion Panel. Among the many questions Saxonberg will be asked is why there is a difference between OEMs on their own corporate commitment to J-2534.

Bob Augustine is Technical Training Manager for Christian Brothers Automotive, an auto repair franchise with 125 shops operating in 16 states. Augustine is involved daily in vehicle computer reprogramming support for the group's hundreds of technicians and is anxious to discuss the problems created because of a lack in standardization in the J-2534 process across the many OEMs.

Brian Herron, Vice President of Drew Technologies will represent independent tool-makers in the J-2534 issue discussion. Drew Technologies specializes in the manufacture and support of these pass-thru devices and will provide insight for NASTF as the J-device evolves from programming use into diagnostic applications as well.

All sessions in the entire three-hour NASTF Spring 2014 General Meeting will be streamed live from the association's website, [www.nastf.org](http://www.nastf.org), for those in the automotive industry who are not able to attend the event in-person at the DoubleTree Hotel adjacent to the SeaTac Airport near Seattle, Washington. In addition, the event will be recorded and available for viewing on the NASTF YouTube channel after April 1.

In addition to the one-hour J-2534 discussion session, the NASTF General Meeting will include presentations and discussions on OEM resource projects undertaken with NASTF Committees: Service Information, Education, Vehicle Security, Collision and Equipment & Tools. The latest agenda for the upcoming NASTF General Meeting is posted online at [www.nastf.org/GeneralMeetings](http://www.nastf.org/GeneralMeetings).

Admission to the NASTF Spring 2014 General Meeting is free, and no pre-registration is necessary. Attending the ATE training sessions or expo does require registration, however, and can be done online at <http://atetrainingexpo.com>.

*NASTF was established in 2000 to identify, communicate and resolve gaps in the availability and accessibility of automotive service information, service training, diagnostic tools, and equipment for the benefit of automotive service professionals and their customers. NASTF was incorporated in 2006 as a 501(c)(6) not-for-profit organization. Additional details can be found at [www.nastf.org](http://www.nastf.org).*

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