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About the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence:

The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence was established in 1972 as a non-profit organization to help improve the quality of automotive service and repair through the voluntary testing and certification of automotive technicians and parts specialists. Today, there are over 350,000 ASE-certified professionals at work in dealerships, independent shops, collision repair shops, auto parts stores, fleets, schools and colleges throughout the country. For more information about ASE, visit www.ase.com.

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VIRGINIA TIRE & AUTO LOCATIONS RECEIVE ASE BLUE SEAL OF EXCELLENCE RECOGNITION

*Family-owned and Operated Automotive Maintenance Provider Celebrates
Ashburn/Dulles and Centreville Facilities' Commitment to Automotive Excellence and Training*

(Fairfax, VA – JUNE 18, 2012) – Virginia Tire & Auto (www.vatire.com), the Fairfax-based leading full-service provider of automotive maintenance, repair and tire services, is pleased to announce that its Ashburn/Dulles (44285 Ice Rink Plaza) and Centreville locations (14611 Lee Highway) both received Blue Seal of Excellence recognition from the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE). ASE is the only nationally recognized independent organization in the United States that tests and certifies automotive service professionals, distinguishing those who have a high degree of commitment to automotive excellence and training. To qualify for Blue Seal of Excellence recognition, 75 percent of the auto repair facility's technicians must be ASE-certified.

"We are thrilled our Ashburn/Dulles and Centreville locations achieved Blue Seal of Excellence recognition," said Julie Holmes, Vice President, Virginia Tire & Auto. "These facilities join our Chantilly and Gainesville locations and will proudly display this achievement. We strive to provide exceptional customer service at all our locations and as a result we have many customers who have relied on our technicians' commitment to car care service for many years. We hope to obtain an ASE Blue Seal of Excellence recognition at all of our 11 locations."

Only 1,471 shops in the United States have qualified for the Blue Seal of Excellence program and of those, only 32 such auto repair facilities are located in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Virginia Tire & Auto now has four locations certified in this elite group of auto repair facilities.

Company-wide, Virginia Tire & Auto employees hold more than 235 individual ASE certifications including: engine repair, automatic transmission, manual drive train & axels, suspension & steering, brakes, electronic systems, heating & air condition and engine performance.

"The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence congratulates Virginia Tire & Auto's Ashburn/Dulles and Centreville locations in achieving ASE Blue Seal of Excellence recognition," said Denise Yingling, Manager, Blue Seal of Excellence Recognition Program, "The ASE certification program is a win-win for all --vehicle-owners can rely on ASE-certified technicians who have proven themselves to be knowledgeable professionals; repair shops can get additional visibility in their markets by qualifying for the Blue Seal of Excellence Recognition program and certified auto professionals can showcase their ASE certifications."

There are more than 350,000 professionals who hold ASE certifications, and must be retested every five years to maintain ASE and Master certification.

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About Virginia Tire & Auto:

For more than 35 years, family-owned and operated Virginia Tire & Auto has been the leading provider of full-service automotive maintenance, repair and tire needs for customers in Northern Virginia. Named "Top Shop in North America" by Tire Review magazine, Virginia Tire & Auto's 11 locations are conveniently located in Ashburn, Centreville, Chantilly, Fairfax (Main Street Shell), Falls Church, Gainesville, South Riding, Springfield, Sterling and Vienna (James Madison Shell). The business offers exceptional