

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

In re: ) No. 07-06720  
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AUTOMOTIVE PROFESSIONALS, INC., ) Chapter 11  
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Debtor. ) Honorable Carol A. Doyle

**NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF  
CHAPTER 11 BANKRUPTCY CASE, MEETING OF CREDITORS**

On April 13, 2007, Automotive Professionals, Inc. (the "Debtor" or "API") filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101 through 1532 (the "Bankruptcy Code"). On June 12, 2007, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois approved the appointment of Frances Gecker as the Chapter 11 Trustee for API (the "Chapter 11 Trustee"). The Debtor, its case number and federal tax identification number are as follows:

Debtor's Name	Case No.	Tax ID No.
AUTOMOTIVE PROFESSIONALS, INC.	07-6720	36-3303554

- For a more detailed explanation of the API bankruptcy case, please see: The Chapter 11 Trustee's website at <http://www.apibankruptcy.com>
- You can also call the following number toll free: 1-800-248-7647.

**DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF MEETING OF CREDITORS:**

**September 5, 2007 at 1:15 PM**  
Office of the United States Trustee  
227 W Monroe Street, Room 3330  
Chicago, Illinois 60606

***ATTENDANCE IS NOT REQUIRED BY ANY CREDITOR RECEIVING THIS NOTICE***

**NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CHAPTER 11 TRUSTEE**

Frances Gecker, Esquire  
Frank/Gecker LLP  
325 North LaSalle Street, Suite 625  
Chicago, Illinois 60610  
312-276-1400

**DEADLINES TO FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM.**

Notice of a deadline will be sent at a later time.

**COMMENCEMENT OF THE BANKRUPTCY:** API was a vehicle service contract provider that sold service contracts that operated like extended warranties for automobiles in conjunction with automobile dealers throughout the United States. Pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code, you are receiving this Notice regarding the commencement of the bankruptcy because you: (i) are one of a class of individual consumers that purchased extended automobile warranties issued by API (the “Consumer Creditors”); (ii) are one of the automobile dealers that sold API’s extended warranties (the “Dealer Creditors”); or (iii) are one of the class of creditors that have some other potential claim against API (the “General Creditors”).

The Chapter 11 Trustee through her website <http://www.apibankruptcy.com> will make available various documents related to this bankruptcy. Creditors will not receive notice of all the documents, but are urged to review at their convenience all relevant documents posted to the Chapter 11 Trustee’s website. The Chapter 11 Trustee’s website is being provided as an informational resource, and should not be seen as an avenue for obtaining legal advice. Neither the staff of the Office of the Bankruptcy Court, nor the Chapter 11 Trustee, nor the Chapter 11 Trustee’s Noticing Agent, The Garden City Group, Inc. is permitted to give legal advice.

**CHAPTER 11 TRUSTEE’S WEBSITE:** <http://www.apibankruptcy.com> The Chapter 11 Trustee website will contain regular updates as to the status of the case, including: (i) answers to frequently asked questions; (ii) important deadlines; (iii) information regarding how to assert claims under the API warranties; (iv) proof of claim forms; (v) copies of court documents; and (vi) detailed instructions for creditors. As there is a vast amount of creditors involved and a limited number of people available to personally answer detailed questions, the Chapter 11 Trustee asks that all creditors review the documents contained on the website, prior to contacting the Chapter 11 Trustee or any other party currently involved in this case.

**CLAIMS:** The Chapter 11 Trustee anticipates posting to the Chapter 11 Trustee’s website a complete list of all the **Consumer Creditors**. The Chapter 11 Trustee will mail separate directions to each **Consumer Creditor**, post directions on the Chapter 11 Trustee’s website, and set up a toll-free hotline if **Consumer Creditors** will be required to file proofs of claim.

For all other creditors, separate notice of the deadlines to file proofs of claim and proof of claim forms will be provided. Proof of claim forms will also be available: (a) in the clerk’s office of any bankruptcy court; (b) from the Court’s website at [www.ilnb.uscourts.gov](http://www.ilnb.uscourts.gov); (c) the Chapter 11 Trustee’s website at <http://www.apibankruptcy.com>; and (d) from The Garden City Group, Inc. by contacting it at the following address or phone number:

<p>The Garden City Group, Inc. Attn.: Automotive Professionals, Inc. Claims Processing PO Box 9000 #6488 Merrick, NY 11566-9000 (800) 248-7647</p>
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**PURPOSE OF CHAPTER 11 FILING:** Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code will enable the Chapter 11 Trustee to propose a plan which would require paying API’s creditors from API’s assets obtained and liquidated by the Chapter 11 Trustee. At this time, the Chapter 11 Trustee is actively pursuing all available options to maximize the value of API’s assets, marshal them for the benefit of API creditors, and lay the foundation for a plan of liquidation. Check the website for updates on the Chapter 11 Trustee’s efforts as well as her progress in developing a Chapter 11 plan.

**CREDITORS MAY NOT TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS:** Pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code, creditors are prohibited from taking certain actions against API. Please refer to the website for more detailed information.

**MEETING OF CREDITORS:** API’s representative is required to appear at the meeting of creditors on the date and at the place set forth above for the purpose of being examined under oath. **Attendance by creditors at the meeting is welcomed, but not required.** At the meeting, the creditors may examine the Debtor’s representative. The meeting may be continued or adjourned from time to time by notice at the meeting, without further written notice to the creditors.