

Michael Cole grew up a mechanic's son and started working on cars and trucks at a very young age of 13 in the year 1972. His first job was a mechanic at a Texaco gas station doing repairs on cars and light duty trucks. He went on to work for a construction company during the summer and on weekends. Repairing the day cab Mack's dump trailers and yellow iron road excavators.

In 1977, he started working at a body shop where he became an ASE master technician, repairing the bodies and frames of cars and large trucks. While working this job during the week, he also worked every Saturday as a truck mechanic for a steel company.

Mike went on to open his own body repair shop in 1983. He owned and operated his business for many years to sell out to a franchise shop.

In 1989, he worked for an insurance company for 11 years. He became a certified fraud investigator and while keeping his ASE certification, also became I-Car certified. Leaving as a Claims Director in 1999, he started working for Insurance Auto Auctions, where he is still employed today. He is the Executive Director of IAA Services and oversees the Specialty Division Sales and Operations.