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Upcoming Program

FRSA New Rooftile Installation Manual

Manny Oyola
Eagle Roof Products

February 25, 2015

6:00PM-7:00PM - Networking
6:30PM - Check-In
7:00PM - Dinner Meeting

Place: Holiday Inn
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Looking Into My Crystal Ball

By Mark Landis, Florida Roofing of Palm Beach County, Inc.

By the time you read this article, Punxsutawney Phil will have predicted whether we can expect six more weeks of winter. Refusing to be outdone by an overgrown, prognosticating roof rat, I would like to offer a few of my own predictions for 2015:

- With gasoline prices significantly lower, expect asphalt and all asphalt related roof products to correspondingly drop as much as 50% by late summer. HaHa, GOTCHA! Everyone knows there will be unexpected refinery maintenance, technological improvements leaving less asphalt in the bottom of the barrel, and unexplained forces in the universe that will come together (I did not use the word "conspire") to insure that asphalt prices are only tied to oil prices when they are going up.

- Despite being over a year and a half away, the 2016 Presidential election will provide an excess of polarizing discourse, disingenuous soundbites, and very little substance, especially for small business.

- As a vote of confidence and reward for two successive Super Bowl appearances, the Seattle Seahawks owner will offer Pete Carroll a contract extension and huge pay raise. Carroll's response will be "Nah, I'll pass".

- The 2014 Florida Building Code, originally the 2013 Florida Building Code, will debut in 2015 as the 5th Edition Florida Building Code. In a related story, Abbott and Costello are turning over in their graves. #Who's On First?

- Around September of this year, I will be asked if I want to run for another term on the Palm Beach County Roofing Contractors Association's Board of Directors. Although I've served on the Board for over twenty years, I will say (as I've said before) I am happy to help the Association IF they do not have new blood wanting to get involved. Now, the cynic in me predicts I will be on the Board next year (which I would proudly accept), but I want to ask any roofers, who have not previously been involved with our Association, to make this the year you jump in. We are one of the most active trade organizations in the state. We have great lines of communication with building officials, making it easier to work out inspection or code issues that may be affecting you. Our monthly meetings present topics directly related to your business, and the exchange of ideas with fellow contractors is a great way to improve your operations. So make this the year you replace me on the Board. I promise I won't be hurt, and I'll continue to write these annoying articles.

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Message From the President

Our annual January dinner meeting with building officials was a great success. We had over forty five (45) attendees including six building officials. The building officials who attended were Doug Wise, Bob Boyer and Mike Fox from the Palm Beach County Building Department; Paul Malanphy from Boca Raton; Doug Harvey from West Palm Beach and John Farnelli from Belle Glades. The officials gave updated and important information on the updated building code along with some suggestions on making the whole process more efficient.



It was also brought up that the new commercial roof code will require possibly R-20 insulation for re-roofs. Conversation also centered on the definition of "repair work" as delineated in the code and the permitting limits and costs of repairs. Doug Harvey described the new procedures being established for the permitting and inspection process in West Palm Beach. The system is becoming more technologically upgraded and should be easier for roofing contractors. John Farinelli gave a brief summary of the new construction beginning in Belle Glade. He mentioned some activities with respect to the hospital and prison buildings in that community. I want to thank Danny Stokes for leading the meeting in my absence and reports received indicate he did a stellar job.

Our February meeting will feature a discussion of the new FRSA Rooftile Installation manual. The presenter will be Manny Oyola of Eagle Roof Products. This is an important meeting for contractors and we hope to beat our largest attendance numbers. Mark your calendars for February 25, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Daley

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FRSA Position Paper Endorses the Florida Building Code

During the January 24 Board of Directors meeting at Amelia Island, the Board approved a position paper in support of the Florida Building Code (FBC), rather than move toward the International Building Code (IBC). Since the 2004 version, the FBC has used the most current version of IBC as a base code, and added in Florida specific language to account for the states unique weather conditions; wind and wind-driven rain, humidity, tropical climate, coastal areas, and hurricanes.

With the support of the Board, FRSA President Burt Logan sent a letter to Florida Building Commissioner Richard Browdy requesting that the Florida Building Commission support legislation that would eliminate removing the Florida specific language each code development cycle. Three years ago, Florida Statutes required that all changes incorporated into the code be removed, and that during each tri-annual cycle language could be reintroduced into the code if documentation could be provided that:

1. The provisions contained in the proposed amendment are addressed in the applicable international code.
2. The amendment demonstrates, by evidence or data that the geographical jurisdiction of Florida exhibits a need to strengthen the foundation code beyond the needs or regional variations addressed by the foundation code, and why the proposed amendment applies to this state.
3. The proposed amendment was submitted or attempted to be included in the foundation codes to avoid resubmission to the Florida Building Code amendment process. If the proposed amendment has been addressed in the international code in a substantially equivalent manner, the Florida Building Commission may not include the proposed amendment in the foundation code.

At that time, FRSA added 220 modifications back into the code. Most were approved and are part of the roofing code Florida is currently using. The ICC would like to eliminate all Florida specific language from the code and force contractors to use a code condensed into a supplement.

FRSA Name Change Official

On Saturday, January 24, the Board of Directors approved the final request to drop the words "air conditioning" from our name to more accurately reflect the business of the Association. Our new name is "Florida Roofing and Sheet Metal Contractors Association, Inc." and we will still keep the acronym "FRSA."

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DBPR Has a New App for Reporting Unlicensed Contractor Activity

DBPR has added a mobile app, which allows users to search the Florida DBPR's records for businesses and professionals licensed by the department. Users can verify licenses by name or license number, search for inspections and submit complaints on unlicensed activity. The app is user-friendly and offers ease of use for attaching pictures of unlicensed activity.

Upcoming Seminars

FRSA's Educational Foundation training center is hosting a variety of seminars over the next few months. They include:

- February 24 – FREE Sales Seminar—How to Triple Your Results without Working Three Times as Hard
- February 27 – 8-Hour Lead Certification (RRP) training
- March 5 & 6 – OSHA 10-Hour Training for Construction – SIF members receive one free registration
- March 20 – 4-Hour Lead Recertification (RRP) training
- April 14 – 4-Hour Lead Recertification (RRP) training
- May 8 – NRCA Fall Protection seminar – sold out
- May 9 – NRCA Fall Protection seminar
- May 13 – 4-Hour Lead Recertification (RRP) training



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Danny Stokes of Advanced Roofing receives the **Golden Hammer Award** for his outstanding service to the association and the industry in 2014. Presenting the award is Joe Byrne of BRI Roof Consultants and outgoing President

Congratulations!

- for all pictures visit <http://pbcroofers.com/event-photo-gallery>

Industry Websites

- ASTM - www.guidance-inc.com/~roofroof/
- American Consulting Engineers Council - [acec.org](http://www.acec.org)
- American Institute of Architects - [aia.org](http://www.aia.org)
- American Society of Civil Engineers - [asce.org](http://www.asce.org)
- Building Officials Association of Palm Beach County - www.boapbc.org & www.boapbc.org/links
- Cedar Shake & Shingle Bureau - www.CEDARBUREAU.org
- Construction Industry Management Council (CIMC) - www.cimcpbc.com
- Construction Specifications Institute - <http://www.csinet.org>
- Copper Development Association - <http://www.copper.org>
- Division of Workers' Compensation - <http://www.wc.les.state.fl.us./DWC/>
- Florida Roofing, Sheet Metal & Air Conditioning Contractors Association - www.Floridarroof.com
- Galvalume Sheet Producers - www.steelroofing.com
- National Roofing Contractors Association (NRCA) - <http://www.nrca.net>
- National Society of Professional Engineers - [nspe.org](http://www.nspe.org)
- Roofing Contractors Association of South Florida (RCASF) - www.rcasf.org
- Roofing Industry Education Institute- <http://members.aol.com/RIEIROOF/classes.htm>
- Roof Tile Institute - www.rooftile.org
- Sheet Membrane and Component Suppliers to the Commercial Roofing Industry (SPRI) - www.SPRI.org
- Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association (SMACNA) - <http://www.smacna.org>
- The Council of American Building Officials (CABO) - <http://www.cabo.org>





March 2015

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			BCAB 2:00PM			
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March Program

The Top Ten Things CEOs Think About

With Les Deck,
Les Deck Consultants

March 25, 2015

*Holiday Inn
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