



## ***CRCA E-Newsletter – January 23, 2010*** ***CRCA Trade Show & Seminars, Who owns the Garden Roofing Installation Process?, Safety, CRCA at ICC, Chicago Code Development Hearings...***

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~**CRCA Trade Show & Seminars** – The CRCA Trade Show Committee worked all year long on this big event! Highlights of the January 21-22 event at Drury Lane included the CRCA Roofing Industry Update Seminar Thursday, with architects, specifiers, roof consultants, roofing contractors, manufacturers, reps and distributors, hearing why the Professional Roofing Contractor needs to be ***the Prime Contractor***, with responsibility for all activities on the roof, from the deck up. Check out the Chicagoland Roofing Contractors video showing the value of the CRCA Member Roofing Contractor, at <http://www.CRCA.org>, on the home page. Congratulations to Waukegan’s Roofing Victor Cabrera for winning the \$500 Cash prize and Exhibitor Jim Northrup for winning the Flat Screen TV!

CRCA would like to thank the following Trade Show Exhibitor Sponsors!

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Oak Ridge National Laboratories’ Andre Desjarlais and the City of Chicago’s Brad Roback presented about ***real energy use reduction***, and ***saving water runoff*** to keep Lake Michigan clean. Friday’s Education seminars brought industry leaders from the Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association (Jared Blum), Single Ply Roofing Industry (Mike Ennis), EPDM Roofing Association (Tom Hutchinson,) and Johns Manville’s Matt Peterson to share technical knowledge. Andre Desjarlais and Molly Meyer spoke on overburden performance. Capping Friday’s educational seminars was NRCA’s Mark Graham, who presented on ICC’s 2009 Code, and brought us up to date on the 2012 ICC Code Development Process. To view the presentations, visit <http://www.CRCA.org> .

The Chicagoland Roofing Contractor workers received the classroom and exam portion of the Powered Industrial Lift Truck certification during Friday’s safety seminar. And, CRCA’s Trade Show Booths were packed with attendees all day Thursday, as well as Friday!



**2010 Safety Seminar Facilitators**  
(Mike Adler, Shawn Sullivan, Frank Marino, Kelly Edmier, Josh Moore, Scott Jacob and Jim Martineck)



**Joe McDevitt**  
(Roof, Inc.) – stresses the importance of Professional Roofing Contractors



**2010 CRCA Trade Show Committee**  
(Ron Quimby, Ed Krusec, Dave Hamill, Danielle Battaglia, Greg Johnson, Tony Roque and Fred Creed)

A key topic of the CRCA Trade Show and Seminars revolved around the garden roof, and who is best qualified to install this important roof system.

**~Who Owns the Garden Roof?** - CRCA's leadership strongly believes the Roofing Industry is best served to be the 'owner' of the roofing installation process, including all gravel, ballast, pavers, and tray or built in place soil media. Roofing Professionals:

- Understand working at heights
- Workers Compensation & General Liability Insured as Roofers, above grade from one story to 100 plus stories
- IL State Roofing Licensed – It's the Law in Illinois for Roofing contractors to be licensed.
- Understand Roofing Science
- Know how to stage and place heavy materials.
- Culture of Safety



**~CRCA, Garden Roofing, and Jurisdiction** - Recently, there have been articles regarding who owns the garden roof overburden placement in various publications. CRCA strongly believes the Chicagoland Professional Roofing Contractor has the expertise, knowledge, and talent to get the job done right the first time. Read on...

In Chicago, jurisdiction is decided on a project basis, by the Chicago Building Trades Joint Conference Board. The roofing employees won jurisdiction on a major garden roofing project where trays were placed. The roofing workers won over the landscape union employees at the *Lowe's Store* by Midway Airport. Both awards won by landscaper's employees were based on the employer who had the contract assigning work to certain union employees.

At the National Labor Relations Board, the local landscape union employees won jurisdiction for one project alone. The NLRB report read, 'this award is for the employees of the company, not the union, nor unanimously awarded to the industry' ... ***it was only for that project, and not the entire landscape industry.***

The Professional Chicagoland Roofing Contractor is best qualified to provide the ***One Call, One Source, Single Source Responsibility*** for all roofing systems; Garden, Reflective, Photovoltaic, Ballast, Gravel, and more. Here's a short list of reasons why:

- Specifications – Garden roofs are specified in Division 7. Thermal and Moisture Protection is our business.
- Warranties – Most roofing manufacturers insist the roofing contractor be responsible for all.

- Building Codes – Regulations for garden roofs are in Chapter 15 of the International Building Code; the Roofing Section.
- Workforce Education – Professional Roofing Workers are trained on roofing and the effective placement of garden roofs.
- Insurance – Proper Workers Compensation & General Liability, as Roofers
- Safety – it’s tricky working above grade, whether one, or 100 stories, the professional roofer has the knowledge and expertise for this worksite location.

Visit <http://www.CRCA.org> and <http://www.chicagoroofing.org> to find lists of roofing professionals that can handle roofing needs from the deck up. Did you miss the CRCA Thursday Industry Breakfast? Check out the new Video online at [www.crca.org](http://www.crca.org) ...and you’ll see what we mean. ***Professional Chicagoland Roofing Contractors, One Call, Single Source Responsibility!***



**~CRCA Members & Safety** – Safety is huge with CRCA Roofing Contractors. CRCA Member Contractors can utilize Safety Check, Inc., a consulting firm, who focuses on worker and management practices and perform inspections as to help companies understand OSHA requirements. Safety Check can speak at *Toolbox Talks* and perform ‘*Corporate Policy Reviews*’ that can help you make improvements in your roofing and waterproofing business. They correlate the OSHA 300 form, occurrences at the jobsite, production and safety. Safety Check provides advice about how to handle common safety problems facing CRCA Member Roofing companies. Look for a call from Safety Check’s Jim Meaghan as we ramp up safety efforts in 2010.

**~CRCA & Urban Heat Island Ordinance** – The City of Chicago invited CRCA to work collaboratively and develop Chicago’s unique Urban Heat Island Ordinance this past spring. The focus was to find reductions in energy usage in Chicago’s hot summers through reflective, ballast, photovoltaic and garden roofing systems for buildings.

The code went into effect ***Earth Day***, April 22, 2009, and provides a national example for code requirements and energy efficiency. Key features include:

- Aged Reflectivity of .50 after 3 years, or .72 initial
- Mass – using 15 lbs. Ballast or Gravel & Membranes
- Vegetative Garden Roof Requirements
- Photovoltaics

The key point to this new code is that it allows Chicago’s building owners and managers the option to replace existing roofs with technology that won’t break the bank, while new construction encourages water drainage control, and a lighter color Chicago.

**~Building Code Update** – The City of Chicago has it’s own code, published by Index Publishing, and managed by the city. There is an ongoing study to research the International Building Code (IBC) and Chicago Municipal Building Code, and create a Chicago version of the IBC Code. Discussions are underway, and CRCA is participating. Watch for more on this as 2010 progresses.

*All the best for a productive and safe winter working season!*

*Bill McHugh, CRCA Executive Director & CRCA’s Staff*

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