



**SAN DIEGO ROOFING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION**

### *From the President...*

The recent fires in San Diego County reminded me just how devastating losing a home or business can be. In our industry the use of torches to apply modified bitumen roof systems can be the cause of the same devastation.

We as roofing professional need to practice safe installation procedures and follow the rule of a 2 hour fire watch after the torches have been shut off for the day. Also the use of infra-red heat guns to monitor for hot spots is highly recommended not to mention having fire extinguishers ready on the roof.

In 1999 New York City outlawed the use of torches on wood deck roofs. The following was published by the New York Association of Realty Managers:

**New York City Fire Chief Marshal Louis Garcia, Bureau of Fire Investigation, issued a directive, effective June 22, 1999, regarding what he described as "the reckless and illegal practice of using propane torches in installing modified roofing material on combustible [wood deck] roofs, and establishing guidelines for the arrest and prosecution of individuals and companies responsible for this reckless behavior."**

More than 70% of all co-ops with flat roofs in New York have wood decks and are affected by this new, but little publicized law. The City Council was advised that a study showed that between 1994 and 1998 there was an average of 35 roof fires per year.

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### *Upcoming Events*

**August 20th, Dinner Meeting  
TBA**

**Monday, August 25th  
48th Annual Golf Classic**

**November 12th, Annual Meeting**

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**The San Diego Roofing Contractors' Association (SDRCA) has been serving the Roofing Industry for over forty years.**

**Times, techniques and technology has changed, but the SDRCA Core Values, Code of Ethics, Mission and Vision Statement has not.** The 2014 Board of Director Team is committed and dedicated to serving our members and this association with new education, resources, training and savings for the purpose of helping our members continue a tradition of profitability and professionalism in our industry.

**It is the intent of this Association to establish and maintain professional standards and practices in the Roofing Industry through education and public awareness.** Our members are committed to excellence and they use the benefits offered by the Association to help obtain this goal. The SDRCA encourages you to become fully aware of the potential problems of dealing with an unlicensed, uninsured roofer.

The SDRCA was formed in 1957 to preserve and promote the art of roofing application. SDRCA members recognize that after 52 years of innovation in roofing technology and Application, the following goals are as meaningful and relevant today as they were yesterday and will be tomorrow.

The SDRCA remains a strong supporter of open competition and the free enterprise system; indeed, this competitive environment led to the success of its members. SDRCA members recognize that the perpetuation of such a healthy business environment is greatly influenced by their own professional conduct. The SDRCA supports the following practices, and encourages them in its members.

### **SDRCA Member Code of Ethics:**

1. To conduct my business in an ethical manner, so that I will reflect credit and confidence by the public in our industry as well as my own business.
2. To consider my vocation worthy and dignified and thus affording a distinct opportunity to serve society.
3. To hold that the exchange of my goods and service for a fair profit is legitimate and ethical, provided all parties in the exchange are benefited.
4. To elevate the standards of my vocation by exercising a high degree of care in the execution of all work, and correct any defective work as a direct challenge to my ability and integrity.
5. To protect and defend the public from fraudulent and unethical practices affecting our industry.
6. To cooperate with the association in its effort to better conditions in the industry, so that public, management, capital and labor will all mutually benefit.
7. To operate my business in accordance with the rules and regulations of constituted authority at all levels and in a manner which will leave no doubt as to my loyalty to my country and its ideals and fundamental principles.

### **The SDRCA Mission Statement:**

The mission of the San Diego Roofing Contractors' Association is to establish and maintain professional standards and practices in the roofing industry through education and public awareness.  
Adopted January 1997

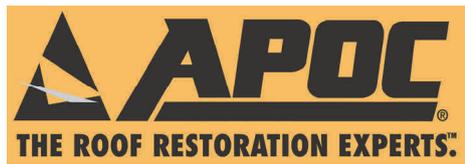
***To elevate...To protect and defend...To cooperate...so that all benefit.***

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## 48th Annual SDRCA Golf Classic

Monday, August 25th, 2014, Lomas Santa Fe Country Club

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## **SDRCA/Roofmaster/Structural Materials Safety Day**

Thank you to Dan Dallenbach of Roofmaster Products and Structural Materials of Vista for hosting the first SDRCA Safety Seminar on Tuesday, May 20th.

Member contractors visited the informal session at their convenience from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM to discuss and review safety products, Cal-OSHA job site requirements and the proper use of safety equipment.

SDRCA members in attendance included Nolanco Roofing, Topline Roofing, Roofing Specialists of San Diego, and San Diego County Roofing along with some of their foreman and crew members.

Structural Materials provided sandwiches and refreshments, while Roofmaster displayed various safety products and had literature available from manufacturers such as Guardian Safety and Garlock Safety Equipment.

Copies of the “Cal-OSHA Pocket Guide for the Construction Industry”, Roofing Job Site Inspection forms and Job Site Safety Equipment checklists were on hand for the participants.

We will announce the date and location of the next SDRCA/Roofmaster Safety Seminar as soon as it is available.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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## President's Message Continued

During that time, a well-publicized roof fire burned down an entire shopping center in the Midwest. Finally, on May 10, 1999, a disaster led to the immediate adoption and implementation of these rules.

Roofers using propane torches to install modified roofing started a 3-alarm fire that destroyed 30 apartments at 327 West 30 Street in Manhattan, leaving those residents homeless. The operator of the torch and the owner of the roofing company were arrested for reckless endangerment of property.

In November of 2013 a strip mall in Chicago was heavily damaged by the use of torches as chronicled by WLS-TV/DT:

**November 15, 2013 (CHICAGO) (WLS) -- A strip mall caught fire Friday afternoon on the city's Northwest Side in the West Rogers Park neighborhood.**

**Chicago Fire Department investigators said Friday night that the fire began as "a result of actions by a roofing crew using propane torches," and that the Chicago Police Department is now investigating.**

**Officials say the fire was struck just before 6 p.m., but crews continued to fight hot-spots as they flared up early Friday evening. According to fire officials, a mattress store, eye care store and furniture store were completely destroyed.**

**The four-alarm fire spread throughout the strip mall Friday afternoon. At least six businesses were involved in the blaze, including an American Mattress store, Mid-America Furniture store, For Eyes optical store and a nail salon.**

The most recent local fire that was caused by a torch in San Diego that I can remember was in Hillcrest and caused \$1 million in damage. Here are some excerpts from San Diego Uptown News:

**We had tried to answer some of these questions in our July 8 story about the blaze—a three-alarm inferno that required more than 110 firefighters to battle, caused an estimated \$1 million of damage, and used at least 900 gallons of water to extinguish. In response to our request to know the name of the roofing company that started the blaze, Maurice Luque, spokesperson for the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department, said that it is not the Fire Department's policy to release names.**

**"[Names] are recorded in our fire reports, which are released only through the subpoena process," Luque said. According to Luque, the roofers who accidentally started the fire were using a "common practice of using a torch to lay new roofing material down. The torch ignited wood, which set the exterior of the apartment building on fire," he said in an email.**

Please review your safety policies concerning torch applied roof systems. As a roofing community we do not want to see or be the cause of the devastating affect a someone losing their home or business.

Fred Bouman, SDRCA President

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