

On the Roof with TRI Training - November 2017



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Contractors sharing knowledge, supported by industry.

After Hurricanes Harvey and Irma

The 2017 Hurricane Season comes to a close at the end of November. Full recovery in some areas will take years. On the US mainland Hurricanes Harvey and Irma left their mark. Roofing contractors are still scrambling to meet the demand for repairs and replacement of damaged roofing. Tile roofs and the contractors that install them shined during these two storms.

The Roofing Contractors Association of Texas (RCAT) was preparing to help even before Harvey made landfall. Contractors and roofers from around the state used personal funds and donations to purchase needed supplies. They loaded their pickups, dump trucks and trailers, coordinated with contractors, churches and social services in Houston, and headed South with supplies. Former RCAT President Paul Ramon said "Loved seeing my friends and my industry step up to help the people in need in Houston. RCAT was blessed to be in a position to help and support our fellow Texans! With hundreds of Roofing Contractors and product supplier members, we had an army of folks on the ground." The TRI is proud to be part of an industry with people like this! You can read more in this [Roofing Contractor article](#) and in this [Facebook "Thank You" post](#).



In Florida, many asphalt shingle roofs are covered with blue tarps, and others have not yet had even temporary repairs made; the vulnerability is clear.

But modern clay and concrete tile installations appear to have fared very well against Hurricane Irma. Along A1A from Port Orange to Ormond Beach there are many wind-stripped asphalt shingle roofs needing complete replacement next to tile installations with minimal or no apparent damage. The devastation from Hurricane Andrew in 1992 brought changes. "Andrew made it obvious that Florida needed their own building code system for such catastrophic events." Says Les Dickson, Dickson Roofing, Naples, FL... [See more pictures and read more on the TRI Blog](#).

Quality Roofing in a Challenging Climate



What would the resume of someone with a "PHD in Roofing" look like? Probably a lot like the path Dan Rutkowski, Owner of DDR Roofing in Daytona Beach, Florida has taken. After earning a B. A. in Business Administration from the University of Central Florida, Dan went to work for Gregg's Roofing in Ormond Beach, FL. Dan fit right in with the quality mindset at Gregg's Roofing and ultimately became General Manager. Roofing on the East Coast of Florida, an environment with hurricane winds, torrential rain, high UV and saltwater provides the opportunity to see what works, what doesn't, and most important to Dan, what works better.

Dan wanted to launch his own company and opened DDR Roofing in Daytona Beach. The core value at DDR Roofing is a commitment to deliver finished roofs designed, fastened and built for the challenging Florida coastal environment, while consistently providing quality customer service. DDR Roofing is committed to ongoing training ensuring employees are current with both minimum standards and best practices. So it's no surprise that Dan was one of only two in a class of 53 that scored 100% on the FRSA/TRI Florida High Wind Manual Certification test... [Read more.](#)



Dan Rutkowski at the TRI Florida High Wind Class

Is Your Florida Concrete Roof Tile Obsolete?

REVISED October 9, 2017 - In response to the vast amount of hurricane damage related inquiries from industry professionals, TRI Member Manufacturers have compiled a list of obsolete concrete roof tiles that have been produced in or shipped to Florida over the past several decades. The list is available for download on the [TRI Website](#).

See more Technical Briefs on the [TRI Website](#).

Classes & Events

See the complete schedule and [check for updates on the TRI website](#).

- [Phoenix, AZ - Dec. 4, 2017 - Installation Manual Certification](#)
- [Charlotte, NC - Jan. 16-18, 2017 - Carolinas Mid-Winter Roofing Expo](#)
- [Orlando, FL - Jan 21-24, 2017 - "Inspecting a Tile Roof" Seminar at ASHI Inspection World](#)
- [San Antonio, TX - Feb. 15, 2018 - Manual Certification](#)
- [Dallas, TX - Feb. 20, 2018 - Manual Certification](#)
- Jacksonville, FL - Feb. 27, 2018 - Florida High Wind Certification, location TBD
- [Orlando, FL - March 1, 2018 - Florida High Wind Certification](#)
- South Florida - March 2018 - Florida High Wind Certification, location TBD
- Southern California - March 2018 - Manual Certification, location TBD

Renew Your Certification & Stay on the Map!

Companies with TRI Certified employees are listed on the TRI Website [Find a Contractor](#) page, as long as the certification is current. TRI Certification is good for 2 years. You can renew your certification on-line at any time by following the instructions on the [TRI website](#). The cost to renew is \$99 every 2 years. Contact ljensen@tileroofing.org if you have any questions.



Note: Florida High Wind certifications must be done at an in person seminar to earn 2.0 CE credits. An on-line option for Florida is coming soon!

"There is no greater education than one that is self-driven."

- Neil deGrasse Tyson

