

USA, Helmets to Hardhats Support Cancer Center

Representatives from Helmets to Hardhats and the Union Sportsmen's Alliance recently were presented with portraits titled "Hunting With Roosevelt" in recognition of the two organizations' charitable support of the Bismarck Cancer

Center in Bismarck, ND. The Bismarck Cancer Center allows patients in the area to receive world-class cancer treatment and caring support while staying close to home and loved ones.



Pictured left to right: Helmets to Hard Hats Assistant Director Rob Schwartz; Shrikant Kubsad, PhD, Bismarck Cancer Center; Helmets to Hardhats Director Darrell Roberts; Roger Krueger, Bismarck Cancer Center; Executive Director of USA Fred Myers and Roofers International President Kinsey Robinson.

New Roof Helps Preserve History at Chicago Fire Museum

The Fire Museum of Greater Chicago President, Bill Kugelman, had been wishing for a new roof at the museum for quite some time. The story starts several years ago. It was a dream to get Chicago a suitable Fire Museum. The museum would be the first ever in the city known for the Great Chicago Fire. Finally the property and old firehouse were donated to the museum. However, the property "was in quite the disarray," according to Chief Kugelman.



Local 11 volunteers replace the roof on the Fire Museum of Greater Chicago.



A group of Local 11 members and contractors decided to donate their time and expertise for this great cause. Roofs Inc. employee and Local 11 member Angel Feliciano, along with Local 11 Business Agent Gary Menzel, got involved early in the project. The building, being in such bad shape, needed other crafts to perform work there before any roofing could start. Once the roofing work was ready to commence, Gary Menzel spoke with Rod Petrick from Ridgeworth Roofing about donating his equipment and manpower for the project.

As soon as word spread about the need to help, Joe McDevitt of Roofs Inc. proudly stepped up and donated equipment and manpower. Shortly after a call to all contractors, Chris Adler, President of CRCA and Adler Roofing, had his men on the project. A total of 22 Local 11 members volunteered for this great cause along with one Local 73 Sheet Metal Worker, Joe McDevitt Jr.

After the initial renovations, antique firefighting and communications equipment arrived from several storage

locations to start the museum collections rolling. But no perishable documents, displays or other museum items could arrive until a new roof was installed and the building was watertight.

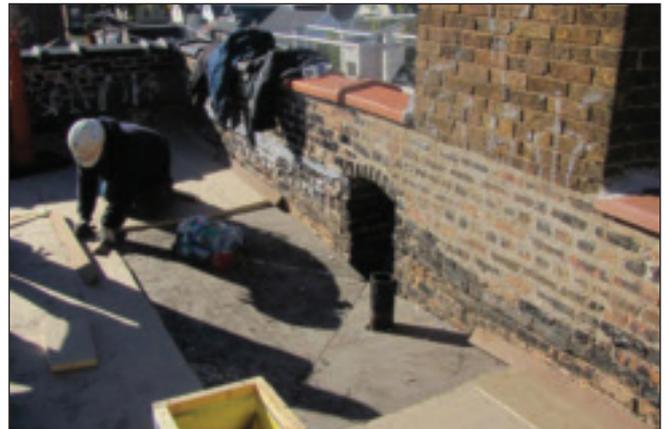
The testing of the roof assembly showed a very strong concrete deck. "But, there were three roofs piled on top of the deck, and there was literally no insulation, and what insulation was there was soaked," stated CRC's Rod Petrick. Petrick then organized a specification for the renovation.

"We installed R-20 isocyanurate insulation and a reflective modified bitumen roofing system meeting Chicago's Energy Code and Urban Heat Island Ordinance," added Petrick. The Council had worked with the city to develop the code and wanted the building to comply with the new updated regulations.

Local 11 President Rich Mathis would like to thank all members and contractors who eagerly stepped up to volunteer for this first ever Chicago Firefighters Museum.



A Local 11 member applies the Firestone white reflective roof.



The old building posed some problems, but nothing that couldn't be handled by Local 11 volunteers.



Roofers work together to finish the roofing job in eight hours.