



Ontario Chapter

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## RCI Ontario Seminar – Fire Safety

- The Ontario Chapter held a seminar on “Care and Control” Who is Liable for Fire Safety? This seminar was assembled by the education committee to address the hot topic issue of fire safety as it relates to roofing. It seemed imperative to have a seminar that could discuss this topic and allow for some further conversation with regards to liability on the contractor, consultant and building owner. At the heart of the discussion was the focus on Fire Safe Roofing Practices and the relation to the Fire Code’s due diligence clause and the consequences of ignoring such. The presentation also focused on fire preventative resources.



Figure 1. Nancy MacDonal- Duncan, Assistant Chief, Fire Prevention discussing "Fire Watch"

The course was facilitated by Shawn Irani of TSS Building Science, and in conjunction with the education committee they brought in professionals in fire safety to make a presentation. Nancy MacDonald-Duncan, Assistant Chief, Fire Prevention and Life Safety with the Mississauga Fire and Emergency Services along with Andre Clifton, Captain and Acting Chief Fire Prevention Officer with York Region Fire Services were kind enough to lend their expertise in fire prevention and provide further insight into the fire code and the regulations surrounding the code.



**Figure 2. Facilitator Shawn Irani - Discussing Hot Applied Applications**

Open flame and torch applied roofing systems have been under some scrutiny for quite some time as many insurance companies are reluctant to provide coverage to roofing companies given the “high risk” associated with roofing and the potential for fires. The education committee was willing to take this contentious issue and have a forum for discussion regarding fire safety and the liability aspect. There seems to be parties on both sides of the open flame issue and there should certainly be further discussions regarding this issue.

This seminar was a great opportunity to shed more light on the issue and have constructive dialogue. Liability, responsibility and culpability are three major facets when addressing fire safety and having a presentation from professionals who have earned their living in fire prevention made for an interesting and informative seminar!

The Ontario Chapter would like to thank both Nancy and Andre for their time and agreeing to discuss this topic with our members.

The Chapter would also like to thank the following for their table top displays at the event:

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The seminar generated substantial interest with over 50 attendees on hand for the presentation and three quarters of those who attended stayed for the lunch social after the seminar. It was great to see some members of the OIRCA in attendance as well since this issue of fire safety affects the roofing industry as a whole. Thank you again to the education committee for organizing this event!

### **Upcoming Events**

- RCI Ontario Chapter is holding a two day course on: “Masonry Wall Systems”  
Date: November 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018  
Location: TCA Offices in Richmond Hill  
Guest Speakers: Peter Saunders, Gary Osmond & Len Gurunlian
  
- RCI National Capital Branch (Ontario) is hosting a breakfast seminar on:  
“The Future of Building Envelope Inspections”  
Date: November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Location: The Ottawa Conference and Event Centre, Ottawa  
Guest Speakers: Alex Healy, Ted Sheridan & Matt Ryan
  
- RCI Ontario Chapter’s “Annual Christmas Luncheon”  
Date: December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Location: Le Jardin Conference and Event Centre, Vaughan

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