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## Join Us in Making Roofer Safety a Priority 365 Days a Year

Last month members of our union and our employers from across the country participated in the National Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction. Leading up to that event we launched a year-long social media campaign #roofer-safety365 through our Research to Practice Partnership with the National Roofing Contractors Association and CPWR-The Center for Construction Research and Training to provide our members and employers with regular reminders about how to prevent falls and other hazards.

CPWR's tweets alone have generated 569 retweets by roofing contractors, safety and health professionals, and roofers, and resulted in 179,988 impressions, which is a quick indicator of how many people have seen the post.

In addition, we developed a new video to raise awareness of how to prevent a fall when using a ladder. The new video, released to coincide with this year's Stand-Down, showcases safe ladder practices, including step-by-step instructions for using the free NIOSH Ladder Safety App. This video, which is available in English and Spanish, can help you and your co-workers avoid a potentially disabling or fatal fall from a ladder.

Since the risk for falls is still too high for construction workers, particularly those employed by small contractors, our work to prevent falls and other injuries isn't finished. That's why we plan to continue to use our #roofer-safety365 campaign to share new safety infor-

mation and resources to help our members and their employers eliminate hazards and work safely. Look for our posts on Twitter and Facebook, and let us know if there's a hazard you're concerned about and we'll take steps to find a solution. ■

**THE RIGHT LENGTH LANYARD WILL PROTECT WORKERS IN A FALL**  
Employers, do the math. Example Below.

**BEFORE FALL** **MID-FALL (Pre-Harness Elongation\*)** **AFTER FALL**

**ANCHOR POINT**

6 ft\* Length of Lanyard

3.5 ft\* Deceleration Distance

1 ft\* Harness Elongation\*

5 ft\* D-Ring to Bottom of Feet

2 ft Safety Factor

**17.5 ft Total Clearance Distance From Anchor**

GROUND OR NEAREST OBSTRUCTION

Learn more at: <https://bit.ly/2FPD3M6>

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Three simple steps to preventing falls.

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[www.stopconstructionfalls.com](http://www.stopconstructionfalls.com)

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Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, OSHA Technical Manual: Fall Protection in Construction, Section V, Chapter 4, [https://www.osha.gov/dts/osta/otm/otm\\_vf/otm\\_v\\_4.html#calculating](https://www.osha.gov/dts/osta/otm/otm_vf/otm_v_4.html#calculating).



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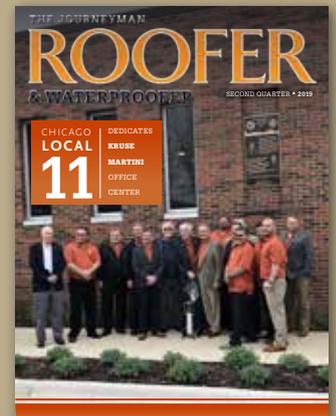
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Officers and guests of Roofers & Waterproofers Local 11, Chicago, IL, gathered to dedicate the Kruse Martini Office Center to two great past leaders.