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## **CIFM Services, in Waltham, raises roof maintenance to a new level**

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Not all commercial roofers are created equal. Just ask John Sweeney, owner of CIFM Services. According to Sweeney, commercial roofing has gone high tech. No longer is roofing just a couple of guys, a ladder, and a truck. Today, cameras, adhesives, and melting equipment allow commercial rubber roofs to be repaired rapidly - even in the winter -- at a fraction of the price of a complete replacement. And the benefits to the building owners and property managers are substantial in terms of reduced stress and costs.

Sweeney formed CIFM Services to provide property management for owners of commercial and industrial properties. With the high demand for repairs on rubber roofs, Sweeney formed the CIFM Roofing division to meet this demand. The CIFM Roofing team consists of roofing technicians and estimators with nearly 100 years of combined experience in both slate and rubber roofing.

But the real value is in the technology. CIFM Roofing one of the few companies in Mass. to utilize a high end infrared camera to detect roof leaks. Just point the camera in the suspect areas and it will identify wet insulation even at sub freezing temperatures. After the leaks are identified, a CIFM Roofing estimator prepares a custom survey of the entire roof that serves as a blueprint for the repairs. Each leaky area is then cut out and new rubber is applied, edges are taped, and adhesive is applied and sealed using a heat gun forming a permanent weatherproof repair.

If ice and snow are present, CIFM Roofing uses its unique Thermo 1000 System which can quickly melt an area up to 1000 s/f without chemicals or extreme temperatures.

In most cases, a damaged roof can be repaired, saving the property owner thousands of dollars. According to Sweeney, the cost of repairing a roof is typically less than 20% of the amount that would be spent on a replacement. Repairing the roof not only saves money, but allows allocation of more funds toward aesthetic aspects of the property.

To provide peace of mind to building owners and managers, CIFM Roofing offers a 10-year warranty on not only the repairs but the entire roof pending a complete roof inspection at a nominal annual fee.

As an example, CIFM Roofing recently repaired a rubber roof for large property development company in Needham, MA. This organization had received an estimate of nearly \$500,000 to replace the entire roof. CIFM provided a free roof survey that identified all of the damaged areas and performed the entire roof repair job for less than \$125,000 including a 10-year warranty on the entire roof.

So the next time you get caught with a leaky roof, why not go high tech and save money at the same time. Contact CIFM Roofing at 781-894-1717 or [info@cifmroofing.com](mailto:info@cifmroofing.com).