

February 4, 2007- Deland, Florida

Tom and Grace Milton were struck with 15 seconds of shear terror on February 2nd when an F-3 tornado slammed in to their Deland, Florida residence. In January 2006 Larry Lake and Associates installed a Gerard Stone Coated Steel Roof on the home. According to the Milton's the roof is what ultimately protected them and their animals from the storm. "The roof saved our lives," said Grace.

When asked about rebuilding their home the Milton's agree that they only roof replacement option is a Gerard Stone Coated Steel Roof. "Larry and Linda Lake as installers are the best. With them, you get what you pay for. Larry's crew took the time to make sure every batten was fastened in to the rafter, and according to the FEMA inspector this is what kept the roof on," said Tom.

The roof did lift in the carport area because the wind load underneath raised the trusses in the corner and peeled the roof back with it. As for the rest of the home, owner Larry Lake of Larry Lake and Associates noted some of the fastening methods he used on the Milton installation which helped to keep the roof secure to the home throughout the rage of the F-3 Tornado. These methods included;

Using 3" screws to fasten all the battens and counter battens as well as ensuring that every panel was also screwed using #10 x 2 inch screws. On the rake 3.5" fascia was used then they capped down on to it, each rake cap was then fastened using a total of 3 screws, at the top, bottom and middle of each cap.

The company hired by the Milton's to do the rebuild is Camry Properties of Delray, Florida. Michael Boland of Camry commented, "I would have hated to see what any other roof would have done, I guess the same thing as the neighbors," as he points to two houses that were completely destroyed.

The Milton's will begin rebuilding in the coming weeks and according to the Milton's, "Our new roof will be a Gerard Roof installed by Larry Lake. There is no one else I would trust to do the job he did."

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