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Even though his father, Dan Scepaniak, started Horizon Roofing Inc. out of his garage in 1976, Kurt Scepaniak has been in the business for nearly as long. He swept floors and did other odd jobs from the age of 10, then got into the business for real just a couple of years later. “When I was 16, I started our service department at a time when other roofing companies didn’t really have that kind of thing,” said Scepaniak. “I would walk roofs and people would say they needed to replace them. I would tell them that they didn’t have to replace it, there are just a couple of issues that need to be dealt with, and that way we can extend the life of the roof.”

Innovation has been a watchword for Horizon for its entire history. The company specializes in commercial flat roofing, architectural sheet metal, roofing maintenance and inspections. “We also started taking before and after pictures of issues we were finding,” said Scepaniak. “As far as I know, we were the first ones to do that. We wanted to add transparency to our service.” Since the younger Scepaniak took over the business after his dad’s 2000 retirement, Horizon hasn’t stopped growing. The 14-employee shop he inherited now employs 125.

The company embraced upgraded technological touches not long after Kurt took over. In 2007 the company began programming an online system that it could use to upload construction reports. To this point, Horizon has invested more 30,000 programming hours into a group of proprietary reporting systems, letting customers check on the progress of their projects from start to finish.

The technology at the company’s disposal allows for virtual tours that help budget and – even showing what kind of lifespan can be expected on customer roof areas.

“Since we started doing that, we’ve had a full-time programmer on our staff,” said Scepaniak. “That person codes systems built to communicate with our customers and provide as much transparency as possible.”

Horizon has also been ahead of the curve on something that many of its colleagues have been tardy to: training. The company has more than 5,500 square feet of training space at facilities in its Waite Park and in Brooklyn Center. It also has seven different roof areas and a full-time trainer on staff, giving it one of the industry’s leading training programs for a private company.

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That level of innovation and forward thinking has led to dozens of awards and a number of prestigious projects. “We try to be our biggest competition,” said Scepaniak. “We try to stay away from thinking ‘This is how we’ve always done it, so it’s good enough.’”

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