

person from an apartment on the second floor," said Michael Fox, chief of the Chicago Fire Department.

The buildings department temporarily closed the damaged building so the rest of the facade could be removed. The building's owner also has to install a protective canopy to prevent anyone else from being hit by falling bricks.

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AAMA Task Group Investigates Leak Evaluation Guidelines

The American Architectural Manufacturers Association (AAMA) has created a task group to address procedures for investigating the sources of water leaks in building walls. The association says that, its current document offerings does not adequately address foren-

sic evaluation of wall leaks, as does ASTM E 2128. The task group is considering development of an industry reference guide to ASTM E 2128 that would focus on issues relevant to doors and windows.

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Keymark Corp. Launches New Paint Line

Keymark Corp., an architectural aluminum extruder based in Fonda, N.Y., has started up its new four-booth, 25-foot, vertical electrostatic paint line. The line, which replaces the one lost in a fire in August 2005, encompasses electronic reciprocators that provide high paint quality to the curtainwall, storefront and architectural window markets. The new line is also capable of spraying Kynar® + clear (three

coats) in one pass through the line as well as six color quick-change controls.

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Miami-based IBA Consultants is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. The company offers full-service consulting, inspection and testing services for all aspects of the exterior skin of a building, from waterproofing and roofing to cladding and glazing systems ... A study from the National Equipment Register Inc., a security firm based in New York City, claims that theft rose 22 percent in the Gulf Coast after hurricanes last year. Most items were small machines, such as skid-steer loaders, back-hoes and compact tractors. ■

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