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FCIA VISITS MEXICO...OLÉ!

This August, some of the world's most knowledgeable experts in the fire protection industry came together in Mexico City, and FCIA was there.

This August, the Expo Fire Protection Mexico 2022 & International Congress hosted some of the world's most knowledgeable and experienced experts in the fire protection industry for a two-day event at the Mexico World Trade Center.

Organized by The Mexican Association of Automatic Fire Sprinklers (AMRACI) and The National Fire Protection Council (CONAPCI), the event also included the Fire Protection Mexico and over 140 exhibitors representing systems and training, as well as essential engineering, installation, and maintenance services.

At the invitation of AMRACI/CONAPCI, FCIA's Bill McHugh spoke at a Latin American/North American delegate luncheon, presenting on passive fire protection & the 'DIIM'

of Firestopping with the sprinkler and alarm industry leaders. He also participated in a panel on the state of fire protection post-pandemic.

FCIA saw friends from FM Approvals and UL Solutions at the event. While there, FCIA and NFCA signed a mutual understanding to attempt a global fire protection discussion summit sometime in the future. Muchas gracias, to AMRACI/CONAPCI for the opportunity, and we look forward to future conversations.



HAPPY "I HAVEN'T REGISTERED FOR FIC '22 YET, BUT I DESPERATELY WANT TO BE THERE, SO I'M DROPPING EVERYTHING TO REGISTER RIGHT NOW" DAY!

FCIA's FIC is the leading educational firestop conference in the world. Are you going to be there?

Check your calendar, because today is International "I Haven't Registered for FIC '22 Yet, But I Desperately Want To Be There, So I'm Dropping Everything and Registering Right Now" Day, and only a person who doesn't eat, sleep, breathe, and obsess over firestopping would skip this holiday.

Good thing that's not you!

Here's what some attendees are saying about the FCIA's FIC Conferences:



Tyler F. Verified Attendee



What do I think of the FCIA's FIC Conference? I mean, do I think it's better than sliced bread? Yes, yes I do. Do I like it more than I like a week with my toes in the sand and the ocean surf in my ears? Without a doubt. Would I rather go to FIC than to the Patriots-Packers game at Lambeau Field when it's -30° and snowing? No, no I would not, but it's a very close second, and that's saying something.



Jerry D. Verified Attendee



Seriously...where can you go to learn a bunch of cool stuff AND get an open bar at the end of the day? FCIA Conferences. That's it. Thank you for making these work events something I actually want to attend every year. And for giving me the gavel. I've always wanted one of those things.



Ben U. Verified Attendee



I'm a pretty serious guy, so when I say this is the only place I go for my firestop fix, you know that's a serious statement. I'd go every day if I could. Actually, work on that, FCIA. Oh, and it's my favorite place to go for new chochkies for my desk. I love me an FCIA golf trophy.

Just a few examples of why you need to celebrate this holiday. We recommend that you register today so you can be like these awesome people...and so you can take advantage of the open bar...and maybe win an FCIA golf trophy (better snag that Golf with the President sponsorship before you know who gets it and adds another chockie to his desk).

[REGISTER FOR FIC '22 >](#)

FIC '22...coming soon to an Omni Amelia Island (FL) near you.



No seriously. It's less than a month away. Stop procrastinating, and register. Future you will never forgive today you when he or she is scrolling through the pictures of all the smiling happy faces from FIC '22 and yours is noticeably missing. [Register Today](#)

(Although we can neither confirm nor deny, these reviews could easily be genuine because the FIC Conferences are legit fire, but not the kind of fire these Conferences educate Contractors on systems designed to stop the spread of. No, FIC '22 is the good kind for fire. That means they ARE the greatest thing since sliced bread - or since firestopping was added to the International Building Code.)

FCIA ADVOCATES AT STATE FIRE MARSHALS ASSOCIATION

FCIA was present at the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) Annual Conference this August.

While exhibiting at the NASFM Annual Conference in New Orleans, booth staffers Bill McHugh (FCIA) and David White (D.W. Firestopping) heard Fire Marshals report that due to basement flooding in some locations, energy storage systems are being moved from below grade to above grade.

Firestopping can be more important than ever should these batteries start to 'run away', creating heat and fire.

Compartmentments can help keep the fire in check and "L" and "W" Rated Firestop Systems might help keep water needed to cool the batteries in the compartment.



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FCIA ADVOCATES FOR FIRESTOP CONTRACTORS IN CANADA

This year's Canadian Healthcare Engineering Society (CHES) Annual Conference partnered with the International Federation of Hospital Engineering (IFHE) for a joint event.

This year's Canadian Healthcare Engineering Society (CHES) Annual Conference partnered with the International Federation of Hospital Engineering (IFHE) for a joint event. The Conference brought together Healthcare and Hospital engineers from all across Canada for the five-day event.

While there, FCIA's Canada Committee advocated for the right systems, in the right applications, and FCIA Specialty Firestop Installation Contractors on the job. FCIA Canada Committee Chair, John Sharpe, leads the charge for FCIA at CHES.



Tyler Sharpe and Jeffrey Zamora of Pro-Firestop, Inc. in Scarborough, ON work the FCIA booth at the CHES/IFHE Annual Conference this September. Pro-Firestop Photo

FCIA AT ASHE

One of FCIA's missions is to heighten awareness so it becomes action - to maintain fire-resistance and firestopping protection in new construction and existing buildings.

FCIA made some great connections at ASHE with visits by ASHE President Shay Rankhorn, and many others, all looking for talented Firestopping and Barrier Management Services providers.

FCIA made sure you were found!



AT THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL (ICC) EXPO...

FCIA met with Code Officials from around the US, Australia, and Canada.

This September 11-20, Code Officials from around the world came together in Louisville, KY for the ICC Annual Conference, Expo, and Public Comment Hearings, and FCIA was right there in the thick of things.

Big shout out to Marketing Committee Member, Lauren Sustek, for working the booth with FCIA's Bill McHugh.

Proper 'D'esign, 'I'nstallation, 'I'nspection, and 'M'aintenance of Firestopping / Effective Compartmentation Protection – and FCIA Members as the best way to maintain protection in NEW and EXISTING buildings – was our message.



THE ICC CODE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

FCIA was present at the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) Annual Conference this August.

FCIA PARTICIPATED IN THE ICC PCH

At the Public Comment Hearings (PCH), eligible voters discuss and vote on code change proposals.

A proposal that would have allowed performance-based structural fire design in the IBC's Ch. 16 was defeated. Fire-resistance is to be determined in accordance with ASTM E119 and UL 263, without the use of automatic sprinklers, according to the International Building Code (IBC's) Section 703.2.

FCIA's team, working with NFCA, the National Fireproofing Contractors Association, was able to defeat this proposal, a proposal that could have led to much confusion about how to evaluate the fire-resistance-rated assembly and the firestop protection with it.

Thanks to all who advised us on this topic, including Doug Evans, Bill Koffel, and Rich Walke. Look for more results in the next newsletter.

In January, FCIA submitted proposals to Cycle B, which covers the IBC's Chapters 1 (Administrative), 15 (Roofing), and 16 (Structural), as well as the International Existing Building Code (IEBC) and the International Residential Building Code (IRC).

A hearing of submitted proposals took place in early April. Following this, public comments were required to be submitted by late June. The process then progressed with the Public Comment Hearings, held September 14-19 in Louisville, KY. The next steps are the Online Governmental Consensus Vote, any appeals, and ICC Board of Directors approval, before publication of the 2024 IBC, IEBC, IRC.

Cycle A included all the other IBC Chapters in 2020.

FCIA AT ASTM

The ASTM standards development process has been honed over 111 years and covers a wide variety of categories.

FCIA's Standards Committee Chair, Jay McGuire, and FCIA Executive Director, Bill McHugh, head to New Orleans to work on ASTM E2174 and ASTM E2393 Firestop Inspection Standards, as well as ASTM E3038, Qualifications for Inspectors, and movement, exposure, and aging of firestopping with Manufacturers and Inspection Agencies in mid-October.

Look for a report in the next newsletter.

FCIA BOARD MEETS

FCIA's Board of Directors is a very diverse and passionate group of Contractors. Each person has chosen to give back to the Association through serving on the Board, participating on Committee(s), and more.

Many thanks to the people that serve on FCIA's Board of Directors. These volunteer leaders do set the direction for the initiatives the Association will embark upon, as well as the agendas for FCIA Committees and Staff to get done. They meet quarterly – January, August, and at each FCIA Conference – to cover strategic issues in firestopping and effective compartmentation. FCIA's Board Members were first actively involved in a Committee before deciding to run for election by the voting membership.

SPEAKING OF FCIA COMMITTEES...

FCIA committees are organized groups of FCIA Member volunteers working together on various pieces of Association business, from Codes and Standards development to Marketing, Membership outreach, and more.

Thinking about Board service? Consider joining a Committee to get to know what FCIA does behind the scenes to support all of the programs you see -- E-news, the Conferences and Symposiums, Codes and Standards advocacy, the FM 4991 Approved and UL Qualified Contractor Programs, ASTM Inspection, and more. Visit the [FCIA Committees page](#), evaluate your interests, and get involved.

Upcoming Events

October 10	FIC Hotel Deadline	October 25-26	Oman Fire, Safety & Security Event (OFSEC)
October 16-19	ASTM Meetings	October 26	FCIA Webinar
October 21	Barrier Management Symposium	November 1-4	FIC '22

NEW MEMBER
Welcome

FCIA works hard to spread the word of the 'DIIM' of [Firestopping](#) around the world, encouraging all interested Specialty Firestop Installation Contractors, Special Inspection Agencies, Associates, Manufacturers, and more to become involved to grow the industry's call for better fire and life safety.

FCIA proudly welcomes new members, and we thank them for their support and commitment to the Firestop industry.

Thank you to all current members, as well, for helping to grow FCIA and the Specialty Firestop trade, resulting in improved fire- and life-safety systems.

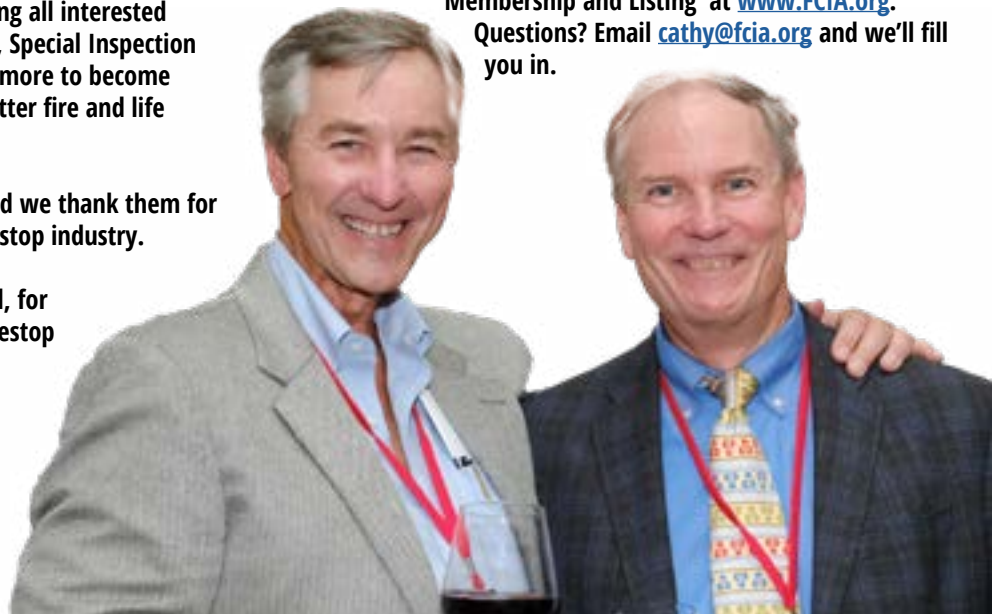
FCIA New Contractor Members

- American Empire Fire Stop Inc. - Upland, CA
- Fairview Safety Services, LLC - Wixom, MI
- First in Fire Seal, LLC - Vancouver, BC
- Florida Firestop Systems - Winter Park, FL
- MG Firestop, LLP - Houston, TX

FCIA New International Contractor Members

- Beck Soluciones - Santiago, Chile

FCIA Members: Do you have more than one Branch location? Make it easier to be found worldwide with a 'Branch Membership and Listing' at www.FCIA.org. Questions? Email cathy@fcia.org and we'll fill you in.



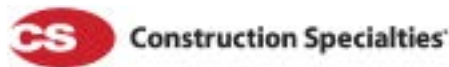
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