



**FIRESTOP INDUSTRY**  
**CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW**  
**OCTOBER 13-16 | 2025**

## EDUCATION FOR THE FM & UL FIRESTOP EXAMS

FCIA's Education for the Firestop Exams helps prepare Specialty Firestop Contractors and Special Inspectors to pass the FM or UL Firestop Exams. Passing the Firestop Exam(s) is required for Firestop Contractors pursuing FM 4991 Approved or UL Solutions Qualified Firestop status and for Firestop Inspectors to prove competence to AHJ's or International Accreditation Services IAS AC 291 Special Inspection Agency responsible individual status.

### PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025**

#### REGENCY HALL 1

All times listed are in EDT

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| 7:30 am - 2:00 pm   | Registration Open   |
| 7:30 am - 8:00 am   | Continental Breakfast for FCIA Education for the Firestop Exams<br>Attendees<br>Sponsored by TBD  |
| 8:00 am - 8:30 am   | FCIA: The Vision, The Mission, The Association<br>**Open to all FCIA FIC Conference Attendees**<br>Bill McHugh, FCIA  |
| 8:30 am - 10:00 am  | FCIA Education for the FM & UL Firestop Exams<br>Rich Walke, CTI  |
| 10:00 am - 10:15 am | Break<br>Sponsored by TBD   |
| 10:15 am - 11:30 am | FCIA Education for the Firestop Exams (continued)   |
| 11:30 am - 1:00 pm  | Quality Management System Manual Development: A How-To Session<br>Joanna Blaney, FM Approvals   Mark St. Onge, UL Solutions   Rich Walke, CTI   |
| 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm   | Luncheon for FM & UL Firestop Exam Testers<br>Sponsored by TBD  |
| 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm   | FM & UL Firestop Exams<br><br>Note: The UL Firestop Exam is OPEN BOOK exams. UL Exam Participants MUST provide their own copy of the FCIA Manual of Practice. The UL Canadian Supplement covers questions specific to Canada. The FM Firestop Exam DOES NOT allow use of the MOP during the exam. |

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# WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA?

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025

### WINDSONG BALLROOM 7-12

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6:30 pm – 7:30 pm     **Welcome Reception**  
Attendees, Spouses, Guests, and Speakers Welcome  
Sponsored by TBD

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025

### WINDSONG BALLROOM 7-12

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7:30 am – 10:00 am     **Conference Registration Open**

7:30 am – 10:30 am     **Trade Show Floor Open**

7:30 am - 8:00 am     **Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors**  
Sponsored by TBD

8:00 am - 8:20 am     **FCIA President's Welcome, Association Comments, & Board  
Candidate Introductions**  
Gus Mancini, 2025 FCIA Board President | Bill McHugh, FCIA

8:20 am - 9:20 am     **Resilient Leadership on Purpose**  
Linda Edgecome, Learning Resources  
**Keynote Session**  
Sponsored by 3M

9:20 am - 9:30 am     **Break**  
Sponsored by TBD

9:30 am - 10:30 am     **Software Demo Session**  
Clearstory | ControlQore | Corfix | Fieldwire | Strategies Group

10:45 am     **Busses Depart for FCIA Memorial Golf Tournament**

### CELEBRATION GOLF CLUB (OFF-SITE)

12:00 pm – 5:30 pm     **FCIA Memorial Golf Tournament**  
**Pre-registration Required**

### HYATT REGENCY GRAND CONFERENCE CENTER LOBBY

11:30 am - 4:30 pm     **The "I Don't Want to Golf" Outing**  
**Pre-registration Required**

### WINDSONG BALLROOM 7-12

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm     **Networking Reception & Golf Awards**  
Attendees, Spouses, Guests, and Speakers Welcome  
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## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025

### GRAND VIEW TERRACE

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7:00 am – 7:45 am Women in Firestopping Networking Breakfast

### WINDSONG BALLROOM 7-12

7:30 am – 3:30 pm Conference Registration Open

7:30 am – 4:15 pm Trade Show Floor Open

7:30 am – 8:00 am Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors  
Sponsored by TBD

8:00 am – 8:45 am **Closed Contractor & Inspection Agency Session**  
Firestops with Unprotected Steel Members  
Matthew Winston, Hilti

8:45 am – 10:00 am How Have Tariffs Impacted Construction & What To Expect In 2026  
Richard Branch, Free Agent Economist

10:00 am – 10:15 am Break  
Sponsored by TBD

10:15 am – 11:15 am High-Rise Healing: Ten Years After – Trends, Lessons and Forecasts  
Doug King, AIA, NCARB, ACHA, Project Management Advisors Inc.

11:15 am – 11:30 am Break  
Sponsored by TBD

11:30 am – 12:30 pm Firestop Solutions for Plastic Pipes  
3M | Hilti | Metacaulk | Specified Technologies Inc.

12:30 pm – 1:15 pm FCIA Luncheon  
Sponsored by TBD

### LAS PALMAS BALLROOM A-D

1:15 pm – 2:30 pm Demo Round Robin - Plastic Pipe Firestop Solutions  
3M | Hilti | Metacaulk | Specified Technologies Inc.

### WINDSONG BALLROOM 7-12

2:30 pm – 2:45 pm Break  
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- 2:45 pm – 3:15 pm      **The Partner Programs: News You Can Use**  
Joanna Blaney, FM Approvals | Mark St. Onge, UL Solutions
- 3:15 pm - 4:00 pm      **Exhibitor Member Updates**
- 4:00 pm – 4:15 pm      **Break**  
Sponsored by TBD
- 4:15 pm – 5:00 pm      **Closed Contractor & Inspection Agency Session**  
**Driving Efficiency and Compliance with STI's Digital Ecosystem**  
Tyler Babb, Specified Technologies Inc.
- 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm      **FCIA Contractor Members Only Session**

### WINDSONG FOUNTAIN LAWN

- 6:30 pm – 10:30 pm      **The FCIA Awards Dinner**  
**\*Included with Attendee Conference registration\***  
Spouses, Guests, Children, and Speakers Welcome. Additional fees apply for spouses, guests, and children.  
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**WATERPROOFING**



**AIR & VAPOR BARRIER**

**FIRESTOP & SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR**

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025

### WINDSONG BALLROOM 7-12

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| 7:30 am - 9:30 am   | Conference Registration Open   |
| 7:30 am - 11:00 am  | Trade Show Floor Open  |
| 7:30 am - 8:00 am   | FCIA Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors<br>Sponsored by TBD   |
| 8:00 am - 9:00 am   | Life Safety in Action: Navigating Firestop Work in Healthcare Facilities<br>Mark Schultz, CHFM, HCA Healthcare |
| 9:00 am - 9:15 am   | Break<br>Sponsored by TBD  |
| 9:15 am - 10:15 am  | Safety Doesn't Happen By Chance!<br>Sheryl Tricocci, CFPS, SET, MBA, NFPA                                      |
| 10:15 am - 11:00 am | The Most Important Boring Thing You'll Ever Hear About<br>Bill McHugh, FCIA   Rich Walke, CTI                  |
| 11:00 am            | FCIA Firestop Industry<br>Conference & Trade Show Ends   |

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## SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025**

**8:00 am - 8:30 am**

### **FCIA: The Vision, The Mission, The Association**

Bill McHugh, FCIA

What exactly does Firestop Contractors International Association do? In this session, you'll learn about the origins of the FCIA, what our mission and guiding principles are, and how we advocate and work to further the industry. But most importantly, you'll learn how you can do your part to grow the firestop and effective compartmentation industry.

**8:30 am - 11:30 am**

### **FCIA Education for the FM & UL Firestop Exams**

Rich Walke, CTI

The FM & UL Firestop Exams are based on FCIA's Firestop Manual of Practice (MOP), the FM & UL program guides, and systems selection and analysis. These exams are used for contractor personnel to become FM 4991 Approved Contractor and UL Qualified Contractor Program DRIs.

For Special Inspectors, passing the exam

proves firestopping competency to the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ), required by the IBC's Chapter 17. Passing an exam is also a requirement in IAS AC 291 for the Inspector to become a Responsible Person.

The FCIA Education for the Firestop Exams education sessions help prepare individuals and support individual preparation for these rigorous exams, further strengthening and developing firestopping knowledge.

*\*This program IS NO SUBSTITUTE for reading FCIA's Firestop Manual of Practice and studying the FM & UL program guides and systems selection and analysis before the exams.*

**11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

### **Quality Management System Manual Development: A How-To Session**

Joanna Blaney, FM Approvals | Mark St.

Onge, UL Solutions | Rich Walke, CTI

This session takes an in-depth look at the Quality Management System Manual requirements for the FM 4991 Approved, UL Solutions Qualified Firestop Contractor, and IAS AC 291 Accreditation programs. The session also provides tips and a framework for structuring and writing a comprehensive QMS Manual.





## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025

8:00 am - 8:20 am

### FCIA President's Welcome, Association Comments, & Board Candidate Introductions

Gus Mancini, 2025 FCIA Board President |  
Bill McHugh, FCIA

Hear from the 2025 Board President and meet the 2025 Board of Directors candidates. Then, hear about all the exciting new things happening at FCIA.

8:20 am - 9:20 am

### Resilient Leadership on Purpose

Linda Edgecombe, Learning Resources

Join us for this interactive, keynote as we look at what it takes to Lead more intentionally to re-engage you and your teams. Come and get the Energy Boost you have been looking for.

9:20 am - 10:20 am

### Software Demo Session

Looking for a software solution for Change Orders? Bids? The make sure to attend this software demo session where software providers provide real-time demos, then make time to meet with them during the trade show.

11:30 am - 4:30 pm

### The "I Don't Want to Golf" Outing

A culinary adventure awaits for those who'd rather sauté than swing. Skip the greens and step into the kitchen on the "I Don't Want to Golf" Tour. We head to a hands-on cooking class where our mantra is, "May the Forks Be With You".

12:00 pm - 5:30 pm

### FCIA Memorial Golf Tournament

Proceeds from the tournament and sponsorships fund the FCIA President's Memorial Scholarship(s) for FPE and CM students.

This year's outing is OFF-SITE, so make sure you don't miss the bus. Literally!

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025

7:00 am - 7:45 am

### Women in Firestopping Networking Breakfast

Start your day with purpose and connection at the Women in Firestopping Networking Breakfast. This gathering is more than a meal—it's a chance to spark meaningful conversations, share insights, and celebrate the contributions of women shaping the firestop industry. Whether you're just stepping into the field or bringing years of experience, you'll find an energizing space to build lasting relationships, exchange ideas, and inspire one another toward greater impact and leadership in our profession.

8:00 am - 8:45 am

### Closed Contractor & Inspection Agency Session

#### Firestops with Unprotected Steel Members

Matthew Winston, HILTI

Firestop applications arise from model building code requirements which aim to protect fire resistance rated assemblies. Yet not every building element critical to life safety is required to have fire resistance ratings by these same codes. Unprotected steel members are allowed by building codes in conditions where they interact with firestop systems. Many times it is impossible to avoid having unprotected steel as part of the firestop system itself.

This presentation explores the code pathway and examples of when firestop systems must incorporate unprotected steel members. It also addresses the technical challenges highlighted when testing firestop systems involving unprotected steel. The goal is for participants to understand why this interaction happens, and the steps that can be taken to advance life safety through compartmentation.





## SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

**8:45 am - 9:45 am**

### **How Have Tariffs Impacted Construction & What To Expect In 2026**

Richard Branch, Free Agent Economist

This year has been fraught with uncertainty around tariffs, labor, and the track of interest rates. This session will focus on how those issues impacted construction in 2025, and what might change in 2026.

**10:00 am - 11:00 am**

### **High Rise Healing: Ten Years After – Trends, Lessons and Forecasts**

Doug King, AIA, NCARB, ACHA, Project Management Advisors Inc.

The genre of High-Rise Health Facilities started with Douglas King's blog in 2015 asking "Are We Ready for High Rise Hospitals". This blog post, which was a viral post in the BD+C and AIA Networks, beget the first (and only) article published in the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitats Journal (CTBUH) in the spring of 2016 on this subject. This article led to a conference held in Chicago - sponsored by the Chicago Committee on High Rise Buildings on the subject of High-Rise Healing.

The challenges and opportunities for enhanced healing presented by high-rise healthcare solutions will be the subject of this presentation. The speaker will address "drivers" for why health facilities seek vertical solutions in a variety of campus settings and will discuss where these genre of structures are being built. The presentation will articulate a wide range of key technical aspects of these facilities, including legacy lessons on creation of the "adaptable healthcare chassis" and breakthroughs in vertical transportation; with implementing cutting edge ideas such as the growing use of AI and Robotics to move materials through these structures and the emergence of "intelligent building systems in healthcare settings" allowing for enhanced patient experience.

As a highlight - the presenter will address the important aspects of "defend in place strategies", stressing the vital contributions fire stopping offers to the overall successful compartmentalization and safety in these large, complex structures.

**11:15 am -12:15 pm**

### **Firestop Solutions for Plastic Pipes**

3M | HILTI | Metacaulk | Specified Technologies, Inc.

This panel of firestop system experts comes together to address your burning questions on how to approach fire-resistance for combustible plastic pipes.

**1:00 pm - 2:15 pm**

### **Demo Round Robin - Firestop Solutions for Plastic Pipes**

3M | HILTI | Metacaulk | Specified Technologies, Inc.

In this small group round robin, attendees will rotate between four action stations covering various options and scenarios for firestop solutions for combustible plastic pipes. Visit each action station to learn each manufacturer's approach to the field challenges you encounter every day.

**2:30 pm - 3:00 pm**

### **The Partner Programs: News You Can Use**

Joanna Blaney, FM Approvals | Mark St. Ouge, UL Solutions

This session looks at program and company updates from FM Approvals and UL Solutions that affect you.

**3:00 pm - 3:45 pm**

### **Exhibitor Member Updates**

FIC '25 exhibitors take the stage to announce new products and company news!



**4:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

### **Closed Contractor & Inspection Agency Session**

#### **Driving Efficiency and Compliance with STI's Digital Ecosystem**

Tyler Babb, Specified Technologies Inc.

In today's fast-paced construction environment, contractors are under increasing pressure to deliver projects on time, within budget, and in full compliance with life safety codes. Specified Technologies Inc. (STI) is helping meet that challenge with a suite of powerful digital solutions designed to simplify firestop planning, installation, and inspection.

This presentation will introduce attendees to Firestop Clash Manager (FCM) and Firestop Locator (FSL)—two connected, innovative technologies that streamline workflows, reduce costly delays, and ensure code compliance from design through project closeout.

- Firestop Clash Manager (FCM): An advanced Revit plugin that identifies and resolves firestop clashes early in the design phase, saving contractors time, reducing rework, and improving coordination across trades.
- Firestop Locator (FSL): A mobile-

friendly platform that tracks, documents, and manages firestop installations in the field, giving contractors real-time visibility, simplifying inspection preparation, and providing a digital record for ongoing compliance. FSL integrates seamlessly with FCM to ensure what is designed in FCM is automatically transferred to FSL, saving time and optimizing efficiency.

Attendees will learn how these tools not only work smarter but also enhance collaboration between contractors, designers, and inspectors—helping projects move forward smoothly and with confidence.

By leveraging STI's digital ecosystem, contractors gain a competitive edge while ensuring their work meets the highest standards of safety and quality.

**5:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

### **FCIA Contractor & Inspection Agency Members Only Session**

Let your voice be heard in this FCIA Contractor & Inspection Agency Members Only session. Ask questions. Provide input. Address your Board and Leadership. Put this session to work for you.







## SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025**

**8:00 am - 9:00 am**

### **Life Safety in Action: Navigating Firestop Work in Healthcare Facilities** Mark Schultz, HCA Healthcare

Hospitals are some of the most challenging—and critical—environments for firestop contractors to work in. This session explores how life safety requirements in healthcare occupancies are shaped by patient protection, complex building systems, and regulatory oversight.

We'll break down practical strategies for navigating the hospital hierarchy, from facility managers to infection control teams, and share tips for setting your crews up for success in these unique conditions. Attendees will gain a deeper understanding of why healthcare life safety requirements are so stringent, what it takes to maintain compliance, and how to strengthen and create long-term relationships with hospital stakeholders while delivering top-quality firestop installations.

**9:15 am - 10:15 am**

### **Safety Doesn't Happen By Chance!** Sheryl Tricoci, CFPS, SET, MBA, NFPA

In this session, attendees will learn how NFPA's more than 300 Codes and Standards keep them and their loved ones safe every day. We explore the mission of NFPA, the Fire & Life Safety Ecosystem, the current assault on Safety, The Pro Codes Act, and how everyone can participate in the process of keeping themselves and their loved ones safe - now and in the future!

**10:15 am - 11:00 am**

### **The Most Important Boring Thing You'll Ever Hear About**

Bill McHugh, FCIA | Rich Walke, CTI

The Building and Fire Code Development Process at the International Code Council, NFPA, National Building / Fire Code of Canada, and other codes, is as dull as it gets. However, industries can appear or disappear by a code proposal eliminating the industry.

This session covers what we'll be discussing at the upcoming ICC Code Development Committee Action Hearings in October, Public Comment Hearing in April, 2026, summer NFPA Fire Protection Features Committee. Meeting in summer, 2026, Canada codes too. Don't miss it!





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