'Just What is Required for Certification Under the UL QFCP (Qualified Firestop Contractors Program?'



Bill McHugh FCIA Executive Director

Pamela Blanchette, Operations Manager for the UL QFCP, UL

Matt Schumann, Industry Manager, Resistance and Containment, UL

FCIA: Who Are We?

FCIA is a worldwide professional trade association of Contractors, Manufacturers, Consultants, Distributors and Manufacturer Representatives dedicated to the installation and maintenance of Life-Safety Firestop Systems.

FCIA's goals have been - and continue to be - focused on building reliability of Firestop Systems through the **DIIM of Firestopping™** - proper Design, Installation, Inspection, Maintenance and Management.



- Advocating for the trade internationally through:
 - Specifications, Building and Fire Codes, 3rd Party Accreditation Programs
- Education
 - Architects/Specifiers (Design), Code/Civil/Gov't Officials (Inspection), Facility Engineers (Maintenance)



FCIA: How Do We Do This?

- 3rd Party Contractor Company Accreditation
 - FM 4991 Approved
 - UL/ULC Qualified Contractor Programs
- 3rd Party Inspection Agency Accreditation
 - IAS AC 291 Accreditation
- Firestop & Fire Resistance Industry Advocacy
- Chair, ASTM Inspection Standards
- FREE MOP/Spec for
 - Architects & Specifiers with Design firms
 - Governmental AHJs
 - Facility Management at Healthcare and Education facilities
- FCIA FREE Monthly Educational Webinar Series
- FREE Life Safety Digest subscriptions
- Tools for Specifiers, Contractors, Consultants,
 Manufacturers, Distributors, Manufacturers Reps







Underwriters Laboratories® Laboratoires des Assureurs

Qualified Firestop Contractor Program Qualified Firestop Contractor Program







FCIA: How Do I Become Part of the Action?

Membership in FCIA is open to Firestop Contractors, Manufacturers, Consultants, Distributors and Manufacturer Representatives, Special Inspection Agencies & Friends

FCIA Members find value in aligning with the organization in a variety of ways.

- Online Company Exposure @ FCIA.org Member List
 - #1 search result on Google, Firestop Contractors
- Company exposure through FCIA participation in various industry events and tradeshows
- Promotion of Specialty Firestop Contractor concept at Code & Specification Organizations
- FCIA Members ONLY pricing: FCIA MOP, Conference attendance, Life Safety Digest advertising
- Networking opportunities with other like-minded companies and individuals
- Much More!

For more information on how to join, visit www.FCIA.org/membership.htm.



What is "TOTAL FIRE PROTECTION"?

- Effective Compartmentation
 - Fire Barriers, Fire Walls/Floors, Smoke Barriers
 - Firestopping, Fire Dampers, Swinging and Rolling Fire Doors, Fire-Rated Glazing
- Detection & Alarm Systems
- Sprinkler Suppression Systems
- Education & Egress—
 - Building Owners & Managers, Building Occupants and Firefighters









Buildings are Safe Because....

- Total Fire Protection Stats -North America High Rise
- 11,025 Tall Buildings 20 + stories
- 70% in NY, SF, LA, CHI, HI, Toronto...
 - 2/3 Canada's high rise built before 1985
- = Compartmentation Primary in Older Structures
 - Chicago, NY, Toronto Older stock of buildings
 - SF, LA, HON Earthquakes

Source, Emporis.com



Buildings are Safe Because....

• Total Fire Protection = Safer buildings...

- Compartmentation
- Sprinklers, Alarms,
- Egress Strategies
- NIST Reports...



"DIIM"

- Barriers are for Safety DIIM
 - Properly *Designed* and Specified
 - Tested and Listed Systems Directories,
 - Professional *Installation* Companies
 - Properly *Inspected* Commissioned
 - *Maintained* Annually
 - NFPA 101
 - International Fire Code
 - International Property Maintenance Code
 - It's required by Code
 - Minimize Liability
 - Protect Occupants

Thank you for attending FCIA's webinar today.

Copies of this presentation will be available online at www.fcia.org/articles/presentations.htm.





Bill McHugh, Executive Director, FCIA bill@FCIA.org

'Just What is Required for Certification Under the UL QFCP (Qualified Firestop Contractors Program?'



Bill McHugh FCIA Executive Director

Pamela Blanchette, Operations Manager for the UL QFCP, UL

Matt Schumann, Industry Manager, Resistance and Containment, UL