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**FCIA**   
Firestop Contractors International Association



Greetings fellow FCIA Members and Industry leaders.

As current President of the FCIA, I'd like to welcome you to the first-ever FCIA Education & Committee Action Hybrid Conference. We are excited to continue to offer a virtual component to the traditional ECA conference experience, one where you'll find the use of innovative technologies to bring a new type of conference and Committee Action Meeting offering to our membership.

As expected, in-person attendance brings a conference experience quite unique from past ECA events, as we follow the latest guidelines from IHG, the KCMO Health Department, and the CDC related to COVID-19 throughout the course of the event. Although different from years past, you'll find that we are still providing education sessions packed with valuable and relevant content designed to help you and your companies successfully navigate the road ahead.

To those of you attending virtually, thank you for remaining engaged despite these challenging and difficult times. I am confident you'll find great value in your experience over the next few days. And while we will miss seeing you face-to-face, we are grateful for your continued participation.

I am excited to see the level of engagement from our Contractor, Manufacturer, and Associate members throughout such a challenging year. Thank you for your continued support of and membership in our Association. Your commitment to our industry continues to set you apart as true industry leaders, and we are all better served as a result.

It is because of that support that we can continue to develop cutting-edge education, programs, and initiatives that blaze trails, including new geographic growth for third-party accreditation programs and continued development of the FCIA Manual of Practice. We are excited to announce more new developments in each of these areas. All of this further benefits the fire- and life-safety industry.

Thankfully, we can report that the Association continues to remain on sound financial footing. Given the times, it is more important than ever to remain involved, to support FCIA's goals and initiatives whenever possible, and to invite another Specialty Firestop Installation Contractor to become a member.

I'd like to thank the members of our Program Committee and the talented staff at The Mchugh Company who have worked so diligently to provide us with exceptional programs this year, including this Hybrid Conference. Your courage and leadership benefit us all. In fact, all of our Committees continue to remain active, and I am extremely grateful for the continued engagement with our Association and industry. While we have been so well-served by our past and present Committees, I am eager to see the many great contributions that will be made by future Committee members. So, I invite those not currently involved to join a Committee and allow our membership the great benefit of your contributions. This is how FCIA has accomplished so much in the last 20 plus years.

Finally, please be sure to mark your calendars for FIC '21, the Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show, which heads to San Diego, CA this November 2-5, 2021.

Again, thank you for the time and investment in joining us this week. I am certain we will all benefit greatly from the many excellent sessions over the next few days. I look forward to your feedback and active engagement into all that we are doing. Together we will continue to push our industry forward.

Have a wonderful event!



Benjamin Urcavich, 2020-2021 FCIA President

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The Accreditation Committee collaborated with FM Approvals and UL-ULC to develop the FM 4991, The Standard for the Approval of Firestop Contractors Program and the UL-ULC Qualified Firestop Contractors Program. This Committee works with FCIA members to increase the number of FM 4991 Approved and UL-ULC Qualified Contractors worldwide, while performing ongoing maintenance to the standard and qualification programs.

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The Advisory Committee is comprised of Past Presidents who are not on the current board and are consulted at the discretion of the presiding FCIA Board of Directors for advice and development of existing programs and new initiatives. The group's mission is to perform special projects as assigned by the Board of Directors and/or President. The group, or a representative of the Committee, may attend board meetings if invited by the President.

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The Apprenticeship Committee's mission is to develop firestopping into a recognized trade for union and non-union entities alike, using firestop/containment worker apprenticeship documents, standards, and workforce education as the vehicle to get this done.

FCIA's Apprenticeship Committee develops education documents, programs, videos, tools, and more for instructors and workers who are students of the firestopping trade.

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The Canada Committee's mission is to promote the 'DIIM' of Firestopping in Canada, as FCIA does worldwide. To accomplish this, we educate on the Specialty Firestop Contractor concept, the FM 4991 Approved and ULC Qualified Contractor Programs, and the ASTM E 2174/2393 inspection Standards, while supporting and developing FCIA's membership in Canada. The Committee works with the National Research Council of Canada, as well as speaks with and liaisons with key design, specification, code officials, and Fire Marshals.

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The FCIA Code Committee works with Bill Koffel (Koffel Associates) to build code development proposals to improve the reliability of installed firestopping in buildings, in addition to adding clarity to the codes. The Code Committee's objectives are to:

- Provide Code change proposals that bring better fire and life safety in buildings through properly 'D'esigned, 'I'nstalled, 'I'nspected, and 'M'aintained Protection of Firestopping and other fire protection features;
- Monitor the required use of firestopping in the model building codes;
- Provide testimony at hearings when necessary and promote and defend the industry's position for firestopping and effective compartmentation;
- Manage and work with the FCIA Code Consultant, form relationships at ICC and NFPA hearings, and represent FCIA in work on the NFPA Fire Protection Features Committee.

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The International Task Group develops FCIA membership and programs internationally, while looking to develop widespread acceptance of the Specialty Firestop Contractor concept. The Task Group educates about the International Building Codes and NFPA Life Safety Codes in many regions of the world.

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The FCIA Legislative Committee monitors legislation of concern at local and national levels that directly affect Specialty Firestop Installation Contractors and the labor supply used by firms. Some of the key objectives the Committee works on are: follow legislation for licensing by other trades who are invading firestopping, and then organizing FCIA Members to oppose/support legislation; organize legislation for promotion of the firestop industry and FCIA Members; and, determine the resource needs required and work with the Board to satisfy these needs.

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The FCIA Marketing Committee is responsible for FCIA's exposure to the global construction industry. Through promotion of FCIA at trade shows, outside speaking engagements, articles, and distribution of marketing and educational tools made available from FCIA Committees, the Marketing Committee works hard to promote the importance of using a Specialty Firestop Installation Contractor and FCIA Members.

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The Membership Committee is responsible for building member benefits to create value for members, both new and existing. The Committee is also responsible for contacting potential new members and communicating the benefits of FCIA membership worldwide, as well as building ways to retain existing members as one of the essential keys to the maintaining the forward progress and growth of the Association.

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The Program Committee works with FCIA staff to create dynamic technical programming and events at exciting locations for FCIA's Conferences and Trade Shows - ECA, the FCIA Education and Committee Action Conference, and FIC, the FCIA Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show.



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The Standards Committee researches, develops, documents, and revises standards proposals to be submitted for approval by standards organizations, such as ASTM International, Underwriters Laboratories (UL), the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and other standards development organizations. The Committee also collaborated with International Accreditation Services to add firestopping to the IAS AC 291 Accreditation for Firestop Inspection Agencies program.

FCIA's Standards Committee Chairs the ASTM E 2174 and ASTM E 2393 Standards Committees, continuing to drive their development. Additionally, the Committee brings practical field condition experience to the ASTM E 05 and E 06 Committees, as well as participates on UL's Standards Technical Panels for test standard development organizations.

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The FCIA Technical Committee develops and maintains the FCIA Firestop Manual of Practice. The group works through Task Groups to develop written documents and presentations for Education of those who need to know about Firestopping – from office personnel to all levels of the workforce, including apprentices and more. The committee also develops “Standard Answers” that are located on the website as FCIA Technical Resources. These resource articles are for FCIA Member use as an objective 3rd party article to support contractor members’ submittals and other situations where a generic answer is required from an industry Trade Association..

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The Technical & Education (TE) Committee Task Group, Education develops and promotes education programs for Specialty Firestop Installation Contractors and Special Inspection Agency personnel that address technical and industry issues, such as the FCIA Certificate of Achievement Education Program. The Task Group also develops education for other important organization audiences that are interested in and influence Firestopping and Effective Compartmentation and is working on the FCIA Apprenticeship Standards and educational materials associated with the initiative.

**FCIA Education & Committee Action Conference**  
**The InterContinental Hotel Kansas City at the Plaza**  
**Kansas City, MO**



**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

*FCIA Education Sessions help FCIA Members attain and maintain FM 4991 Approved or UL-ULC Qualified Firestop DRI status, Firestop Inspectors to prove competence to AHJ's or International Accreditation Services IAS AC 291 Special Inspection Agency responsible individual status.*

**Monday, May 10, 2021**

**Pavilion One**

11:30 am – 5:00 pm	<b>Registration Open</b>
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	<b>Lunch for Quality Management System and Firestop Exam Education Session Attendees</b> <i>Sponsored by FCIA Silver Members: Construction Specialties Inc.   Fireline 520, an Inpro Co.   ROCKWOOL, Inc.</i>
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	<b>FCIA NEW Member Session – What is FCIA? What does it do?</b> <b>**Open to all FCIA ECA Conference Attendees**</b>
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	<b>FCIA Education for the FM &amp; UL-ULC Firestop Exams</b> <b><i>Rich Walke, CTI for FCIA</i></b> The FM & UL-ULC 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-ULC 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. This program IS NO SUBSTITUE for reading FCIA's Firestop Manual of Practice and studying the FM & UL program guides and systems selection and analysis before the exams. The Test Prep Sessions help prepare individuals for the FM & UL-ULC Firestop Exams and help support individual preparation for these rigorous exams, further strengthening your firestopping knowledge.
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	<b>Break</b> <b><i>Sponsored by FCIA</i></b>
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	<b>FCIA Education for the FM &amp; UL-ULC Firestop Exams, continued</b> <b><i>Rich Walke, CTI for FCIA</i></b>
3:45 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>FCIA Management System Manual Development Education</b> <b><i>Rich Walke, CTI for FCIA   Joseph Nunes, FM Approvals   Ruben Sandoval, UL LLC</i></b> Pursuing FM 4991 Approval or UL-ULC Qualification or IAS Accreditation? This session takes an in-depth look at the Quality Management System Manual required by the program and contains tips for how to write one for your company. It also covers what questions might be on the exam – both quality management and firestopping.

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**Tuesday, May 11, 2021**

**Pavilion One**

7:30 am – 5:00 pm	<b>Conference Registration Open</b>
7:45 am – 8:30 am	<b>Continental Breakfast for FM &amp; UL-ULC Firestop Exam Education Session Attendees</b> <i>Sponsored by FCIA Gold Members: Thermafiber, Inc. (an Owens Corning Co.)</i>
8:30 am – 12:00 pm	<b>FM &amp; UL-ULC Firestop Exam for DRI Candidates &amp; Inspection Personnel</b> Note: The UL-ULC Firestop Exam is an OPEN BOOK exam. UL Exam Participants MUST provide their own copy of the FCIA Manual of Practice. The ULC Addendum covers questions specific to Canada. The FM Firestop Exam DOES NOT allow use of the MOP during the exam.



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**Tuesday, May 11, 2021**

**Salons 2 & 3**

7:30 am – 5:00 pm

**Conference Registration Open**

12:30 pm – 1:15 pm

**Welcome Lunch**  
*Sponsored by CSW Industrials Co.*

1:15 pm – 1:30 pm

**FCIA President’s Welcome & Association Comments**  
*Ben Urcavich, FCIA 2020-21 President | Bill McHugh, FCIA Executive Director*

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

**Keynote Session: Four Critical Decisions**  
*Kenn Kington*

With his work, Kenn has met and worked with some of the most successful people in every walk of life. This has been an unexpected education. Working with and around these leaders, he noticed some common threads. It wasn’t talent or ability or even opportunity that generated their achievements. In conversations, he would ask simple questions, and the answers from these amazing people were stunning. They always had a story and a simple commonality: they not only found success in their profession but an uncommon balance in life and overcoming everyday challenges. He also noticed two wonderful things. These successful people made decisions that the average person simply does not make, decisions which fell into four basic categories. Further, when applied, these decisions work every time!

Discover the Four Critical Decisions successful people make and begin experiencing the balance and fulfillment life was meant to be.

2:30 pm – 3:15 pm

**Partnership Program Updates**

- **FM 4991 Approved Contractor Program | Daniel Boardman, FM Approvals**
- **UL-ULC Qualified Firestop Contractor Program | Ruben Sandoval, UL LLC**
- **IAS AC 291 Company Accreditation | Bill McHugh, FCIA**

FCIA collaborated with FM & UL to develop and supports - both the FM 4991 Approved and the UL-ULC Qualified Firestop Contractor Programs that result in an accredited Firestop Contractor Company. FCIA also collaborated with IAS to build the firestopping section in the IAS AC 291 Accreditation Criteria specifically for Firestop Inspection Agency Companies. This session will look at program updates and initiatives for each.

3:30 pm – 5:30 pm  
 Two 45-minute sessions

**FCIA Committee Reports & Committee Action Roundtable Sessions**  
*(All FCIA Members welcome)*

Visit with FCIA Committees and Members for two sessions of interactive FCIA Committee Roundtable meetings. Meet the Committee members, hear about current and future Committee work, and find the Committee that best suits your talents!

	<b>Pavilion 1</b>	<b>Pavilion 3</b>	<b>Pavilion 7</b>
<b>3:45 pm – 4:30 pm</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Accreditation</b>
<b>4:45 pm – 5:30 pm</b>	<b>Inspection</b>	<b>Marketing &amp; Membership</b>	<b>Codes &amp; Standards</b>

**Rooftop Ballroom**

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

**Seated Welcome Reception (Subject to Kansas City restrictions)**  
*Attendees, Spouses, Guests and Speakers Welcome*  
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**Wednesday, May 12, 2021**

**Salons 2 & 3**

- 7:30 am – 5:00 pm **Conference Registration Open**
- 7:30 am – 8:00 am **FCIA Continental Breakfast**  
*Sponsored by Thermafiber, Inc. (an Owens Corning Co.)*
- 8:00 am – 9:00 am **What to Expect from Third-Party Inspections – Part II**  
*Eric Bergman, Braun Intertec | Mark St. Onge, UL | Patrick Tesche, Global Fire Protection Group, LLC*  
Join this program that outlines key components of the ASTM E 2174, *Standard Practice for On-Site Inspection of Installed Firestop Systems* and ASTM E 2393, *Standard Practice for On-Site Inspection of Installed Fire Resistive Joint Systems and Perimeter Fire Barriers*. Listen as third-party Special Inspection Agencies get into details, grey areas, issues in the inspection process, and more.
- 9:00 am – 9:15 am **Break**  
*Sponsored by Sponsored by Fireline 520, an Inpro Co.*
- 9:15 am – 10:15 am **The Pandemic is Not Yet Over! A Discussion on COVID-19 in the Construction Workplace**  
*Philip Siegel, Esq., Hendrick, Phillips, Salzman & Siegel, P.C.*  
During this one-hour session, we will discuss timely concerns with COVID-19 in the workplace, including a discussion on whether companies can implement a policy requiring the COVID-19 vaccination as a condition of employment, a discussion on applicable safety standards addressing the COVID-19 hazard in the workplace, and a discussion on contractual provisions that provide protection from COVID-19 related liabilities. The session also covers whether COVID-19 in the workplace is subject to worker's compensation benefits, and whether instances of COVID-19 in the workplace are recordable under OSHA recordkeeping requirements.
- 10:15 am – 10:30 am **Break**  
*Sponsored by Construction Specialties, Inc.*
- 10:30 am – 11:30 am **Challenges Associated with Building Code Enforcement**  
*Tim Ryan, International Association of Building Code Officials*  
As a code official and active code development participant, Tim sees firestopping and effective compartmentation from a different perspective. This program focuses on how the code official approves Firestop Special Inspection Agencies, Inspectors, and how much detail goes into firestopping at the jurisdictional level. He also will address jurisdiction code requirement differences, what happens when constructability issues arise in the field, documentation needed, and liability associated with this age-old comment – *'the inspector passed it'*, all from a code official's perspective.
- 11:30 am – 12:30 pm **The Post(?)-Pandemic Outlook for Construction**  
*Ken Simonsen, AGC's Chief Economist*  
What happened in 2020? What did/will contractors do as a result of COVID-19? What is the construction economy going to do in 2021 and beyond? Who will be building or renovating buildings in the Post-COVID 19? What type of buildings? Public? Private? Commercial, Industrial, Institutional, Multifamily? Single Family? What regions? Will building owners have money to maintain protection in buildings? Don't miss this look inside the construction economy's 'crystal ball'.
- 12:30 pm – 1:15 pm **Luncheon**  
*Sponsored by 3M Fire Protection Products*

**Wednesday, May 12, 2021**

**Salons 2 & 3**

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

**Hospitals, ASHE, TJC, Fire-Resistance, and Firestopping**

***Jonathan Flannery, MHSA, FASHE, FACHE, American Society for Health Care Engineering (ASHE)***

We welcome back Jonathan Flannery, ASHE's Sr. Associate Director, Advocacy, to FCIA's ECA Conference. In this program, Jonathan provides insight into The Joint Commission activities and fire-resistance violations found during audits. Learn what's going on in the hospital environment as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Are there financial repercussions from the pandemic? Are government grants coming to hospitals for physical plant work? Are there new rules for infection control, germ resistant assemblies? What about new contractor and in-house personnel restrictions/rules when working in post-COVID-19 facilities? Jonathan always brings a program chock full of facts and future forecasts about these topics and more that we all can learn from.

2:30 pm – 2:45 pm

***Break***

***Sponsored by ROCKWOOL, Inc.***

2:45 pm – 3:45 pm

**A GC's Perspective on Firestopping**

***Corey Zussman, Pepper Construction***

Corey returns to FCIA to cover new topics. This time, we'll unravel how to get firestopping 'constructability' accomplished on a new construction project. We'll look at typical GC concerns with our firestopping industry, legal issues if specifications are not followed that require FM 4991 or UL Contractors, a GC's view on firestop special inspections, and the effect it is having on projects. Plus, he'll cover what our industry needs to do to have a Specialty Firestop Installation Contractor on projects all the time. Don't miss this.

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm

***Break***

***Sponsored by FCIA***

4:00 pm – 5:45 pm

**FCIA Contractor Members Only Session**

**Rooftop Ballroom**

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

**FCIA Seated Networking Reception (Subject to Kansas City restrictions)**

*Attendees, Spouses, Guests and Speakers Welcome*

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**Thursday, May 13, 2021**

**Salons 2 & 3**

- 7:30 am – 9:30 am **Conference Registration Open**
- 7:30 am – 8:00 am **FCIA Continental Breakfast**  
*Sponsored by FCIA Platinum Members: | 3M Fire Protection Products | CSW Industrials Company | Hilti Inc. | Specified Technologies, Inc.*
- 8:00 am – 9:00 am **A Look at the 2024 Code Cycle and Proposals**  
*Bill Koffel, P.E., FSPE, Koffel Associates, FCIA's Code Consultant*  
The International Building Code (IBC), International Fire Code (IFC) are part of the International Code Council's Family of Codes. The IBC and IFC is intended to protect public health and safety while avoiding both unnecessary costs and preferential treatment of specific materials or methods of construction. Getting a code proposal drafted, submitted, and passed is a long and detailed process, but one that FCIA has navigated successfully. Attend this session for a look at the FCIA code proposals, as well as others, for the current 2024 International Building Code. We'll also dive into the NFPA 1, NFPA 101/5000 - development cycle.
- 9:00 am – 10:00 am **Fire Dampers, Fire/Smoke Dampers, Ceiling/Radiation Dampers**  
*Kent Maune, RUSKIN*  
Kent shares his 35 years of Damper development, testing, and field application of these important items that keep fire (and smoke) contained. There are new developments with remote inspection technologies. Plus, Kent covers some of the key issues missed in the field with fire, smoke, and ceiling radiation dampers. Don't miss this program on key Fire and Smoke Damper technical, inspection, and maintenance issues.
- 10:00 am – 11:00 am **Center for Campus Fire Safety**  
*Justin Daniels, Oklahoma University and Center for Campus Fire Safety*  
Join Justin to learn more about the role of the fire-marshal/emergency operations personnel at the college/university campus. What about fire-resistance-rated and smoke-resistant assemblies on campus? What codes apply to these institutions? What perspectives does this industry have for the Barrier Management Services Contractor? Don't miss hearing about how the Center for Campus Fire Safety helps keep people safe through their association initiatives.
- 11:00 am – 11:30 am **Closing Remarks**  
*Bill McHugh, FCIA Executive Director | Ben Urcavich, FCIA 2020-21 President*
- 11:30 am **FCIA Education & Committee Action Conference Ends**



**Make your plans to attend FIC '21, FCIA's Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show,  
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If everyone at FCIA educates someone about what firestopping and effective compartmentation is – and the importance of our industry – we'll make a difference in the demand for safe buildings delivered by FCIA Members.

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, Ben Urcavich, 2020-21 FCIA President

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The Technical & Education (TE) Committee Task Group, Manual of Practice works with the Accreditation, Education, and Apprenticeship Committees to write and maintain the FCIA Firestop Industry Manual of Practice (MOP). The industry resource guide was developed to create a living body of knowledge for Specialty Firestop Installation Contractors and others in the industry to study and is the basis of the FM 4991 Approved and UL-ULC Qualified Firestop Contractor Program Firestop Exams for becoming Designated Responsible Individuals (DRI's).



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Eric is the technical expert for Firestop Special Inspections and Barrier Management at Braun Intertec. He manages all firestop special inspection services for Braun markets and is active in the International Firestop Council (IFC), Firestop Contractors International Association (FCIA), ASHE, ASTM E05 and E06 Committees, NFPA, and the development of firestop education, codes, and standards.

Eric is in his 24th year in the specialty construction and the special inspection industry. Joining Braun in 2018 has allowed Eric to continue to develop his expertise in perimeter fire containment, joint and penetration firestopping, fire-rated wrap enclosures, fireproofing, and NFPA 285 Special Inspection. He developed and maintains a training program for all existing employees and created an employee training program for all new hires.

He is active at all FCIA conferences and is involved with the Inspection committee. In addition, he also serves as co-chair of the Inspectors Committee for the International Firestop Council and chairs the special inspector's seminar task group. He continues to be a lead firestop services educator in all markets served nationwide.

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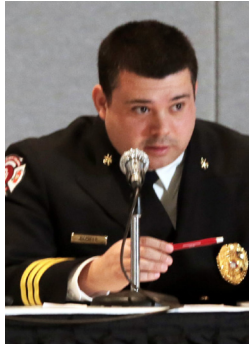
Daniel Boardman, a Technical Team Manager at FM Approvals, has been involved in the fire protection industry for over 15 years.

A graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute with a master's degree in Fire Protection Engineering, Dan started his career as a contractor for the United States Navy working with Virginia Class Submarine fire safety systems.

In 2006, Dan joined FM Approvals as an engineer, handling test programs in various areas including firestopping, insulation, roofing, and wall materials. Dan went on to work for several years at FM Global in the Fire Hazards and Protection Research Group, directing testing on the flammability of materials and fire protection of buildings. Dan rejoined the FM Approvals Materials Group in 2013 and currently leads a team of engineers with various responsibilities, including Firetopping and the FM 4991 Approved Firestop Contractors Program.

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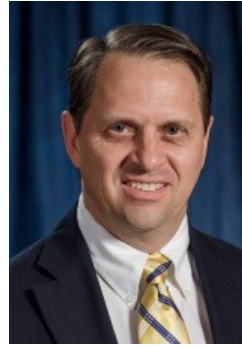
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Justin started working in the fire marshal's office at the University of Oklahoma in February 2002. In February 2008, Justin became a Certified Fire Inspector, promoted to Assistant Fire Marshal in January 2013, and then to Fire Marshal in August 2013.

As Fire Marshal, his duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to: fire inspections for all 320 existing buildings on campus; fire and life safety training for faculty, staff, and students; plan review for new buildings and existing facility remodels; fire drills; fireworks and open flame permits; assist with game day operations and other special events; fire investigation; supervision of Fire Inspectors; and to ensure all fire and life safety systems on campus are inspected and maintained. Justin is also responsible for Emergency Management Operations and serves as the OU Emergency Operations Center manager.

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Jonathan has 30+ years of health care engineering experience and continues to serve as part of ASHE's educational faculty.

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Headquartered in the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan area, Koffel Associates Inc. provides services and support in the following areas: consulting; engineering design & construction administration; Codes & Standards development; seminar development & training; product testing & evaluation/representation; and litigation support to public and private clients worldwide.

Bill remains active in the development process of the industry's governing Codes, Standards and design guidelines, including International Code Council (ICC), NFPA, the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE), and Underwriters Laboratory (UL). A former Code Official with the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office, Mr. Koffel is a Past President and Fellow of the SFPE.

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Kent has developed seminars and trained Code Officials, Engineers, Fire Marshals, Architects, and Sheet Metal Contractors on Fire/Smoke Damper Installation and Options and Variations.

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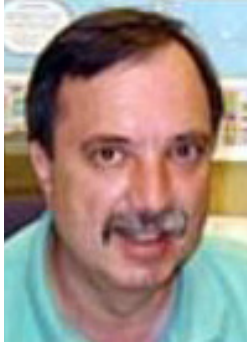
Bill McHugh has been the Executive Director of the Firestop Contractors International Association (FCIA) for the past 20 years. He has been in the construction industry 39 years specializing in fire-resistance, roofing waterproofing.

Bill participates in the Code Development processes at the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), International Code Council (ICC), State of Illinois and City of Chicago. He has served on the ICC's 'Fire Safety' Code Development Committee, serves on the Fire Protection Features Committee at NFPA, and is a past member of the International Accreditation Services (IAS) Board of Directors. At the American Society for Healthcare Engineering (ASHE), he serves as organizer and moderator for the ASHE/TJC/FCIA/UL Barrier Management Symposiums. He is also a past Institute Director, Chapter and Region President at the Construction Specifications Institute.

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Tim has served on approximately 30 task force groups, ad hoc, and administrative committees at the local, state, and national levels. He served on the Board of Directors and as the last full-term President for the Building Officials and Code Administrators (BOCA) before the group merged with ICBO and SBCCI to form the International Code Council (ICC), where he then served seven (7) years on the Board of Directors.

He serves on the Board of Directors for the National Institute of Building Sciences, being appointed by President Obama in 2012. He is a member of the ICC Codes and Standards Council, Code Correlation Committee, and serves as a moderator for the ICC Code Development hearings.

Tim was awarded ICC's Bob Fowler Award for his outstanding leadership in furthering a safer built environment (2012). He has also received the Mortimer M. Marshal Award from the National Institute of Building Sciences for outstanding lifetime achievement (2018).

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Ruben joined UL as a Field Engineer in 2000 and has 20+ years of experience in safety engineering and 5+ years of experience in the fire and life safety arena. Under Ruben's leadership, the fire and life safety arena has seen the development of UL's Master Audit Certificate of Compliance (MACC), the UL Fire Door Inspection program, and the launch of UL's Onsite Firestop Inspection program.

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Ken has more than 40 years of experience analyzing, advocating and communicating about economic and tax issues.

He currently serves as liaison to the Census Bureau's Construction Data Modernization Working Group. He is a Fellow and past president of the National Association for Business Economics, and he is co-director of the Tax Economists Forum, a professional meeting group he co-founded in 1982.

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Pat has worked with many large general contractors and owners' representation teams using his skills in Lean Construction, Quality Management, and Pre-Construction Risk Assessments to ensure projects stay within budget and completion dates.

Pat conducts Passive Fire Protection seminars to numerous AHJ's, Fire Marshals, and Civil Defense Personnel throughout North America, South America, and the Middle East. Pat is an IFC instructor for Firestop Hands-On Inspectors training and is a contributing author of the IFC Firestop Inspector Test and Intertek IQP Program.

Pat proudly serves on a variety of industry organizations. He is the IFC Inspectors Committee Chair, is a Member of the ASTM E06 Committee focusing on ASTM E 2174 & 2393, and he is the Task of Group Chair for the ASTM E 3038 Firestop Inspectors Qualifications, as well as the ASTM E05 Fire Test Committee. He is also involved in the UL Standards Technical Panel 1479/2079, NFPA, ASSE 9000, ASHE, IFC, and is a member of the ICC Liberty Chapter.

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Previously, Rich had been employed by UL for 43 years, focusing on fire-resistance-rated construction and the protection of breaches in those assemblies. During that time, Rich was involved in testing, standards development, code development, and providing technical assistance and training to architects, engineer, contractors, and code officials.

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While working on an average of 50-75 projects each year, Corey conducts constructability reviews, pre-installation meetings, comprehensive envelope meetings, and construction observations.

He has also become known for providing educational opportunities throughout the industry and has produced more than 150 “lessons learned” papers. Topics include building envelope and life safety concerns and enable Corey to proactively address issues during design review, pre-construction, and construction. He maintains an extensive database of quality metrics gathered on more than 1,000 buildings and \$3 billion worth of work and developed a quality app and a website, [www.pepperquality.com](http://www.pepperquality.com) for mobile devices, which houses the lessons learned papers and allows for easy access and construction verification in the field.

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## Monday, May 10

### Pavilion One

12:00 pm – 12:30 pm  
 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm  
 1:00 pm – 3:45 pm  
 3:45 pm – 5:00 pm

**Luncheon (FM & UL-ULC Firestop Exam Education Attendees)**  
**Who is FCIA? What Does FCIA Do?**  
**FCIA Education for the FM & UL-ULC Firestop Exams**  
**FCIA Management System Manual Development Education**

## Tuesday, May 11

### Pavilion One

7:45 am – 8:30 am  
 8:30 am – 12:00 pm

**Continental Breakfast for FM & UL-ULC Firestop Exam Registrants ONLY**  
**FM & UL-ULC Firestop Exam for DRI Candidates & Inspection Personnel\***

### Salons 2 & 3

12:30 pm – 1:15 pm  
 1:15 pm – 1:30 pm  
 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm  
 2:30 pm – 3:15 pm  
 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

**Welcome Luncheon for ALL Attendees**  
**FCIA President's Welcome & Association Comments**  
**Four Critical Decisions – *Kenn Kington***  
**Partnership Program Updates – *Daniel Boardman, Ruben Sandoval, Jr.***  
**FCIA Committee Reports & Committee Action Roundtable Sessions**

	Pavilion 1	Pavilion 3	Pavilion 7
3:45 pm – 4:30 pm	Program	Education	Accreditation
4:45 pm – 5:30 pm	Marketing & Membership	Inspection	Codes & Standards

### Rooftop Ballroom

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

**Welcome Reception (Subject to Kansas City restrictions)**

## Wednesday, May 12

### Salons 2 & 3

7:30 am – 5:00 pm  
 7:30 am – 8:00 am  
 8:00 am – 9:00 am  
 9:15 am – 10:15 am  
 10:30 am – 11:30 am  
 11:30 am – 12:30 pm  
 12:30 pm – 1:15 pm  
 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm  
 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm  
 4:00 pm – 5:45 pm

**Conference Registration Open**  
**Breakfast**  
**What to Expect from Third-Party Inspections – Part II – *Eric Bergman* | *Ruben Sandoval, Jr.* | *Patrick Tesche***  
**The Pandemic is Not Yet Over! A Discussion on COVID-19 in the Construction Workplace – *Philip Siegel, Esq.***  
**Challenges Associated with Building Code Enforcement – *Tim Ryan***  
**The Post(?)-Pandemic Outlook for Construction – *Ken Simonsen***  
**Luncheon**  
**Hospitals, ASHE, TJC, Fire-Resistance, and Firestopping – *Jonathan Flannery, MHSA, FASHE, FACHE***  
**A GC's Perspective on Firestopping – *Corey zussman***  
**FCIA Contractor Members Only Session – OPEN MIC**

### Rooftop Ballroom

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

**FCIA Networking Reception (Subject to Kansas City restrictions)**

## Thursday, May 13

### Salons 2 & 3

7:30 am – 9:30 am  
 7:30 am – 8:00 am  
 8:00 am – 9:00 am  
 9:00 am – 10:00 am  
 10:00 am – 11:00 am  
 11:00 am – 11:30 am

**Conference Registration Open**  
**Breakfast**  
**A Look at the 2024 Code Cycle and Proposals – *Bill Koffel, P.E., FSPE***  
**Fire Dampers, Fire/Smoke Dampers, Ceiling/Radiation Dampers – *Kent Maune***  
**Center for Campus Fire Safety – *Justin Daniels***  
**Conference Closing Remarks**

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