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FCIA's FIC Charleston a Big Success

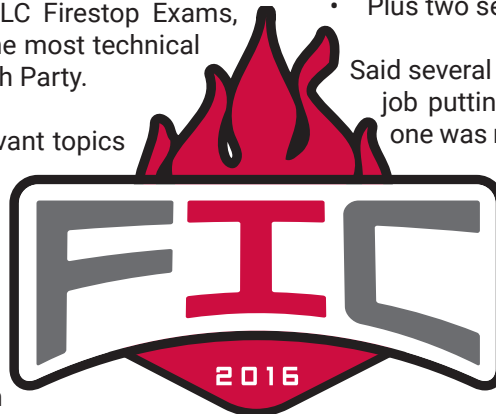
The [FCIA Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show - FIC 2016](#) - at Wild Dunes Resort in Isle of Palms, SC this November brought the largest attendance in FCIA history for an FCIA Conference. More than 180 FCIA Contractor, Manufacturer and Associate Members and non-members were present this November for the four-day event which featured the FM & UL/ULC Firestop Exams, the Ray Usher Memorial Golf Outing, the most technical agenda to date and the FCIA BBQ Beach Party.

Education sessions featured such relevant topics as:

- Strength-Based Leadership: The 10-80-10 Principle
- UL Proficient or Are You?
- The Life Safety Codes
- Protecting Fire Barriers, Smoke Barriers and Smoke Partitions in Accordance with NFPA 101
- Fire- and Smoke-Resistance-Rated Construction in South Carolina

- Shining the Light on Gypsum: What Is It, How Do You Repair It and More
- Health, Safety and Due Diligence
- Perimeter Fire-Containment: You CAN Do It
- Barrier Management Systems - New Construction to Existing Buildings
- Plus two sessions on code updates.

Said several in attendance, "FCIA always does a great job putting together a dynamic program, and this one was no different. Great content, fun times and a nice location. Way to go FCIA."



Missed it? FCIA Members can view and download the presentations at the [Members Only](#) section of www.FCIA.org.

Not a member? [Join now.](#)

And check out photos of this event and past events online at www.fcia.org/articles/photoalbum.htm.



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FCIA ECA 2017 Location Announced

Next year's [FCIA ECA 2017 - Education & Committee Action Conference](#) – will be heading to the [Chase Park Plaza Hotel](#) in **St. Louis, MO**.

INFORM. ENGAGE. INSPIRE. This coming **May 2-5, 2017**, make your way to the Gateway City for three and a half days of [FM and UL/ULC Firestop Exams](#), FCIA Committee meetings, technical education sessions, fun networking and more. At ECA 2017, attend education sessions and learn while you earn.

The Chase Park Plaza Hotel is a St. Louis icon that blends historic elegance with contemporary urban style. Settled in the Central West End, the landmark hotel overlooks the expansive Forest Park and is just minutes from the the world-renowned St. Louis Zoo and the Gateway Arch.

So, Save the Date for **ECA 2017** this **May 2-5** in **St. Louis, MO**. Check back often at www.fcia.org/articles/events.htm for more information.

FM Updates Data Sheets

FM Approvals, the testing laboratory arm of FM Global, has updated its Data Sheets. The FM Data Sheets are updated periodically by FM Approvals. The Data Sheets are used widely in the roofing and construction industry, though they are not vetted through an ANSI Standards Development Process. Per an e-blast by FM Approvals, many data sheets including DS 1-28 Wind Design, have been updated.

REVISED FM APPROVALS DATA SHEETS

- DS 1-6 Cooling Towers
- DS 1-20 Protection Against Exterior Fire Exposure
- DS 1-28 Wind Design
- DS 1-40 Flood
- DS 2-1 Corrosion in Automatic Sprinkler Systems (title change)
- DS 5-3 Hydroelectric Power (title change)
- DS 5-20 Electrical Testing
- DS 7-73 Dust Collectors and Collection Systems
- DS 10-2 Emergency Response
- DS 10-3 Hot Work Management
- DS 13-24 Fans and Blowers

For info, visit www.fmglobalsheets.com.

NEW ICC Leadership Elected



International Code Council (ICC) Voting Members elected Board Officers and Directors during the group's Annual Business Meeting at the 2016 Annual Conference held in Kansas City, Mo. Active ICC Voting Members also elected representatives to sectional and at-large positions on the board.

Georgia State Fire Marshal, M. Dwayne Garriss, was elected President of the ICC Board. In his capacity as the Chief of the Safety Fire Commissioner's Office, Garriss coordinates the activities of the various industries regulated by the Safety Fire Commissioner throughout the state of Georgia.

Garriss has adopted the theme for his presidential term, "Many Voices for One Purpose," which is intended to further unite the various stakeholder groups within the Code Council and to continue initiatives, including fostering and mentoring the incoming generation of code and fire service officials.

Jay Elbettar, Building Official for the city Mission Viejo, Calif., was elected Vice President of the ICC Board. Elbettar manages and directs the operation of the Mission Viejo building division through Charles Abbott Associates, including plan check, inspections, counter operations and permit issuance.

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William R. Bryant, Assistant Director of Inspections and Permits for Anne Arundel County, Md., was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the ICC Board. He holds several Maryland State licenses as well as ICC certifications, including Master Code Professional and Certified Building Official.

The 2016-2017 International Code Council Board of Directors Officers, elected by the ICC Members during the 2016 Annual Business Meeting, are President M. Dwayne Garriss (second from right), Georgia State Fire Marshal; Vice President Jay Elbettar (second from left), P.E., CBO, Building Official, city of Mission Viejo, Calif.; Secretary/Treasurer William R. Bryant (left), MCP, CBO, Assistant Director of Inspections and Permits Department of Anne Arundel County, Md.; and Immediate Past President Alex Olszowy III (right), Building Inspector Manager, Lexington Fayette Urban County Government, Ky.

Members also elected and re-elected representatives to sectional and at-large positions on the ICC Board. All elected to three-year terms were: Tom Peterson, Assistant State Building Official with the Utah Division of Facilities Construction and Management; Alan Boswell, Chief Building Official for the city of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Brenda Thompson, Manager of Building Inspections for the Clark County, Nev.; Michael Wich, Department of Building and Fire Prevention for the South Central Planning and Development Commission in Houma, LA.; and lastly Cindy Davis, Deputy Director of the Division of Building and Fire Regulations for the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. Shirley Ellis, Energy Code Specialist with the Energy System Laboratory at the Texas A&M University Experiment Station, was elected for a two-year-term position on the ICC Board.

The following individuals remained on the ICC Board of Directors, including: Immediate Past President Alex "Cash" Olszowy III, Building Inspector Manager, Lexington Fayette Urban County Government, KY; William Jeff Bechtold, Senior Building Official, Kenton County, KY; James E. Morganson, Code Enforcement Officer, Fire Marshal, Zoning Administrator, Village of Lake Placid/Town of North Elba, NY; M. Donny Phipps, Director of Building Codes and Inspections, Richland County, SC; Greg Wheeler, Chief Building Official, Thornton, CO; Jim H. Brown, Deputy Building Official, Gillette, WY; Jerry Mallory, Building Official and Fire Marshal, Johnson County, KS; Stuart D. Tom, Fire Marshal, Glendale, CA; Richard C. Truitt, Sr., Deputy Code Director, Harford County, MD.

Congrats to all on their election to ICC's Board.



FCIA at ICC's Public Comment Hearings



This past October 19-25, the [International Code Council \(ICC\)](#) held their 'Public Comment Hearings' in Kansas City. The hearings, part of the Code Development cycle, covered the [International Energy Conservation Code](#), the [International Fire Code](#), the [International Residential Code](#), the International Building Code's Administrative section and more.

The Online Governmental Consensus Vote at ICC for the Group B International Codes was extended an extra week and concluded on Nov. 27. The demand from voters on the cdpAccess online voting system resulted in more than 162,000 votes cast by eligible ICC Voting Members during the three-week period.

Check out the full report for FCIA's efforts in the Code Corner of the [Winter 2016 Life Safety Digest](#).

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New Building Resilience Partnership

The International Code Council (ICC) announced the creation of the [Alliance for National & Community Resilience \(ANCR\)](#).

ICC, along with two founding partners – the Community & Regional Resilience Institute (CARRI) and the U.S. Resiliency Council (USRC) – ICC is working with ANCR members from around the globe, such as Target Corporation, the International City/County Management Association, Kaiser Permanente, as well as the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS), to create the first whole-community resilience benchmark in the nation.

Said ICC Board of Directors President, M. Dwayne Garriss, “With its diverse makeup and expertise, this alliance clearly understands that communities are complex, interconnected systems that urgently need a way to comprehend what it means to be resilient. ANCR will give communities a single, transparent, usable and easily understandable metric to gauge their cross-sector resilience efforts quickly.” Garriss also serves as the Georgia State Fire Marshal.

The ANCR Board of Directors has appointed Bryan J. Soukup, Esq., ICC’s Director of Resilience Initiatives, as Executive Director and CARRI’s Maj. General Warren C. Edwards (Ret.) as Chairman. Founding Board members include public officials from the city of New York and the District of Columbia among others.

What does this have to do with fire-resistance-rated construction? Fire-resistance protects the structure, critical components of a building – and community. It facilitates a quick rebound for the building and community from a fire or emergency event.

For affected communities, using fire-resistance-rated construction versus using non-fire-resistance-rated construction can make all the difference towards being able to quickly rebuild and re-open for business, healthcare and education services and more. In actuality, fire-resistance-rated construction affords excellent resilience, as well as safety and security, to buildings and the people that work, live and play inside these structures.



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IAS Issues 900th Accreditation

IAS, the **International Accreditation Service**, a well-known and internationally recognized accreditation body and member of the ICC's family of companies, issued its 900th accreditation in December 2016. IAS accreditations verify that businesses and organizations have complied with both national and international standards to ensure acceptance in domestic and/or global markets. IAS also develops new accreditation programs for organizations seeking to demonstrate the highest level of competence and service in their respective industries.

"It has been a (very) short time since IAS issued the 800th accreditation, and now we have crossed the 900 mark," said IAS President, Chuck Ramani. "On behalf of our Board and Management team, it is a pleasure to thank our staff, volunteer board, committee and council members, our contract staff and most importantly our loyal customers for helping us reach this important milestone."

"This is a major milestone, and we anticipate more such achievements in the years ahead. It will not be long before IAS crosses the 1,000 mark," said IAS Board of Directors Chair, James G. Toscas, PE. He said, "there really is no secret to the amazing success of IAS: lightning-quick responsiveness, formidable technical expertise and world-class customer support. Easy to say, tough to do."

IAS accredits a wide-range of companies and organizations,



including governmental entities, commercial businesses, as well as professional associations. Accreditation programs are available for the following: testing and calibration laboratories, product certification agencies, personnel certification bodies, management system certification bodies, inspection agencies, inspection programs for metal building manufacturers, metal building assembler inspection programs and fabricator inspection programs. Other fields covered by these programs are building departments and building department service providers, special inspection agencies, training agencies, curriculum developers, field evaluation bodies, fire prevention and life-safety departments, commissioning training and certification agencies.

"Thank you to all the IAS clients for their support in reaching the milestone of 900 accreditations," said ICC Chief Executive Officer, Dominic Sims, CBO. Continuing, he said, "IAS is dedicated to providing competent, professional and timely services focused on public safety and client success."

A recognized accreditation body since 1975, IAS is a nonprofit, public benefit corporation and is one of the chief accreditation bodies in the US, as well as a signatory to varied international mutual recognition arrangements (MRAs). To learn more about various IAS accreditation programs, visit www.iasonline.org/.

FCIA Educational Webinar Series Returns in 2017

The highly popular **FREE FCIA Educational Webinar Series** returns this January for another 12 months of FREE educational industry related webinars.

The series opens with **'A Study on the DIIM of Firestopping'**, **January 25 at 10:00 am CST**. This session will take a comprehensive look at the 'DIIM' of Firestopping, including how all the pieces of the 'DIIM' puzzle – Design, Installation, Inspection, Maintenance – work together for improved installed fire- and life-safety systems in buildings from design to maintenance.

Registration is now open for this first session. [Register today.](#)



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FCIA Barrier Management Symposium™ for APPA

This past November, facility professionals and code officials in the Washington DC/Maryland area were welcomed by the [Washington DC/Maryland Chapters](#) and [Eastern Region](#) of the [Association of Physical Plant Administrators \(APPA\)](#), for a [Barrier Management Symposium™](#). The Barrier Management Symposium™ was developed by FCIA, The Joint Commission, UL and ASHE to provide resources to address managing barriers as a system through education. All BMS faculty, including: Bill Koffel, Koffel Associates, representing FCIA on Barriers as described in the codes; Rich Walke, UL, on Fire-Resistance testing; Bill McHugh, FCIA; Marc Sorge, Greenheck on Fire Dampers; and Paul Baillargeon, Door Safety & Security Foundation, on Fire Doors, was present for the program, as well as FCIA members Aedan Gleeson and Don Murphy. Feedback from attendees was positive and complimentary about the value of the education and information provided. FCIA looks forward to partnering with APPA for future programs.



FCIA Speaks at Campus Fire Safety

The [Center for Campus Fire Safety's Fire Safety Forum](#) is a great place for educational occupancy facility directors and staff to stay up to date on ways to reduce loss of life and property on- or off-campus. The Center has members located in the US, Canada and Singapore.



FCIA's Executive Director, Bill McHugh, travelled to Phoenix to present an executive summary session of the Barrier Management Symposium™. Conference attendees brought great questions, such as: how to we choose a contractor that can manage these fire-resistance rated barriers; what should we look for when surveying the barriers; and more. FCIA continues to work with all occupancies to keep buildings safe throughout the building's life cycle through improved barrier management.

FCIA at ASTM



FCIA Board Members, Eric Keeton and Jay McGuire, along with Executive Director, Bill McHugh, made the trip to Orlando, FL in late October to participate in the [ASTM E06 Committee](#) meetings focusing on firestopping.

Group discussions centered around the topics of: inspection of firestopping, movement of penetrating items in breaches of assemblies, exposure, aging, guide information and more. Representatives from the manufacturers and inspection agencies participate at ASTM E06 meetings.

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FCIA at ICC's Annual Business Meeting

The [International Code Council's](#) Annual Business Meeting is ICC's way of celebrating a good year. It was reported at the ICC Annual Business Meeting that the ICC is very healthy both financially and as a membership organization.

With over 60,000 active members worldwide, ICC has a very diverse association business model that serves both its members and building safety through its **International Family of Codes**.

FCIA also attended the ICC's Global Council Meetings where delegates from around the world meet yearly. This year, ASTM was awarded an honor from ICC. As an IAS Board Member, FCIA's Executive Director, Bill McHugh, wrote the recommendation for the ASTM ICC Global Award given at the 2016 ICC Global Forum luncheon.



Free Safety Consulting

OSHA's Free [On-site Consultation Program](#) offers free and confidential safety and occupational health advice to small and medium-sized businesses in all states across the country. Priority is given to high-hazard worksites in need.

To locate the OSHA On-site Consultation Program that is most convenient to you, call 1-800-321-6742 (OSHA) or visit OSHA's site for consultation, <https://www.osha.gov/dcsp/smallbusiness/consult.html>.



FCIA Heading to Intersec 2017

[Intersec](#) is the world's leading trade fair for security, safety, and fire protection, featuring more than 1,300 exhibitors from 54 countries, and attracting 31,000 visitors from 128 countries.

The three-day event shines the spotlight on the latest technologies and innovations in seven focus areas: Commercial Security, Fire & Rescue, Safety & Health, Homeland Security & Policing, Information Security, Smart Home and, finally, Physical & Perimeter Security.

Intersec's commanding presence on the international stage is reinforced by 83 percent of exhibitors coming from outside the UAE, while visitors from as far afield as the United States and Brazil, to Australia and Switzerland, choose it as their preferred business networking platform.

"From humble beginnings in 1999, when it featured just 61 exhibitors, Intersec has developed into a global powerhouse," said Ahmed Pauwels, CEO of Intersec's organizer, Messe Frankfurt Middle East. "There is no security, safety and fire protection trade show anywhere in the world with such a diverse international mix of exhibitors and visitors."

The 19th edition of Intersec takes place from **22-24 January 2017** at the **Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Centre**. Be sure to visit the FCIA booth and pick up your copy of Life Safety Digest while walking the expo floor. FCIA looks forward to partnering with this influential event again.



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Life Safety Digest Seeks Writers

Do you have an interesting job you'd like to see profiled? Are you an expert in your field? Do you have a unique perspective on a common problem/issue?

The staff of *Life Safety Digest* is currently looking for individuals interested in learning more about becoming a contributing author for the quarterly publication.

Submissions must be 1200-1500 words in length with supporting high-resolution images. Content must be industry specific, product generic and unbiased. Articles should also apply to the following foci:

- Spring – Educational
- Summer – Healthcare
- Fall – High-Rise
- Winter – Industrial & Multi-Family

If you're interested in learning more, contact Lindsey at lindsey@fcia.org.

Life Safety Digest Winter Issue is Here!

The final 2016 issue of *Life Safety Digest* is here. The Winter issue, which focuses on Multi-Family and Industrial properties, showcases such articles as:

- “What’s New in Fire-Rated Glazing”
- “Fire Resistant Fuel Pipe Protection”
- “Flame Spread – You Can’t Stop It or Can You?”
- “Mythbuster: The Truth About Recessed Lights and Fire-Resistant Ratings”
- And more

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OSHA Issues Recommended Practices to Promote Workplace Anti-Retaliation Programs

The [Occupational Safety and Health Administration \(OSHA\)](#) recently issued their [Recommended Practices for Anti-Retaliation Programs](#) to help employers create workplaces in which workers feel comfortable voicing their concerns without fear of retaliation. The recommendations are intended to apply to all public and private sector employers covered by the [22 whistleblower protection laws](#) that OSHA enforces.

The recommendations are adaptable to most workplaces, and allow for employers to adjust them for such variables as number of employees, the makeup of the workforce and the type of work performed. The concepts can be used to either create a new program or enhance an existing one.

The document outlines the five key elements of an effective anti-retaliation program: Management leadership, commitment, and accountability; System for listening to and resolving employees’ safety and compliance concerns; System for receiving and responding to reports of retaliation; Anti-retaliation training for employees and managers; and Program oversight.

“These recommended practices will provide companies with the tools to create a robust anti-retaliation program,” said Jordan Barab, acting assistant secretary of labor for occupational safety and health. “In the long run, it’s good for workers and good for business.”

[Learn more](#)

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FCIA Welcomes New Members

FCIA works hard to spread the word of the **'DIIM' of Firestopping** around the world, encouraging all interested Contractors, Consultant Firms, Associates, Manufacturers, Manufacturer Rep Firms and more to become involved to grow the industry's call for better Fire and Life Safety.

When a connection is made, 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

- Chicago Waterproof Co. - Chicago, IL
- RVA Firestopping, LLC - Richmond, VA
- Generalcaulking - Toronto, ON

FCIA New International Contractor Members

- Phases Trading & Contracting - Doha, Qatar
- Hasaad Economic Construction Est. - Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- Padena Hoor - Tehran, Iran
- Tadmur Contracting, WLL - Doha, Qatar
- FTC Qatar, WLL - Doha, Qatar

FCIA New Associate Members

- Universal Engineering Sciences, Inc. - Tampa, FL
- ALARP, LLC - Doha, Qatar
- Salamon Engineering, PLLC - New York, NY



FCIA New Manufacturer Members

- Passive Fire Protection Partners - Delta, BC

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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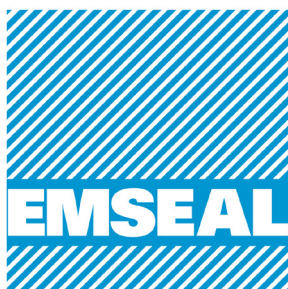
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