



## Two Days, Two Events, One Industry

If you're looking for targeted education to enhance your knowledge of the Firestop & Effective Compartmentation industry in Toronto, Canada, look no further. FCIA events in Toronto this **September 20-21** are the place to go.

First, those looking to become FM 4991 Approved, ULC Qualified or IAS AC 291 Accredited can attend the ½ day FCIA Education for the **FM or ULC Firestop Exams** on September 20. The FM & ULC Firestop Exams take place after lunch.

This dynamic half-day program has been in existence for more than 15 years with great success. With sessions covering FCIA's Firestop Manual of Practice and the FCIA Quality Management Systems Manual, attendees walk out of the sessions prepared to take the Firestop Exams.

Then, delegates can attend the **FCIA Firestop & Effective Compartmentation 'DIIM' Symposium Canada** in at the Holiday Inn Toronto International Airport in **Toronto, ON, September 21, 2017**. The full-day event showcases

**technical sessions** related to the firestop and effective compartmentation industry in Canada like:

- The National Building Code of Canada Code Development Process
- Test Standards Application issues
- UL's experience with the top issues related to firestopping and fire-resistance in Canada
- Firestopping, specifications and existing buildings
- Fire-resistance-rated and smoke-resistant construction
- And More!

**Qualified Guests are invited to attend the sessions for FREE.** Qualified Guests are Architects/Specifiers with Design firms, Building Officials, Fire Marshals and other governmental officials and Facility Management personnel with Healthcare/Educational facilities.

Registration is NOW OPEN for both events. To learn more and to register, **visit us online**.



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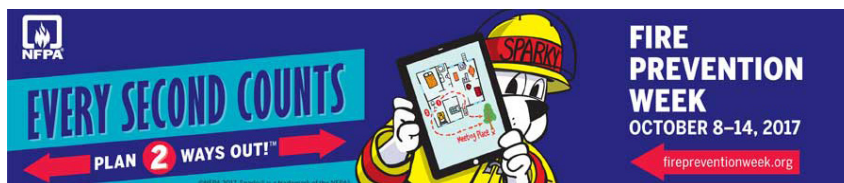
## NFPA Announces New Board of Director Members, Re-Elections and a New Position

The [National Fire Protection Association](#) (NFPA) elected **Jim Sullivan**, **Jeff Cash** and **Roger Montembeault** to its Board of Directors at the association's annual [Conference & Expo](#) in Boston. The three-year term for each member took effect upon the close of the conference. Two board members, **Russ Leavitt** and **Eric Rosenbaum**, were re-elected to a second term. **Kwame Cooper**, a retiring member of the board, was previously elected to serve as the assistant treasurer. FCIA previously worked with Eric when he was Chair of the Fire Protection Features Committee at NFPA 101.

**Sullivan** is the president of IDG International Publishing Services, where he previously served as Vice President of licensing, and as Director of Finance and Administration. **Cash** is the Fire Chief and Emergency Manager for the City of Cherryville, North Carolina, Fire Department. Montembeault is the Consultant/Owner of The Montembeault Group, Inc.



## NFPA Announces “Every Second Counts: Plan Two Ways Out” as Theme for Fire Prevention Week, October 8-14, 2017



Nearly half of all Americans have not developed a home fire escape plan. Of those that have, one-quarter have never practiced it. These and other findings from a recent survey conducted by the [National Fire Protection Association](#) (NFPA) prompted the official theme for this year's **Fire Prevention Week** campaign, **October 8-14, 2017: “Every Second Counts: Plan Two Ways Out™”**.

FCIA supports this program and adds, “Plan Two Ways Out” of **every building** that is occupied by FCIA Members and Friends. Emergencies, fires, can happen anywhere. We all need to be prepared.

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## FCIA Announces Bob LeClair Memorial Scholarship Winners

**C**lose your eyes for a minute...now picture the Firestop & Effective Compartmentation industry ten years from now. What do you see? Do you see growth? Forward movement? Progress?

Growth in an industry can be only as strong as the weakest link in the chain. So, to ensure there are no weak links, we have a responsibility to prepare the next generation of fire- and life-safety professionals. This is why the Bob LeClair Memorial Scholarship Fund was created. Held annually at the FCIA Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show (FIC) to honor the memories of two integral industry pioneers, the Ray Usher Memorial Golf Outing raises money to fund the yearly scholarship.

This year, FCIA is proud to award two scholarships to a pair of deserving Fire Protection Engineering students who are shining examples of the future of the industry. Congratulations on your award. We know you will make us proud!

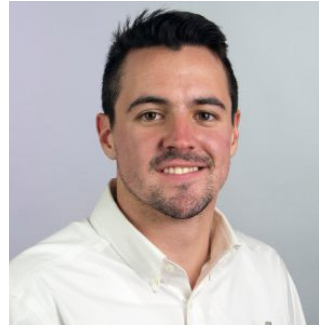


### **Katharine McKee, University of Maryland**

Currently a senior in the Fire Protection Engineering program at the University of Maryland, Miss McKee brings a wealth of knowledge and accomplishment to the industry. This summer she is working at Hilti North America as a Technical Fire Protection intern, focusing on their firestop products, specifically their innovative cable management systems, sealants and pre-formed devices. Miss

McKee has previously worked internationally at Arup, an Architecture and Engineering firm studying the importance of fire-resistance-rated walls and the importance of installing proper firestopping to preserve the fire-rating of walls. During the semester, she volunteers at recruitment events, conducts research and mentors underclassmen students in the Fire Protection Engineering program.

This summer she was selected by the Dean of Engineering to represent the University of Maryland at the 2017 Global Grand Challenges Summit (GGCS). This is the third in a collaborative series sponsored by the US National Academy of Engineering (NAE), the UK Royal Academy of Engineering, and the Chinese Academy of Engineering. The conference aims to inspire the next generation of engineers, policymakers, and the public to address critically important engineering challenges and opportunities facing humanity.



### **Riley McManus, Worcester Polytechnic Institute**

Mr. McManus is beginning his fourth year at WPI enrolled in a 5 year program that will allow him to obtain a Bachelors degree in Civil Engineering and a Masters degree in Fire Protection Engineering.

Last summer, he was an intern at the NFPA, and is currently interning in the Property Specialist group at Travelers Insurance Risk Control. In this position, he serves as a client-facing member of a team that evaluates insured buildings to determine exposures and where they can be better protected or mitigated. This past year, Mr. McManus also worked in South Africa for 7 weeks with a company called Lumkani, a tech startup that developed a heat sensing device made specifically for informal settlements (shacks, slums) where fire is an unfortunate hazard that displaces thousands of people on a daily basis. The team he was working with developed a business plan for the company to help expand their means of product distribution. Next summer, he plans to gain experience in the consulting realm of Fire Protection Engineering and hopes find something within the field that he is passionate about.

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## FCIA Board of Directors Meet this August

The FCIA Board of Directors is a group of volunteers, dedicated to the advancement of the firestop trade and the realization of the FCIA's goals. Members of the Board meet four times yearly.

The next meeting takes place this August in Minneapolis, MN. While there, the Board will review code and standards

proposals, in addition to reviewing the top issues in the industry and association. President Mark Dietz and fellow Board Members always look forward to working together for the betterment of the industry.

## Spreading the Word with FCIA

FCIA is constantly working around the world to bring the 'DIIM' of Firestopping into the mainstream building vocabulary around the world. We do this through exhibiting and/or placing *Life Safety Digest* in Publication Bins at critical industry trade shows, as well as through opportunities to present to interested groups worldwide.

FCIA was present at the NFPA Conference & Expo in Boston, MA this June. FCIA members, Chuck Fogg ([Northeast Firestopping Solutions](#)) and Ben Urcavich ([Performance Firestop, Inc.](#)), and FCIA Board members, Don Murphy ([PPMI Firestop, Inc.](#)) and Aedan Gleeson ([Gleeson Powers, Inc.](#)), were on-site with Bill McHugh (FCIA).

Traffic at the show was exceptional. We saw many friendly faces, made some new industry friends and spread the word of the 'DIIM' of Firestopping to all who stopped by.

## ASHE Annual Conference & Technical Exhibition Opens this August

The [American Society for Healthcare Engineers \(ASHE\) Annual Conference and Technical Exhibition](#) heads to Indianapolis, IN and the Indiana Convention Center this August 6-9. The event addresses best practices for efficiency, sustainability, emergency preparedness and other pressing topics in the field, as well as sessions on healthcare compliance, codes and standards updates and emerging trends.

The four-day conference offers more than 50 educational sessions, the Technical Exhibition and various networking events. Session tracks include: Code Compliance, Reducing

Costs, Improving the Patient Experience, Planning, Design & Construction, Business of Facility Management, Managing Infection Prevention and Shifting Care Outside the Hospital.

FCIA will be represented by FCIA leadership in the FCIA booth. We will also have copies of *Life Safety Digest* on-hand to distribute to interested professionals. We are looking forward to promoting the concept of the FCIA Member Firestop Contractor, the importance of committing to the 'DIIM' of Firestopping and how beneficial it is to use [FM 4991 Approved](#) and [UL Qualified Contractor](#) firms to the more than 3,800 focused professionals heading to Indianapolis next month.

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## CONSTRUCT and Life Safety Digest Partner this September

Knowledge today. Innovation tomorrow. That's the theme of this year's [CSI CONSTRUCT Show](#). This **September 13-15**, professionals from around the world will show up at the **Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, RI** for the only dedicated national event specifically designed to provide the commercial building team real-world, practical product and education solutions. The show offers a variety of different solutions-driven learning opportunities for commercial architects/designers, specifiers, contractors, project managers, product reps, engineers and building owners/managers at all professional levels, from new to the industry to 30+ years of experience.

FCIA and Life Safety Digest are proud to partner with this groundbreaking event again. Through the collaborative efforts of both groups, we can work towards acceptance of the 'DIIM' of Firestopping and the value of the FCIA Member Firestop Contractor. We look forward to another successful event with old friends and new, and many more to come.

## ICC Expo Coming Soon

Looking for more opportunities to learn, network and have fun? Then make it to Columbus, OH for **ICC's Annual Conference** and [Building Safety & Design Expo](#) this **September 10-13**. The BSDE provides a platform for exhibitors to demonstrate and educate building safety and design professionals about the latest products and services needed to keep buildings safe and meet and maintain compliance with accepted codes and standards.

FCIA and *Life Safety Digest* are looking forward to partnering with ICC and the Building Safety & Design Expo for another successful event meeting with building code officials and fire marshals from around the world. Look for us at our booth (#312) and at the *Life Safety Digest* Publication Bins on the Expo floor!



## FCIA Educational Webinar Series July Program Announced

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The [FCIA FREE Educational Webinar Series](#) announces the July installment in the monthly instructional webinar program. Register today for the Wednesday, July 19 course, '[Changes in the IBC that Impact YOUR Business!](#)', which looks at the myriad changes to the 2012, 2015 and 2018 Editions of the International Building Code.

The webinar will start with the 2009 Edition of the International Building Code as the basis. The presentation will then progressively address changes that have occurred in the IBC in the 2012, 2015, and 2018 Editions that impact passive fire protection. Whereas different jurisdictions are using different editions of the IBC, the program will help you assess both current requirements and potential changes that could impact your business.

Upon completion of the program, the participant will be able to identify three significant changes in each of the 2012, 2015, and 2018 editions of the IBC.

Registration is **NOW OPEN**. [Register Today](#).



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## FCIA Welcomes New Members

**F**CIA 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

- Red Hawk Fire & Security - Boca Raton, FL
- SME - Plymouth, MI
- TDC Waterproofing & Restoration - Houston, TX

**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](http://www.FCIA.org). Questions? Email [cathy@fcia.org](mailto:cathy@fcia.org) and we'll fill you in.

### FCIA New International Contractor Members

- Volt Trading W.L.L. - Doha, Qatar



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