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FCIA ECA Conference a Big Success

FCIA's Education and Committee Action Conference (ECA) in Memphis was a blast. Great speakers, educational opportunities, over 30 people attending the FCIA Education for the Firestop Exams sessions and writing the [FM and UL Firestop Exams](#), about 150+ participating and some great relationships formed.

There were many **NEW FCIA** Program Introductions at FCIA's ECA Conference. FCIA's **NEW BARRIER MANAGEMENT SERVICES** section of www.FCIA.org, **NEW MOP Chapter on Firestop Inspection**, **NEW FCIA Recommended Professional Practice and Identification Systems (Labeling)** were all unveiled at this year's event. Learn more about them in this issue of FCIA's Enews.

The committee meetings were the most active seen in the past few years, resulting in many new applications to be

part of a committee. FCIA's Board of Directors approved the applications via email, and Committee Chairs are getting ready to organize teleconferences.

Speakers such as Dennis Hall (Hall Architects, Inc.), Philip Siegel (Hendrick, Phillips, Salzman & Siegel), a panel of firestop manufacturer experts and presentations about new firestop standards developments were all top features of this year's ECA Conference. Plus, the manufacturer members offered several fun times at night for attendees. Yes, we had a great time in Memphis.

Want to be part of the action at FCIA? Watch www.FCIA.org for info about **FCIA's Firestop Industry Conference and Trade Show in Austin, TX, Nov. 6-9, 2018**.



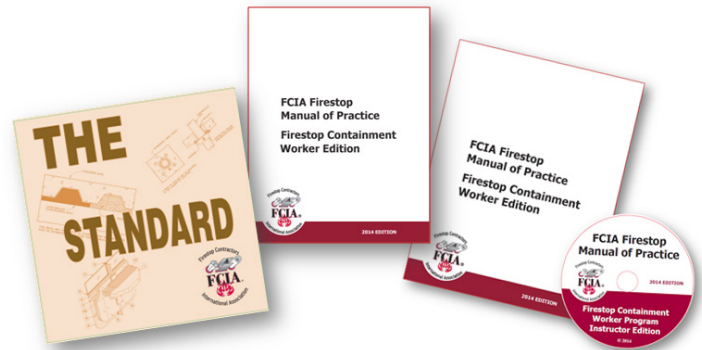
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FCIA MOP Expansion

Just before the FCIA's Education and Committee Action Conference, the FCIA Technical Committee announced a new **Firestop Manual of Practice (MOP)** chapter focused on Firestopping Special Inspection. Additionally, a new searchable Table of Contents has been released too. **Non-members can buy the FCIA MOP for \$895 US, Members \$295 US.** FCIA Members get digital updates to the MOP for free upon request. *Don't have one? [Order your copy today.](#)*

Plus, don't forget the educational offering for those Firestop Contractors and Special Inspection Agencies looking to train workers on firestopping: the **FCIA Firestop Containment Worker Educational Program**. The complete Instructor Edition includes a book, DVD with Videos, 22 PowerPoint Presentations, 22 Instruction Outlines, 22 Quizzes for instructor delivered staff training and more. Visit www.FCIA.org for info.



FCIA Recommended Professional Practice, Identification Systems (Labeling)

FCIA's Standards Committee worked to bring this new document to life. FCIA Members can download it for FREE at the www.FCIA.org **Members Only Section**.

IFC Documents

The **International Firestop Council (IFC)**, the Firestop Material Manufacturers Association, publishes several documents at its website. Key documents include the Inspection documents and Engineering Judgement (EJ) guidelines.

FM Approvals in FM 4991, Standard for the Approval of Firestop Contractors, gives EJ's another name. It calls EJ's "Equivalent Fire-Resistance-Rated Assemblies" (EFRRA). This places responsibility on the manufacturer producing the EFRRA that the assembly is actually equivalent to a fire-resistance-rated assembly.

FCIA & Canada's National Master Specification

FCIA worked with The National Research Council of Canada on a new National Master Specification for Government Buildings last fall. The result is that the 'DIIM' – proper 'D'esign, 'I'nstallation, 'I'nspction and 'M'aintenance – of Firestopping is part of the Canada National Master Specification. The spec will be published sometime this summer. We appreciated the opportunity to work with the NRC on this important document.

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UL Field Engineering Announces New Firestop Inspection Service

UL Field Engineering recently announced the launch of its NEW On-Site Firestop Inspection Service. This new service brings UL's knowledge to the Firestop Special Inspection Process.

In the 2009/2010 Code Development Process, FCIA was the code proponent for the successful proposal that added to Section 1705 of the 2012 and later editions of the International Building Code (IBC) special inspection of firestop systems, fire-resistant joint systems and perimeter fire containment systems in certain types of buildings. Firestopping Special Inspections are required for high-rise buildings and in buildings defined as Risk Category III or IV in Table 1604.5 of the 2012, 2015, and 2018 International Building Code.

"By combining UL's rich history of participating in Codes and Standards development, more than a century of testing and certification of building materials and our extensive field network, UL is uniquely positioned to deliver this service" adds Ruben Sandoval, Field Engineering Manager at UL.

To find out more, visit www.ul.com/firestopinspection or call 480.290.6987.



FCIA's NEW Barrier Management Services at FCIA.org

There seems to be some chat going on about 'Above Ceiling Permits' and 'Barrier Management Policies' at ASHE's blog sites. Where are contractors found that can manage fire-resistance-rated and smoke resistant assemblies in healthcare and any other occupancies? It's new and ready for you to add your company to the list.

Visit FCIA's new [Barrier Management Services Section](#). Just email us and we'll get you set up!

FCIA Awards Scholarships

FCIA's Scholarship Committee awarded \$2,000 in scholarships to Joshua Yates of Oklahoma State University and also Joseph Dowling at the University of Maryland. Each receives \$1,000. Congrats to these young people, from the FCIA.

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FCIA at ICC's Committee Action

FCIA had a great showing at this year's International Code Council Committee Action Hearings, thanks to FCIA's Code Committee and Code Consultant Bill Koffel. This is the 2nd step in the process to the 2021 International Building Code.

The big news is that in **Code Proposal S21**, FCIA's proposal to **add firestop special inspection to fire areas containing Group R occupancies with an occupant load greater than 250**, was **APPROVED AS SUBMITTED**.

FS46, Identification Systems, we attempted to **require labeling for installed firestop systems** with a recipe for where to put the label and what it should say. This proposal

was **DISAPPROVED** narrowly.

Then, in **FS47**, we proposed that **FM or UL Firestop Contractors be required for buildings 420' high**. This also had good support from the code committee but was **DISAPPROVED**. FCIA's proposal to **add in the International Fire Code to perform repairs to the listing and manufacturers installation instructions**, was **APPROVED AS SUBMITTED**.

FCIA and the Firestop Industry, working with the firestop manufacturers and International Firestop Council, had a very productive code development session this year.

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FCIA Partners with NFPA Conference & Expo

The [National Fire Protection Association \(NFPA\)](#) hosts its annual [Conference & Expo](#) at **Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas, NV** this **June 11 – 14**. This comprehensive event brings together thousands of the industry's leading professionals from the fire, electrical and life-safety industries worldwide.

It's an opportunity to meet with industry suppliers, learn about new products and participate in over 110 Education Sessions hosted by industry experts and professionals. But, the learning opportunities don't end with the education sessions – connect with more than 350 exhibitors, network with your peers, as well as grow your personal and professional contacts worldwide.

FCIA Gets the Word Out

The Life Safety Digest is a great way for FCIA to promote the Firestopping, Effective Compartmentation and Structural Fire-Resistance industries, as well as FCIA Members. FCIA, through the Marketing Committee and Staff, has worked hard to build relationships speaking, writing or being represented at various conferences to build awareness of FCIA. Here is a look at what's coming up for FCIA...



Life Safety Digest and AIA Partner Again

The [AIA Conference on Architecture](#) is one of the largest and most exciting annual gatherings of architects and design professionals in the US. The people, the ideas, the environment, the setting—it all comes together this **June 21-23** in **New York City, NY** for an unforgettable experience that happens just once a year.

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Get the first look at new materials and technology from hundreds of exhibitors. A'18 is attended by visionaries, grassroots champions, change agents and rising stars who take center stage to give dynamic educational presentations.



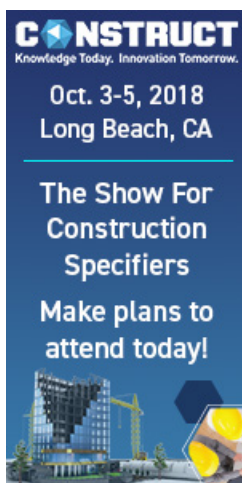
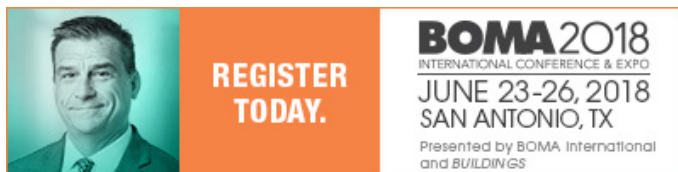
FCIA and *Life Safety Digest* are proud to support this show, and we look forward to many more years partnering to support those in the design field. After all, improved fire- and life-safety systems in buildings begins with proper 'D'esign.

BOMA International Annual Conference & Expo Joins Forces with FCIA

The [BOMA International Annual Conference & Expo](#) is your opportunity to learn what's now and what's next to stay ahead in a changing industry.

The 2018 event will be held in **San Antonio, Texas** from **June 23-26**, and boasts a full schedule of new educational content, the latest technology and innovative solutions and prime networking time.

Grab your copy of *Life Safety Digest* while on-site.



FCIA and CONSTRUCT Bring Fire- and Life-Safety to Annual Conference & Expo

CONSTRUCT is the only national trade show dedicated to bringing commercial building teams together to procure real-world, practical knowledge for building success. The event offers a variety of different solutions-driven learning opportunities for you to stay up-to-date on the latest trends, work smarter, boost your career and earn continuing education credits.

This **October 3-5**, join industry leaders, including Construction Specifiers, Architects, Designers, Engineers, Project Managers, Contractors, Construction Managers, Estimators and Manufacturers for **CONSTRUCT 2018 in Long Beach, CA.**

While there, don't miss the FCIA session, "Fire and Smoke Protection Features & the NEW 2018 International Fire Code 701 Requirements for the Specifier", led by FCIA Executive Director, Bill McHugh. And make sure to stop by the FCIA booth or pick-up your copy of *Life Safety Digest* from the Expo floor.

ICC Building Safety & Design Expo and FCIA Align in Richmond

The [Building Safety & Design Expo](#) is the industry leading educational expo for building safety and design professionals.

Opening in **Richmond, VA** this **October 21-22**, this event is where building safety and design professionals go to learn about the latest products and services needed to keep buildings safe, and meet and maintain compliance with accepted codes and standards. No place else do those responsible for ensuring code compliance as well as those that specify, design and build our communities come together in one location.



Make plans to attend the Building Safety & Design Expo to connect with manufacturers, suppliers and other industry leaders who can help you increase your productivity and grow your business, and be sure to stop by the FCIA booth while there.

And More...

FCIA will also be exhibiting at the [ASHE Annual Conference](#) in **Seattle, WA** this **July 15-18**, and at the [CHES National Conference](#) in **St. John's, NF** this **September 16-18**. FCIA and *Life Safety Digest*, spanning the globe promoting the Specialty Firestop Contractor and the 'DIIM' of Firestopping.

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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.



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

- Airseal Insulation Systems - Brooklyn, NY
- McCatthy Building Companies - St. Louis, MO
- On the Spot Firestop - Denver, CO

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.

Save the Date
**FCIA Firestop Industry
 Conference & Trade Show**

**Hyatt Regency Lost Pines
 Austin, TX
 November 6-9, 2018**



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