



# FCIA E-News

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## FCIA ECA '19, Coming this April

The 18th annual [FCIA Education & Committee Action Conference - ECA '19](#) - opens this **April 23-26, 2019** in vibrant downtown Chicago, IL at the [InterContinental Chicago Magnificent Mile](#).

Firestop Contractors and Special Inspection Agency Inspectors who want to pursue third-party accreditation programs and AHJs looking to prove competence can extend their Conference experience on **Tuesday, April 23** with the **FCIA Education for the Firestop Exams and Quality Management Manual Education Sessions**. These education sessions lay the foundation for how to write a Company Quality Management System Manual and prepare individuals to write the [FM & UL/ULC Firestop Exams](#), which take place **Wednesday, April 24**.

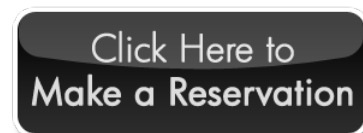
Then, officially kick-off the event with FCIA on **Wednesday, April 24** with a dynamic Business Development session focused on how to attract and retain a dynamite workforce, followed by the Partnership Program Updates, a first-ever introduction session to the FCIA Committees and the FCIA Committee Reports and Action Sessions.

**Thursday, April 25** and **Friday, April 26** brings [education on relevant topics](#), such as: the history of the Code

Development process with **Bill Koffel** (Koffel Associates); an ASHE, The Joint Commission and Hospitals update from **Jonathan Flannery** (ASHE); a session on the Firestopping Installation, Inspection and Maintenance Process with **Corey Zussman, AIA** (Pepper Construction); an **extended FCIA Contractor Members Only session**; a detailed look at fire-test standards with **Matt Schumann** (UL), **Eric Keeton** (Dalton Protection) and **Bill McHugh** (FCIA); and so much more.

Finally, end your [ECA '19](#) experience by signing-up to attend the [UL Fire Test Lab Tour with FCIA](#). The UL Northbrook campus is one of the largest fire-test labs in the world, and boasts the ability to conduct full-scale sprinkler testing, as well as fire-resistance testing for horizontal assemblies, walls, firestop systems, joint systems, fire-dampers, fire-rated doors and fire-rated glazing, among other things. This private, guided tour will include an explanation of the fire-test process at UL and will include a boxed lunch. Transportation to UL will be provided, as well as transportation after the tour to both O'Hare and Midway International Airports\*.

[Registration](#) and the [Room Block](#) at the host hotel are both open. Reserve your spot today. You don't want to miss this event.



\*Book your return flight for 4:30 pm CDT or later to attend the entire UL Tour.

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## FCIA's Board of Directors Meets

FCIA's [Board of Directors](#) convened Jan. 28-29 for an action-packed two-day meeting to chart the course for 2019's action. The Board reviewed past successes, the [present](#) environment, and took a look into the future as FCIA celebrates its 20-year anniversary. Watch for new programs and actions in education, workforce development, advocacy, along with more focus on the [proper 'D'esign, 'I'nstallation, 'I'nspection and 'M'aintenance of Firestopping](#) and Fire-Resistance-Rated and Smoke-Resistant Assemblies and Barriers.

## FCIA Barrier Management Symposium on Video

Fire-Resistance-Rated and Smoke-Resistant Assemblies are critical components of the building's safety plan that also includes detection and alarms, sprinklers, an emergency defend in place, and egress plan. FCIA worked with ASHE, the Joint Commission and UL to develop and present this custom program, the [Barrier Management Symposium](#), geared at Healthcare Facility Personnel. So far, we've presented the full-day program to thousands of individuals around North America.

In 2017, ASHE organized the creation of the [Barrier Management Symposium Video Series](#) to broaden the reach and make this vital education available to all, providing it with FREE access. FCIA's Bill McHugh serves as the moderator for the series, and Firestopping is included prominently in these sessions.

## FCIA Proposing New Labeling Standard

FCIA's [Standards Committee](#) has proposed at ASTM's E06 Committee to use the FCIA's Recommended Practice, Identifications Systems (labeling) as a basis for a new ASTM Standard. Identifying installed Firestop Systems helps Special Inspection Agencies and Building Owners understand what was installed to speed their processes up during construction and maintenance.

ASTM Standards have a good chance of being adopted by the various code organizations such as the International Building Code or NFPA 5000, the Building Construction and Safety Code. The FCIA's Standards Committee looks forward to working through the ASTM Standards Development Process for this important Standard. FCIA Members can access the Recommended Practice for Identification Systems document at [www.FCIA.org](http://www.FCIA.org), [Members Only Section](#).

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## FCIA Committees Getting Active

**F**CIAs Board met and appointed the [2019 FCIA Committees](#). If you were interested and submitted to be part of a Committee, look for an email from FCIA to confirm your appointment. Return the forms quickly to be part of the action.

Just a few of the things FCIA Committees are working on:

FCIA's [Program Committee](#) meets via teleconference Feb. 19 to plan special events for the FCIA 20th Anniversary Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show. The [Standards Committee](#) has been working on standards ballots, the [Code Committee](#) recovering from last year's ICC Code Development Process.

And, don't miss [FCIA's Education and Committee Action Hearings](#). Lots of big things happen when FCIA Members come together and work to build safer buildings through Firestopping and Barrier Management Services.

## Calling All Super Projects!

FCIA and [Life Safety Digest](#) are looking for Project Profiles for inclusion in future issues of the quarterly publication. Pieces should include job scope, challenges and how they were overcome. [Contact FCIA Staff](#) for more information.

## FCIA Webinar Recording Series

Missed a webinar? Archives of all the webinars are at [FCIA.org's Webinar Section](#). FCIA Members can visit FCIA's [Members Only Section](#) for the selected FCIA Webinar Recordings.

## FCIA Webinar Attendance Growing

**T**hanks to [FCIA Members](#) for paying your dues so we can offer these webinar free to you and the industry. In 2018 alone, FCIA's Webinars reached over 2,000 individuals with its [FCIA FREE Educational Webinar Series](#). Over the past 7 years, the monthly sessions have reached about 10,000 worldwide.

FCIA's last webinar on the 'DIIM' of Firestopping had Firestop Contractors, Firestop Special Inspection Agencies, Building Owners and Managers, Code Officials and Fire Marshals all in attendance. In fact, each webinar has a great mix of industry influences that learn about this industry's complex Firestop Systems and Fire-Resistance-Rated and Smoke-Resistant assemblies.

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## FCIA's Educational Webinar Series - February

# EDUCATIONAL WEBINAR SERIES



**J**oin FCIA this month for the February session in the FCIA FREE Educational Webinar Series, ['FCIA & Firestop Inspection'](#).

Listen as you hear about the history of Special Inspection in the International Building Code, some key points in the inspection standards, where the standards are required by the building codes, and what qualifications are required for both the Firestop Special Inspection Agency and the Firestop Inspector.

**When:**  
**Wed, February 20, 2019**

**Time:**  
**10:00 am – 11:00 am CST**



**F**CIA Contractor and Special Inspection Agency Members can also register for ['FCIA Education for the FM & UL/ULC Firestop Exams'](#) on Thursday, February 21.

The extended four-hour **CONTRACTOR AND SPECIAL INSPECTION AGENCY MEMBER ONLY** session will help you prepare for the [FM and UL/ULC Firestop Exams](#), including a review of the program requirements necessary to complete your company's accreditation status after you have successfully written the exam.

**When:**  
**Thurs, February 21, 2019**

**Time:**  
**10:00 am – 2:00 pm CST**



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## FCIA and Life Safety Digest Present at Trade Shows Around North America

Trade Shows around the world give FCIA an opportunity to spread the word of the 'DIIM' of Firestopping & Effective Compartmentation to interested professionals worldwide. Through participation at these events and premier placement of Life Safety Digest, FCIA and our Members are exposed to decision-makers and key players in the industry. Here is a look at some of what's coming up for FCIA...

### AIA and FCIA Bring Life Safety Digest to Architects

[AIA Conference on Architecture](#) is one of the largest and most exciting annual gatherings of architects and design professionals in the US and is AIA brand's premier live experience that happens just once a year. Grab your copy of [Life Safety Digest](#) while there!



**A'19** AIA Conference on Architecture 2019 [Register now >](#)

### And More...

Look for FCIA and [Life Safety Digest](#) at these other industry events around North America: [IFMA Facility Fusion](#), April 8-10 in Atlanta, GA; [CSC Conference](#), May 22-26 in Regina, SK; [NFPA Conference & Expo](#), June 17-20 in San Antonio, TX; [ASHE Annual Conference & Technical Exhibition](#), July 14-17 in Baltimore, MD; [NASFM Annual Conference](#), July 22-25 in Annapolis, MD; [CHES Annual Conference](#), September 22-24 in Saskatoon, SK; [CONSTRUCT](#), October 9-11 in National Harbor, MD; [IFMA World Workplace](#), October 16-18 in Phoenix, AZ; and the [ICC Building Safety & Design Expo](#), October 20-23 in Las Vegas, NV.



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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.

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

- ASCI - Salt Lake City, UT
- All Sealants - Frankfort, IL
- Brinker Team Construction - Detroit, MI
- Compliant Construction Group - Mooresville, NC
- Consigli Construction - Portland, ME
- Dittimore Insulation Contractors - Orange, CA
- ICON Firestopping LLC - Spring, TX
- ICON Insulation Inc. - Toronto, ON
- Insulation Specialties - Carolina, PR
- Metro Waterproofing, Inc. - Scottsdale, GA
- Olympic Companies - Minnetonka, MN
- Patriot 3 General Contractors - Tucson, AZ
- Philadelphia D&M - Plymouth Meeting, PA
- Rooster Building Group - Calgary, AB
- The Buchanan Contracting Group - Alexandria, VA
- Turner Books - Madison Heights, MI

### FCIA New Contractor Branch Members

- Alpha Insulation & Waterproofing - Atlanta, GA
- Alpha Insulation & Waterproofing - Austin, TX
- Alpha Insulation & Waterproofing - Houston, TX
- Alpha Insulation & Waterproofing - Orlando, FL
- Alpha Insulation & Waterproofing dba Hamilton Benchmark - St. Francis, WI
- Pontiac Ceiling & Partition Co. - Pontiac, MN
- Top Build - Insulpro Projects - Portland, OR

### FCIA New International Contractor Members

- Construction Material Trading Co - CMTC - Doha, Qatar
- Shanghai Tengxi Construction Engineering Co - Shanghai, China

### FCIA New Associate Members

- ACE Firestop Consultants, Inc. - Saskatoon, SK
- Braun Intertec - Minneapolis, MN
- Door Hardware Consultants - Oxnard, CA
- Highland Engineering Group - Dallas, TX
- RJ Bartlett Engineering Ltd - Fredericton, NB

**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.



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