

Upcoming Events

May 27	Memorial Day FCIA Office Closed
June 6-8	AIA Conference on Architecture Las Vegas, NV
June 17-20	NFPA Conference & Expo San Antonio, TX
June 22-25	BOMA International Conference & Expo Salt Lake City, UT
June 26	FCIA Webinar

FCIA's ECA '19 - Another Blockbuster Event

F CIA's ECA Conference this April welcomed its highest attendance for this event in FCIA's 20-year history. Attendees from across the US and Canada were present in Chicago for the three-day event, featuring the FM & UL/ULC Firestop Exams, FCIA Committee meetings, Education Sessions and more.

Chicago saw more than 30 people write the FM or UL/ULC Firestop Exams. As these third-party accreditation programs continue to grow, this shows a strong commitment within the industry to installation excellence for safer buildings.

Education topics covered a wide-range of topics, from workforce recruiting and retention to two separate legal



issue programs, the new 2018 IBC adoption in Chicago to Code Development: Past to Now, and more. Attendees also heard an update on ASHE and The Joint Commission and explored the Firestopping Installation, Inspection and Maintenance Process from a General Contractor coordination perspective. Sessions on Pump Maintenance and Productivity and UL Standards introductions led right into the FCIA tour of UL's Fire Test Labs.

Interested individuals had the opportunity to meet with FCIA Committees during the Committee roundtable session to learn more about each's goals and initiatives with the hope of volunteering. Anyone interested in joining a Committee should contact that Committee Chair to begin the process.

On-site feedback at the event was very positive, some even saying this was one of the best events ever put on by FCIA. Many thanks to all who attended.

Stay tuned for more information on upcoming FCIA events, like the FCIA Firestop & Effective Compartmentation 'DIIM' Symposium in Montreal, QC this September 25-26 and FIC '19 – the FCIA Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show in Miami, FL this November 5-8.



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FCIA Tours UL Fire-Testing Labs

This April, over 70 FCIA Members took a field trip to UL's Fire Test Laboratory in Northbrook, IL after the FCIA ECA '19 Conference.

While there, we saw the sprinkler testing, reaction to fire, and fire-resistance labs for various components of fire-resistance - from structural to compartmentation and flame spread.

Thanks to Rich Walke for organizing a highly educational and exciting outing!



FCIA Barrier Management Symposium Recordings

Do you need to study the complete fire-resistance-rated and smoke-resistant package? FCIA's partnership with the American Society for Healthcare Engineering (ASHE), UL and The Joint Commission resulted in the 1 or 1.5-day Barrier Management Symposium.

For more information, visit www.fcia.org/barriermanagementsymposium.htm to find video recordings of the program.



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FCIA @ CSC

FCIA's Bill McHugh spoke at the Construction Specifications Canada Conference in Regina, Saskatchewan, May 25. We had a great discussion about the importance of specifying firestopping in one place, the MasterFormat Section 07-84-00. Using this single source spec, the Specifier can communicate to the Firestop Installation Contractors the documentation required to be passed on to the Building Owner and Manager.

This documentation becomes the 'inventory' of firestopping. An inventory of fire-resistance-rated and smoke-resistant assemblies is something that all Building Owners and Managers need to maintain the structures' important line of defense. Check out the presentation at www.FCIA.org's home page.

FCIA @ ASTM E06 Meetings

FCIA's Standards Committee leaders Eric Keeton and Jay McGuire travelled to Denver to meet on ASTM Inspection, Exposure, Movement, and other Standards. We at FCIA appreciate that we can discuss issues with the talented Manufacturer technical personnel at these meetings. Watch for new Standards due out soon.

ICC's Building Safety Month



First observed in 1980, Building Safety Month raised awareness about critical safety issues from roofing & structural to fire prevention, plumbing and mechanical systems, and energy efficiency.

Building Codes and the Officials who enforce them are making communities safer and more resilient. Homes and buildings built in compliance with Building Safety Codes result in resilient structures that minimize the risks of death, injury and property damage. ICC's Building Safety Month themes included many facets of Building Codes, and those who work with them every day.

This year's themes were:

- May 1–5 - Preparing for Disasters: Build Strong, Build Smart
- May 6–12 - Ensuring a Safer Future Through Training and Education
- May 13–19 - Securing Clean, Abundant Water for All Communities
- May 20–26 - Construction Professionals and Homeowners: Partners in Safety
- May 27–31 - Innovations in Building Safety

To learn more about ICC's events and activities, check out www.iccsafe.org/about/myicc-membership-resources.

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FCIA Webinars

Each month, we venture into fire-resistance-rated and smoke-resistant assembly subject matter with the [FCIA FREE Educational Webinar Series](#). PDFs of the monthly presentations are [available online](#). FCIA Members get access to recordings in the [Members Only](#) section.

Not an FCIA Member? [Join FCIA](#) to get access to the recordings.



Wednesday, June 26

10:00 am CDT

'The FM 4991 Approval Process for Firestop Contractors'

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

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...

FCIA & Life Safety Digest Partner with CONSTRUCT



[CONSTRUCT](#) is an AEC educational program and exhibition dedicated to bringing together all disciplines in the commercial built environment. Earn CEUs, see the latest products, and network with industry peers.

During the three-day educational program and two-day expo, industry leaders converge with a common goal of educating and inspiring for the betterment of the industry.

From emerging professionals to influential industry veterans, AEC

professionals can enhance their skills and increase their knowledge that will in turn give them a competitive edge in their field.

Grab your copy of [Life Safety Digest](#) while there!

And More...

Look for FCIA and [Life Safety Digest](#) at these other industry events around North America: [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

- Alliance Partition Systems - Arlington, WA
- American Firestop Solutions - Sacramento, CA
- BrandSafway Solutions - Nashville, TN
- K Fox Insulation - Arlington, WA
- Lasco Acoustics & Drywall, Inc. - Dallas, TX
- Liberty Industrial Group - Phoenix, AZ
- Regulatory Readiness Solutions - York, PA

FCIA New International Contractor Members

- Medtel - Doha, Qatar
- Brandschutz Fire Technology - Singapore

FCIA New Associate Members

- Berners-Schober Associates - Green Bay, WI
- Jensen Hughes, Inc. - Warwick, RI

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.

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.



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