

Upcoming Events

Sept 16	FCIA Webinar
Sept 30-Oct 2	FCIA Virtual Canadian Symposium
Oct 5-7	ASHE Virtual Conference
Oct 7-8	CONSTRUCT Virtual Event
Oct 14	FCIA Contractor & Special Inspection Agency Members Only Webinar
Oct 21	FCIA Webinar
Oct 27-30	FIC '20 Hybrid Conference & Trade Show



FIC '20 COMES TO SAN ANTONIO

FIC '20, the [FCIA Firestop Industry Hybrid Conference & Trade Show](#), heads to San Antonio, TX and the [Hyatt Regency Hill Country](#) this fall.

For the first-time ever, attendees can choose to attend in-person or online for the conference-experience of their choice.

In-person attendees can expect four days of:

- FCIA Education for the Firestop Exams
- The [FM & UL-ULC Firestop Exams](#)
- [Dynamic education sessions](#) focused on Barrier Management
- An engaging trade show floor
- The FCIA Memorial Golf Outing
- And more



Online attendees can register to **attend the October 28-30 education sessions**. The FM and UL-ULC Firestop Exams will not be available for virtual attendees to take remotely.

[Register by September 27](#) for early registration discounts.

[Book your hotel room online](#) before **October 5** for the FCIA rate of **\$189/night**.

For more information, check out the [Registration Brochure](#). [Register Today](#)



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FCIA BOARD MEETS

The FCIA Board of Directors met in August for their quarterly meeting. On the agenda were many key initiatives for the Association and firestop industry. It's always good to get Association leadership together in the same room. Lots of good work gets done.

Thank you to the current Board Members for their leadership during these unprecedented times. We appreciate the donation of their time and talents to help FCIA and to continue to advocate for the firestop and effective compartmentation industry.

FCIA BOARD ELECTIONS

Right about this time of year is when FCIA Members would start receiving information regarding upcoming Board elections. Due to the unique and challenging year 2020 has proven to be, the FCIA Board of Directors has voted to keep the current Board in place for 2021. Because of the excellent guidance and leadership the 2020 Board has provided, FCIA is seeing

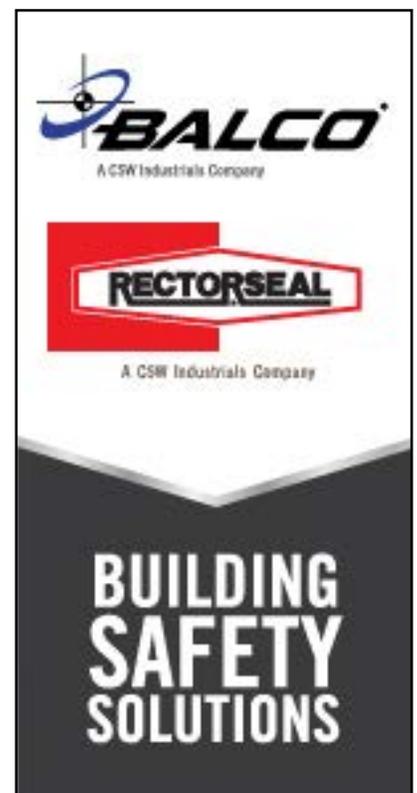
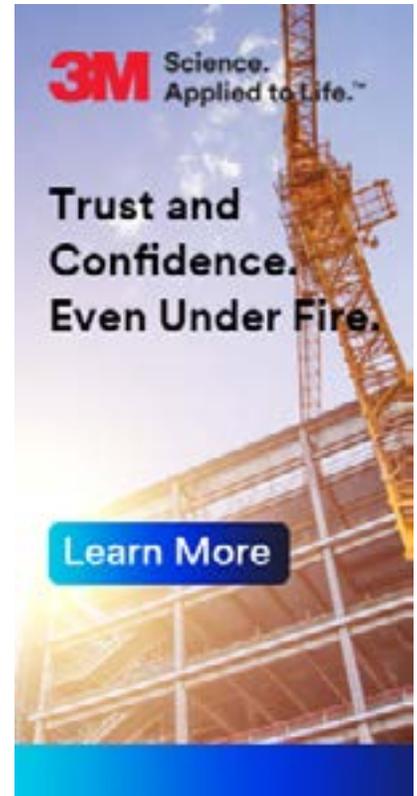
high member retention rates, is still growing and adding new members around the globe, and is in sound financial health. We are certain they will continue to positively guide FCIA through 2021.

Look for information on Board elections for the 2022 Board of Directors in the summer of 2021.

FCIA COMMITTEES STILL ACTIVE

Plans are underway for the FCIA [Code](#) and [Standards](#) Committees to meet via GoToMeeting. FCIA's effectiveness is traced to the talent and time given by individuals participating in Committees.

Look for new code initiatives, more work on the ASTM Identification (Label) Standard, and much more in the coming weeks.



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FCIA at ICC & NFPA

The International Code Council's Code Development Process has already kicked off with the Code Action Committees (CAC) meeting and working groups teleconferencing, a lot. There are multiple workgroups that are studying issues in the Building, Fire, and Energy Codes to name a few.

FCIA participates in the Fire CAC and watches the Building CAC actions as well. Discussions include: performance-based structural design that focused on structural fire-resistance and NOT effective compartmentation;

occupied roofs where firestopping and structural fire-resistance is usually a question; the issue of T-Ratings required for firestopping, but not concrete or grout; and, clarifying Section 715 on Joints and Voids, and much more.

We're working closely with our manufacturer member partners on these discussions.

At FCIA, we are really pleased to have great talent working on these key code issues.

PHOTOLUMINESCENT MARKINGS & OSHA

Did you know that the USA Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Standard 1910.35-39 mention "self-luminous" (photoluminescent-PL) markings. This is mentioned in one of the two codes referenced in the OSHA standard 1910.35, for egress systems in buildings higher than 75' tall. Wait, that's not the building or fire code, it's OSHA. OSHA is totally different than the building or fire codes as it can be enforceable by OSHA's team of inspectors. And, the section is a bit vague.

Check out the article in the next issue of [Life Safety Digest](#) to learn more.




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2018 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE & FIRE-RESISTANCE

The 2018 International Fire Code's Chapter 7 was broken into several sections to reflect the importance of each individual discipline in fire-resistance. Breaches made in fire-resistance-rated assemblies are made to provide holes for penetrating items such as pipes, ducts, fire dampers, and even joints and voids. All of these breaches need to be protected continuously, meaning for the life of the building. The building owner and manager is critical to maintaining fire-resistance-rated and smoke-resistant assemblies.

To learn more about the importance of maintaining fire-resistance in existing high-rise (and other occupancy) buildings, check out Life Safety Digest's Winter 2018 Article, "[Fire Code Requirements and Inventory](#)".



'Firestopping Inspection'

Wednesday, September 16
10:00 am CDT

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FCIA 'DIIM' SYMPOSIUM CANADA GOES VIRTUAL

The [FCIA Virtual 'DIIM' Symposium Canada](#) takes the successful in-person FCIA Firestop & Effective Compartmentation 'DIIM' Symposium Canada and delivers a [dynamic virtual event](#) for those involved in the ['DIIM' of Firestopping](#) - 'D'esign, 'I'nstallation, 'I'nspection, and 'M'aintenance of firestop and effective compartmentation systems - in Canada.

This **September 30-October 2**, the [FCIA Virtual 'DIIM' Symposium Canada](#) features a series of virtual education sessions set over three-days focused on the critical life safety systems in the firestop, effective compartmentation, and structural fire-resistance industry in Canada.

[Sessions cover a variety of topics](#) including the 'DIIM' of Firestopping, Canadian Code development and requirements, Standards, Ratings, and more. This is the premier education event for those all over Canada who regulate, design, install, inspect, and maintain the passive fire protection industry.

Register once. Attend multiple days.

Registration is FREE.

[REGISTER TODAY!](#)

FCIA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

FCIA works hard to spread the word of the ['DIIM' of Firestopping](#) around the world, encouraging all interested Specialty Firestop Installation Contractors, Special Inspection Agencies, Associates, Manufacturers, 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 International Contractor Members

- Qulix Trading and Services - Doha, Qatar

FCIA New Contractor Branch Members

- Northeast Firestopping Solutions - Lakeland, FL

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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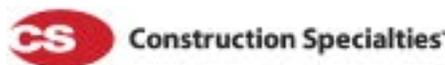
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