

Upcoming Events

<i>May 10-13</i>	<i>ECA '21, the FCIA Education & Committee Action Conference Kansas City, MO</i>
<i>May 26</i>	<i>FCIA Webinar</i>
<i>June 17</i>	<i>AIA Conference on Architecture VIRTUAL Event</i>
<i>June 28</i>	<i>FCIA Webinar</i>



ECA '21 - IT'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

ECA '21, the [FCIA Education & Committee Action Hybrid Conference](#), is all set and ready to open this May 10-13 in Kansas City, MO.

Wanting to offer an attendance option for all, the hybrid event features a virtual attendance option to support those unable to attend the traditional conference experience. Cutting edge technologies will bring the conference-experience to remote attendees, including the first-ever hybrid FCIA Committee Action Meetings, allowing them to feel just as much an active participant in the event as if they were sitting in the room.

For those attending in-person, they'll observe a conference experience slightly different from ECA events of the past. ECA '21 follows the latest COVID-19 safety guidelines from IHG, the KCMO Health Department, and the CDC to ensure a safe event for our Members and attendees, all while bringing the stellar technical content attendees have come to expect from FCIA events.

The three-day event highlights sessions on a variety of business development and firestopping topics all designed to help Specialty Firestop Installation Contractors bring their expertise and engagement to the next level. Register and earn CEUs for attending:

- 'Four Critical Decisions' with Kenn Kington
- 'What to Expect from Third-Party Inspections – Part II' with Eric



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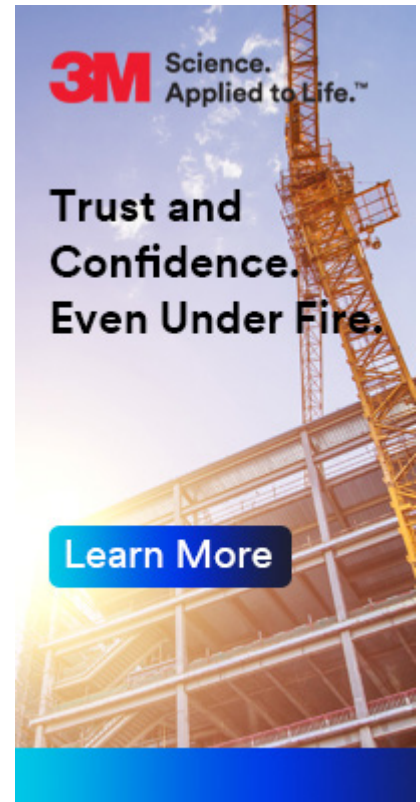
ECA '21 (cont'd)

- Bergman (Braun Intertec), Mark St. Onge (UL), and Patrick Tesche (Global Fire Protection)
- 'The Pandemic is Not Yet Over! A Discussion on COVID-19 in the Construction Workplace' with Philip Siegel, Esq. (Hendrick, Phillips, Salzman & Siegel, P.C.)
 - 'Challenges Associated with Building Code Enforcement' with Tim Ryan (International Association of Building Code Officials)
 - 'The Post(?) -Pandemic Outlook for Construction' with Ken Simonsen (AGC)
 - 'Hospitals, ASHE, TJC, Fire-Resistance, and Firestopping' with Jonathan Flannery, MHSA, FASHE, FACHE (ASHE)
 - 'A GC's Perspective on Firestopping' with Corey Zussman (Pepper Construction)
 - 'A Look at the 2024 Code Cycle and Proposals' with Bill Koffel, P.E. FSPE (Koffel Associates)
 - 'Fire Dampers, Fire/Smoke Dampers, Ceiling/Radiation Dampers' with Kent Maune (RUSKIN)
 - 'Center for Campus Fire Safety' with Justin Daniels (CCFS)

The in-person event also offers Specialty Firestop Installation Contractor and Special Inspection Agency employees the opportunity to write the [FM and UL Firestop Exams](#).

[Registration](#) is still open, so there's still time to secure your spot at ECA '21.

Don't waste another minute! [Register Today!](#)



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FCIA FCAEP LAUNCHES FIRESTOP LEVEL 1

Specialty Firestop Installation Contractor and Special Inspection Agency personnel – Are you looking for ways to help set yourself apart from the competition? Then you need the [FCIA Firestop Certificate of Achievement Educational Program \(FCAEP\)](#), FCIA's new e-Learning program – now up and running!

The [FCIA Firestop Level 1 Program](#) provides the educational foundation for the next three Levels of the Firestop FCAEP Program, focusing on the ['DIIM' of Firestopping](#) – the 'D'esign, 'I'nstallation, 'I'nspection, and 'M'aintaining Protection through firestopping.

Since its launch in March, several Specialty Firestop Installation Contractor personnel have taken and received their Certificates of Achievement for successful completion of the Firestop Level 1 Program. Look for the Firestop FCAEP Level 2 launching very soon, with Level 3 and Level 4 not far behind.

It's time for you to be the best you can be. [Learn more today.](#)

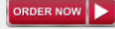
FCIA Certificate of Achievement Educational Program (FCAEP)

The Firestop Contractors International Association announces the all-new FCIA Certificate of Achievement Education Program (FCAEP). FCIA's new FCAEP is built on decades of experience in FCIA education and technical resources.



FCIA FIRESTOP CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT EDUCATION PROGRAM

FCIA's Firestop Level 1-4 Certificate of Achievement Program dives deep into the world of firestopping. FCIA's Firestop FCAEP is for FCIA Member and Non-Member Specialty Firestop Installation Contractors and Inspection Agency Personnel.

<p>Firestop Level 1</p> <p>'The 'DIIM' of Firestop for Fire and Life Safety'</p> <p>The Firestop Level 1 program covers 'Firestopping 'DIIM' – proper 'D'esign, 'I'nstallation, 'I'nspection, and then 'M'aintaining Firestop Protection.</p> <p><small>COURSE DESCRIPTION & BIOS</small></p> <p>Member Price: \$149 USD*</p>  <p><small>Non-Member Price: \$447 USD* *Prices are per FCIA Certificate of Achievement.</small></p>	<p>Firestop Level 2</p> <p>'Firestop Materials and Systems'</p> <p>An in-depth firestopping course with 20+ modules, the Firestop Level 2 'Firestop Materials and Systems' program travels deep into firestopping and effective compartmentation.</p> <p><small>Stay tuned for more info.</small></p> <p>Member Price: Coming Soon</p>	<p>Firestop Level 3</p> <p>'Estimating and Project Management'</p> <p>Firestop Level 3, 'Estimating and Project Management', covers key fundamental elements in every Estimator's and Project Manager's role.</p> <p><small>Stay tuned for more info.</small></p> <p>Member Price: Coming Soon</p>	<p>Firestop Level 4</p> <p>'Firestopping Capstone Class'</p> <p>The Firestop Level 4 program brings exam-proven firestopping knowledge for Specialty Firestop Installation Contractor and Special Inspection Agency personnel.</p> <p><small>Stay tuned for more info.</small></p> <p>Member Price: Coming Soon</p>
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FCIA'S WEBINARS

Don't miss [FCIA's webinar series](#), education that dives deep into firestopping and effective compartmentation.

Got an idea on something generic you want to present or see that might help others? [Email us](#) and we can talk!

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THE FCIA MANUAL OF PRACTICE - UPDATES COMING

The [FCIA Manual of Practice \(MOP\)](#) is the firestop industry's leading resource for accepted firestop knowledge.

FCIA's MOP was first published in September 2000. Since then, updates have occurred about every three years, with the last one focusing on Firestop Inspection. The Firestop Inspection Chapter covers the International Building Code Chapter 17 requirements. It also details and explains the inspection process stated in ASTM E 2174, Standard Practice for On-Site Inspection of Installed Firestop Systems and ASTM E 2393, Standard Practice for On-Site Inspection of Fire-Resistive Joint Systems. The 7th Edition update added a NEW 80-page document to the already robust resource guide!

We are excited to announce that this living document, currently in its 7th Edition, is now undergoing its latest revision and update – a new Standards Section and a fresh new look!

FCIA Member MOP holders, look for more information on a PDF update soon! Don't have a copy? FCIA Members get a \$600 discount.

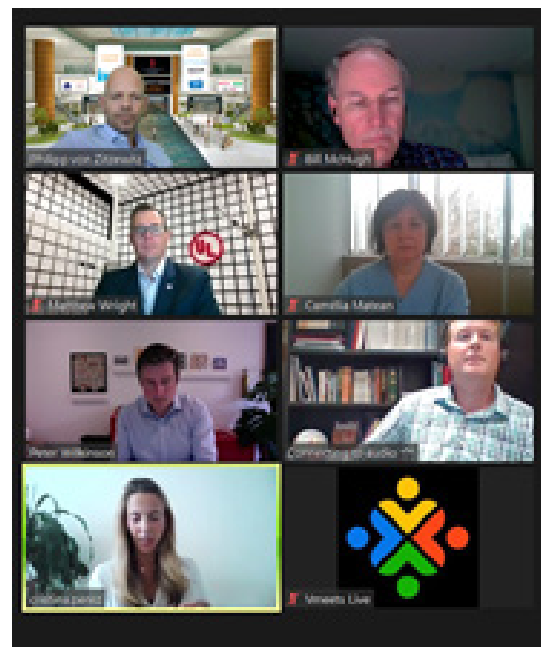
Specifiers and Architects with design firms, Code Officials and Fire Marshals with jurisdictions, and AHJs can request a PDF of the document for FREE. [Email us](#) for your copy.

FCIA AT IFE'S FIRE & LIFE SAFETY FORUM

The Institution of Fire Engineers, a UK-based organization, recently hosted a series of six 'Best Practice Virtual Conferences'. These fast-moving programs, each with multiple speakers, were spread over a 6-week time period.

FCIA was honored to be able to present a session on the 'DIIM' of Firestopping – the proper 'D'esign, 'I'nstallation, 'I'nspection, and 'M'aintaining Protection for firestopping and effective compartmentation – during the [Fire Safety Forum 2021](#). We appreciated the opportunity to be part of the program.

Look for videos soon!



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FCIA AT GCC VIRTUAL FIRE SAFETY FORUM

During this program, FCIA's Bill McHugh provided a short overview of FCIA's 'DIIM of Firestopping' and Barrier Management Services. This fast moving and very early morning program had participants from the Middle East, Europe, the UK, and Australasia.

CODE DEVELOPMENT

ICC CODE HEARINGS - APRIL & MAY

Code development kicked off at the International Code Council April 11. FCIA's proposals had a good showing, and even if disapproved, had some big breakthroughs.

- FS59-21 – FCIA proposed to require programs administered by a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory, (FM 4991 Approved and UL Qualified) for Specialty Firestop Installation Contractors in the building code. While disapproved, we had testimony in support of FCIA's proposal from a hospital member of ASHE and also BOMA.
- FS58-21 – Although disapproved, this proposal for firestop system Identification systems (labels) at penetrations and joints brought great comments from opposition giving us direction going forward with the ASTM Standard under development.
- FS60-21 – In this Approved proposal, FCIA clarified that where sleeves are used in a firestop system listing, they are installed in accordance with the listing and the manufacturers' installation instructions. Where not installed in accordance with a listing, they are securely fastened.
- FS70-21 – This proposal was Approved. FCIA clarified

the difference between SYSTEMS and MATERIALS installed in breaches created for expansion joints. SYSTEMS are installed in accordance with manufacturers' installation instructions and the listing, while MATERIALS are installed in accordance with the manufacturers' installation instructions only.

- FS66-21 – This proposal, which was a suggestion from the International Firestop Council to ICC's Fire Code Action Committee (FCAC), removed the requirement for a firestop system T-Rating when concrete does not need the T-Rating, the exception in 714.5.1.2, Exception 4.
- FS44-21 – This proposal, by Rich Wake, clarified that where a fire barrier meets an exterior wall, it gets treated with a material or system.
- FS45-21 – Suggested by the International Firestop Council and proposed by the ICC's FCAC, FS 45-21 added a definition for Continuity Head of Wall Assembly and added the ASTM E 2837, *Standard Test Method for Determining the Fire Resistance of Continuity Head of Wall Joint Systems Installed between Rated Wall Assemblies and Non Rated Horizontal Assemblies*. We know there are many

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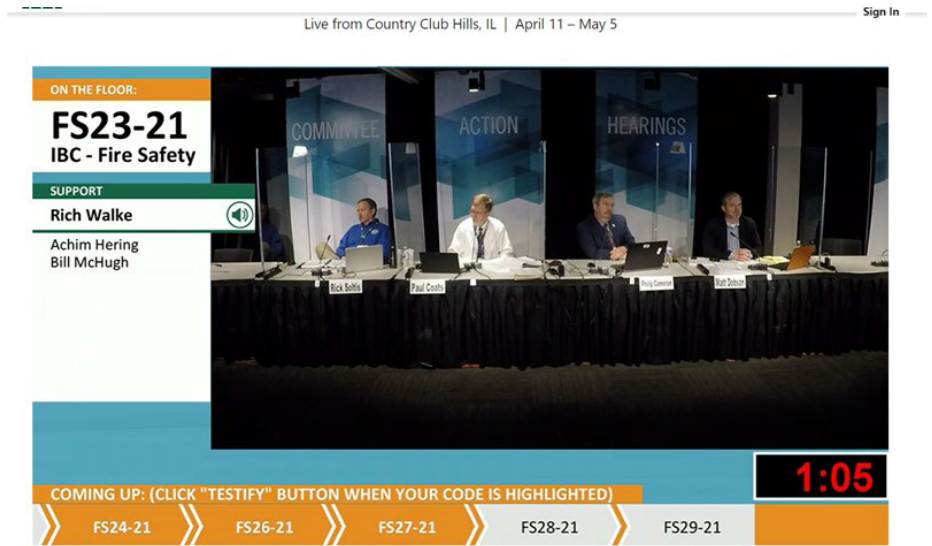
CODE DEVELOPMENT cont'd

ICC CODE HEARINGS (cont'd)

single-story buildings with a minimum 1-hour smoke barrier meeting the roof, which is not fire-resistance-rated.

NOTE TO REMEMBER: None of these successful or disapproved proposals constitute a new code requirement. These are ICC Code Committee recommendations to the full ICC Governmental Voting Membership, which takes place in late September.

We watched a lot more to be sure that firestopping is properly 'DIIM'ed – 'D'esigned, 'I'nstalled, 'I'nspected, and 'M'aintained Protection - for fire and life safety.

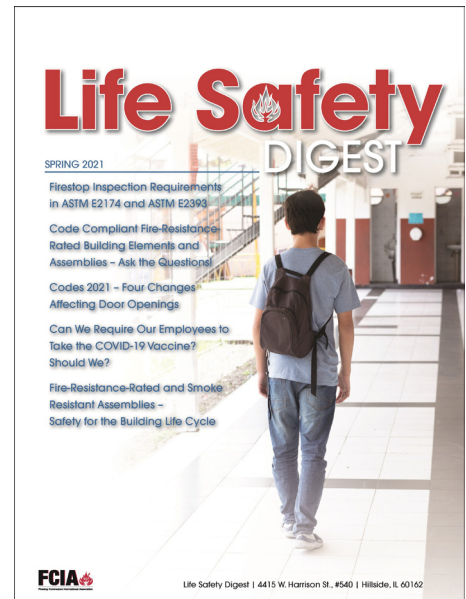


LIFE SAFETY DIGEST MAKES A DIFFERENCE

At every code hearing and outside conference FCIA attends, including ANFPA, ASHE, ICC, CSI-CONSTRUCT, and others, compliments are made about FCIA's *Life Safety Digest*, the Magazine of Effective Compartmentation.

Life Safety Digest's content, focused on fire-resistance-rated building elements and assemblies, makes it a great tool for Specialty Firestop Installation and Barrier Management Services Contractors, Special Inspection Agency Inspectors, Code Officials, Fire Marshals, Specifiers, Architects, Engineers, and others.

Thanks to all *Life Safety Digest* readers and advertisers for your support. The support you give allows us to provide a high-quality technical journal focused on educating the world about fire-resistance-rated and smoke-resistant assemblies.



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MATERIAL COST INCREASES & CONTRACTS

We've all heard of rapid price increases and supply issues with certain construction products. To protect FCIA Contractor Members against price volatility, the law firm of Hendrick Phillips, Salzman and Siegel, P.C. has provided a guide to managing volatile material pricing.

Check it out at www.FCIA.org.

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 Contractor Members

- Advanced Construction Services - Midwest City, OK
- Beyond Thermal - Rocky View County, AB
- Life Safety Enterprises, Inc. - Willoughby, OH
- LRT Restoration Technologies, LLC - Monroe, OH
- TCM Firestop - Lexington, KY
- Tigre Construction Specialties, LLC - Hayward, CA
- University of New Mexico Comprehensive Cancer Center - Albuquerque, NM

FCIA New Contractor Branch Members

- American National Insulation dba Insulpro Projects (Oregon) - Portland, OR



- Colorado Mechanical Insulation, Inc. (Texas) - Austin, TX
- DPR Construction (Newport Beach) - Newport Beach, CA
- Marek Brothers Systems, Inc. (Dallas) - Grapevine, TX
- RTJ, Inc.

FCIA New International Contractor Members

- JPM Associates Technical Services, LLC - Dubai, UAE

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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