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FCIA'S ECA '21 - "BEST GROUP OF SPEAKERS I HAVE HEARD"

ECA '21, the [FCIA Education & Committee Action Hybrid Conference](#), wrapped up earlier this month, and the reviews are in!

"Best group of speakers I have heard since we joined." J.D.

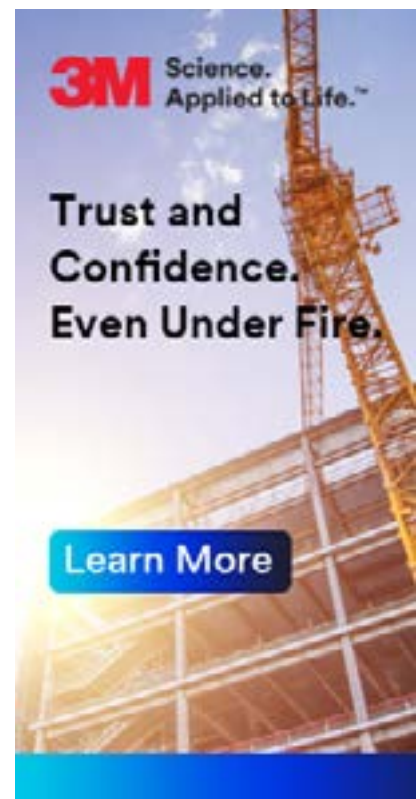
"My company does more than just Firestopping. There is a lot of content that is valuable for anyone in the construction industry." T.F.

"Great job in providing some great information in a layman's level format." J.A.

"Another amazing presentation!" T.S.

"Big thanks to the crew for making this virtual attendance possible!" B.R.

More than 150 attendees participated in the hybrid event, either in-person or online, which featured three days of technically-driven content developed for the firestop industry. Attendees participated in sessions covering a variety of topics, like Special Inspection, Fire Dampers, an ASHE update on the hospital industry post-COVID, the 2024 International and NFPA Code Cycles, an economic forecast for construction, and so much more. (cont'd)



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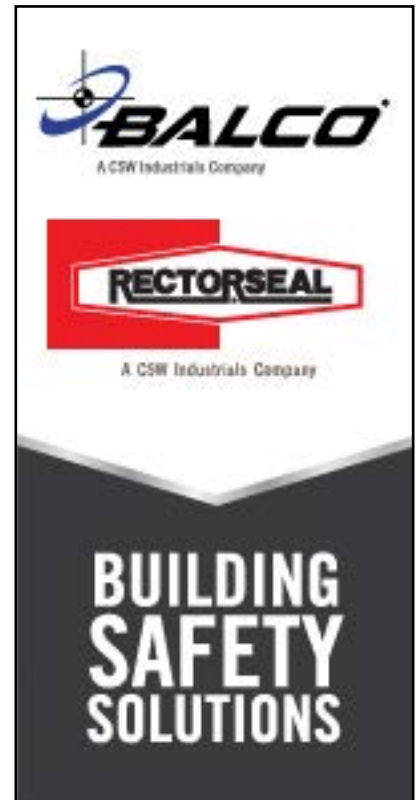
ECA '21 (cont'd)

Speakers provided input - from their perspective about how to grow acceptance of the firestop installation contractor as the preferred provider of this technical service – firestopping and barrier management services, and also firestop inspection. And, ALL attendees – Virtual or In Person - were able to interact with speakers in dynamic Q&A sessions following each presentation. The questions from the audience and the “virtual world” were thought-provoking and started a lot of great discussion!

One of the most dynamic rounds of Q&A followed a great program by Ruskin's Kent Maune on the 'D'esign, 'I'nstallation, 'I'nspection, and 'M'aintenance of Fire and Smoke Dampers.

Questions from the audience centered on installation in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions. Fire, fire/smoke, and smoke damper installation issues typically occur when the instructions, which incorporate the listings from UL, are not followed, read, etc. during installation. It was clear after this session that more education on this topic is needed. Look for more damper programs in the future.

From the education provided during FM and UL Firestop Exam Prep Session to Legal issues, decisions you make in life and business, two great receptions featuring local spirits and brewery tastings, relationship building, and networking, FCIA's 2021 Education and Committee Action HYBRID Conference knocked it out of the park! FCIA Members have access to presentations through [Members Only](#) access.



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CENTER FOR CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY SPEAKS TO FCIA

Justin Daniels, Fire Marshal for the University of Oklahoma and Board President of the [Center for Campus Fire Safety \(CCFS\)](#), presented a session to attendees at FCIA's ECA '21. The session included an introduction to CCFS and what it does. It also provided an overview of a University Fire Marshal's responsibilities. Everything from medical and first-aid to food truck propane tank inspections to emergency management, plan review and inspections of sprinklers, alarms, and effective compartmentation including firestopping, doors, etc., the University Fire Marshal's office is involved in a lot. It's all about protection of life and property on-campus.

He explained that the role of the University Fire Marshal's office involving fire barriers and firestopping is to review drawings, including tested and listed systems, ensure compliance with the listings from UL or other laboratories, and to conduct visual inspections for proper installation on new construction and existing building projects. What does he want to see on a construction project? Documentation, firestopping installed by a single Specialty Firestop Installation Contractor, and regular inspections throughout the project.

For existing buildings, the University Fire Marshal is responsible for ensuring installed systems maintain protection for the occupants. This even includes inspecting hard to reach areas and developing strategies to repair any issues that arise – with outside contractors or university staff – procured through the physical plant director.

He acknowledged that the firestopping industry needs to do a better job at educating University Facility Directors and Fire Marshals about the Fire Code required annual visual inspections for existing fire barriers.

He noted that hospitals are the only facilities actively keeping up with this requirement. Why is this? Because there's not enough people out there who understand the inspections that need to be done.



So how do we fix this?

1. Educate Code Officials, Fire Marshals
2. Open communication between the Code/Fire Official and the GC and/or Subcontractors
3. Consistency in the process
4. Involvement of the Manufacturers and Contractors

That's where an FCIA – CCFS partnership comes in.

By partnering together, we can educate Code Officials and Fire Marshals and change this. Look for more information on this growing partnership in the future.

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FCIA MOP UPDATE

The [FCIA Manual of Practice \(MOP\)](#) recently received a big update. The Code and Standards section has been expanded to 120 pages and includes a new Appendix on Standards that adds Code information into the industry resource guide for countries and regions like the USA, Canada, the UK, parts of Europe, the Middle East, Far East, and more. Plus, check out the new cover!

FCIA Members who have purchased an MOP & AHJ's, Specifiers with Design Firms/Independents, Fire Marshals, and select others get free PDF updates.

Don't have a copy of the FCIA MOP? [Order it online today!](#)



FCIA PLANS FIC '21

Don't miss FCIA's Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show, November 2-5, heading to Rancho Bernardo Inn in San Diego, CA (finally!).

Meet us in San Diego this November for three days of dynamic education for the firestop and effective compartmentation industry. Plus, there's the FCIA Memorial Golf Tournament, Education for the FM & UL Firestop Exams, the [FM & UL-ULC Firestop Exams](#), the FCIA Annual Dinner, networking opportunities, and so much more, you really can't afford to miss this year's event.

And all this at the stunning [Rancho Bernardo Inn](#) in San Diego, CA. [Book your room now](#) to take advantage of discounted group rates.

Registration for FIC '21 will include in-person and virtual attendance options, giving everyone an opportunity to attend.

Registration will be opened soon. Stay tuned to www.FCIA.org for updates.

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FCIA BOARD MEETS WITH IFC

FCIA's Board of Directors meets at each FCIA Conference with leaders from the International Firestop Council. Topics of discussion have included: labeling firestop assemblies, movement of penetrating items or the assembly, exposure of firestop materials

to various conditions, ASTM Standards, International Building and Fire Code, NFPA changes, and a lot more.

It is always great to meet face to face to discuss industry issues.

FCIA COMMITTEE ACTION MEETINGS

Amazing programs come from FCIA's Committee Action Meetings. Some of the highlights include the FM 4991 Approved Program, the UL Qualified Firestop Contractor Program, proposing ASTM E2174/ASTM E2393 to the International Building Code, NFPA 1 and NFPA 101, and the UL Master Certificate of Compliance Program (MACC) just to name a few.

Each Spring, during the FCIA Education & Committee Action Conference, FCIA Committee members come together for the first – and sometimes only – face-to-face Committee meeting of the year. FCIA Members who are interested in learning more about FCIA Committees and all they're doing are invited to sit in on these Committee Action Roundtable Sessions, with the hope that they'll

find a Committee to donate their time and talents to.

For the first-time ever, FCIA's Committee Action Sessions were conducted in a hybrid format using the new Meeting OWLs, allowing participants both near and far to have a voice in the room. In-person and virtual Committee members and interested parties met during the Tuesday afternoon sessions, and work on action items is already underway.

Stay tuned throughout the year for updates and news on what each Committee has been working on.



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NFPA 101/5000 VIRTUAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The NFPA 5000, Building Construction Code and NFPA 101, The Life Safety Code, development process starts in early July with a virtual committee hearing.

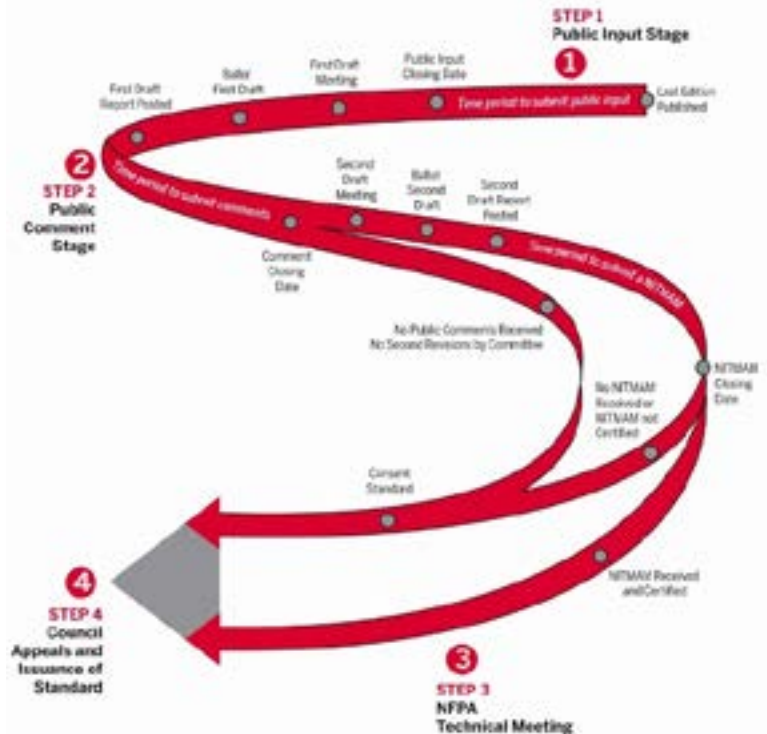
NFPA's Process aims to build a consensus through Public Inputs, Public Comments, and, finally, NFPA's Technical Meeting and Appeals.

According to NFPA, "The NFPA Technical Committees and Panels serve as the principal consensus bodies responsible for developing and updating all NFPA codes and standards." The Committee must reach a consensus to take action on an item.

Committees and Panels are appointed by the [Standards Council](#) and typically consist of no more than 30 voting members representing a balance of interests. Appointment to a Technical Committee is based on such factors as technical expertise, professional standing, commitment to public safety, and the ability to bring to the table the point of view of a category of interested people or groups. Each Technical Committee is constituted so as to contain a balance of affected interests, with no more than one-third of the Committee from the same [interest category](#). NFPA membership is not required to participate on an NFPA Technical Committee.



The Standards Development Process



Upcoming Events

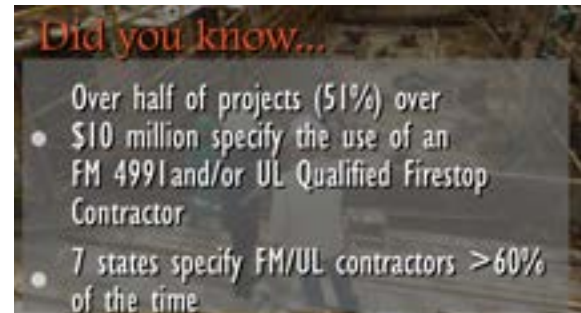
- June 16 **FCIA Webinar**
- June 17 **AIA Conference on Architecture VIRTUAL Event**

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FCIA LAUNCHES SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING CAMPAIGN

Remember when the FCIA Marketing Committee analyzed 15,000+ projects to see how often things like the FM 4991/UL Qualified Contractor Programs or third-party firestop inspections were being specified?

Watch out for our upcoming LinkedIn campaign that highlights some of the most interesting findings!



FCIA AWARDS TWO SCHOLARSHIPS

The applications are in and the votes have been counted...and the winners of the FCIA Scholarship are (drumroll please)...

Jake Smith
(Worcester Polytechnic Institute)

and

Jacob Witlin
(University of Maryland, College Park)

All scholarship applicants were impressive candidates, but Jake and Jacob stood out among the rest, according to the FCIA Scholarship Committee.

Congratulations! We look forward to big things in Fire Protection Engineering and Effective Compartmentation, remembering Firestopping in the future!

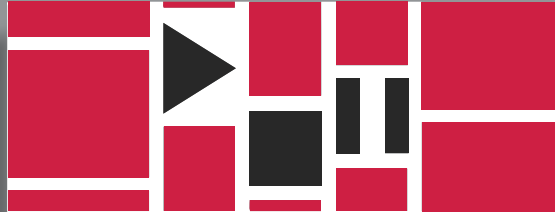


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'Fire-Resistance Protection of
Swinging Fire Doors'

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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 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

- CanPro Insulation Services - Bedford, NS
- D&S International, LLC - Kansas City, MO



FCIA New Contractor Branch Members

- DPR Construction - Atlanta, GA

FCIA New Associate Members

- Distribution International - Houston, TX

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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