

## NEW YEAR, NEW FCIA PRESIDENT

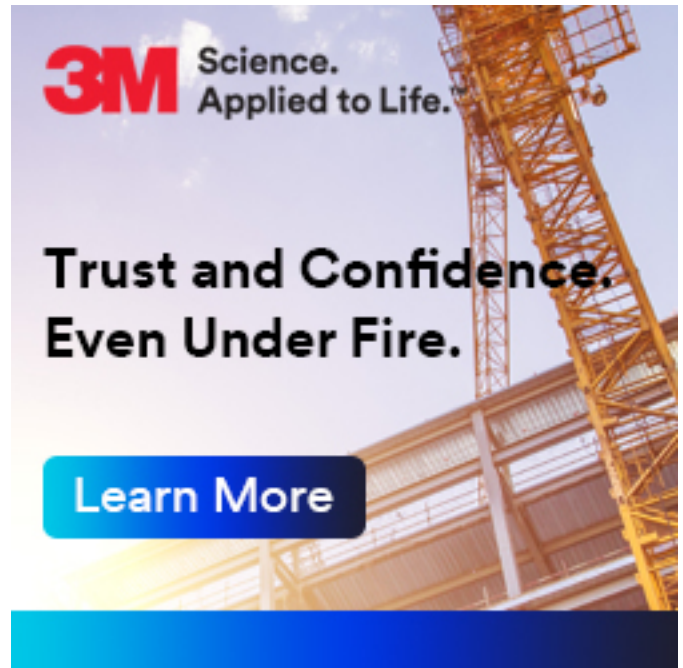


**Jerry Dugan, Jr.**  
FCIA 2022 Board President

Congrats to FCIA 2022 Board President, Jerry Dugan, Jr., as the new year starts. FCIA's [Board of Directors](#) meets January 27-28 with an agenda chock full of key issues.

FCIA thanks Ben Urcavich, 2020-21 Board President, for his service and for serving a two-year term. Ben and the whole Board of Directors stayed in place for two years for Board continuity to help FCIA work through the pandemic.

Ben, Jerry, and FCIA's Board of Directors are all volunteers. Their work is amazing.

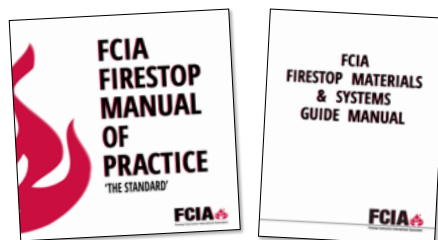


## FCIA'S MOP

The [FCIA's Firestop Manual of Practice](#) is for Specialty Firestop Installation Contractors & Special Inspection Agencies who want a benchmark level of knowledge in firestopping – Penetrations, Joints, Perimeter Fire Containment, Codes, much more. With an 80-page chapter on Inspection, and a NEW 180-page Worldwide Standards and Code Section, this book is second to none.

Want to get ready for the [FM or UL Firestop Exam](#)? The FCIA MOP is the study document to prepare you. Need a proof source for something that's third-party? FCIA's MOP is it.

FCIA Members pay \$295, saving \$600 off the Non-Member price. As a service to the industry, FCIA offers the MOP FREE for Governmental Code Officials, Fire Marshals, Independent Architects and Specifiers or those with Design Firm.



FCIA FIRESTOP MANUAL OF PRACTICE

[Order yours today!](#)

Upcoming Events	
February 10	FCIA India Webinar
February 16	FCIA Webinar
March 13-17	International Fire Operations Conference & Exhibition (IFOC)
March 15	FCIA Members Only Test Prep Webinar
March 16	FCIA Webinar
March 15-17	ABC Annual Convention
March 27- April 6	ICC Code Hearings
March 28-31	AGC Annual Convention

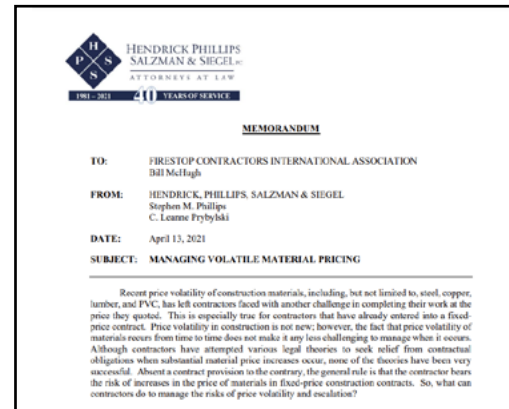
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## FIRESTOP INSTALLATION CONTRACTORS, MATERIAL PRICES ARE ON THE RISE

Since early 2020, the world has experienced the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. From soaring hospitalization rates to mask mandates, toilet paper shortages to purchase limits on select items, the effects of the pandemic have touched us all.

Unfortunately, the construction industry is no exception. COVID-19 continues to ravage the construction industry with material shortages and cost increases, production and delivery delays, staffing shortages, and more.

Back in May 2021, FCIA heard from the construction law firm of [Hendrick, Phillips, Salzman, and Seigel \(HPSS\)](#) with



contract clauses to help protect contractors. This critical information affects your business and will help protect your company through these HPSS price escalation contract clauses.

[Learn More Online at www.FCIA.org](http://www.FCIA.org)

## FCIA AT ASTM

ASTM is making plans for its ASTM E06 Committee Meetings for April 24-27 in Seattle – unless COVID restrictions strike again. We'll be there with Manufacturers, Consultants, and Special Inspection Agency personnel to review ASTM E2174 and ASTM E2393 and related standards. Watch for a report in June.

## FCIA & 2024 ICC CODES

FCIA has been following the 2024 International Building and International Existing Building Code development processes at ICC's Fire Code Action Committee (FCAC) and Building Code Action Committee (BCAC). The discussions about section 104, Duties and Powers of the Building Official, and Alternative Methods has been quite interesting. There will be a lot to watch at the Structural Committee work too. We'll be at the hearings in Rochester, NY this March 27-April 4.

Watch future installments of the FCIA e-News for the latest developments.



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## FCIA AT UL-ULC STANDARDS TECHNICAL PANEL

The UL Standards Technical Panel (STP) is a consensus group that makes changes to the UL 1479, UL 2079. There is also a UL Canada (ULC) Standards Technical Panel that encompasses all the fire-resistance standards, starting with ULC S-101, *Standard Methods of Fire Endurance Tests of Building Construction and Materials*, and also includes the ULC-S115, *Standard Method of Fire Tests of Firestop Systems*.

FCIA appreciates the opportunity to bring the field perspective to the UL and ULC Standards Development Process.



'The 'DIIM' of Firestopping = Safer Buildings for All'

Wednesday, February 16  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm CST

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## FCIA SAFETY ALERT

**F**irestop Installation Contracting is an amazing construction discipline. Not only does the Specialty Firestop Installation Contractor have to provide an estimate, proposal, negotiate a contract, schedule tested and listed systems, manufacturers installation instructions, safety data sheets and materials, installation and safety equipment and labor, they have to then pass inspections, send invoices on time, and collect payments. One big responsibility is safety. Also, the Specialty Firestop Installation Contractor has to deal with a new jobsite, different construction teams, and their own workforce productivity

every job. And, variations in the weather provides a whole other layer of challenge.

As part of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the [OSHA Winter Weather page \(https://www.osha.gov/winter-weather\)](https://www.osha.gov/winter-weather) provides tips for a wide range of outdoor work activities. Check out [Canada's OSHA Pages on working in extreme temperatures](https://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/phys_agents/hot_cold.html) as well. ([https://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/phys\\_agents/hot\\_cold.html](https://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/phys_agents/hot_cold.html))

## NFCA & NY APARTMENT FIRE (AND OTHER TRAGEDIES)

**F**CIA was saddened to hear the news about the Brooklyn, NY high-rise apartment fire and sends condolences to the families who lost homes and loved ones.

Because the building is still standing, the structural fire protection – concrete and/or steel and fireproofing - must have worked. Had the door to the apartment of fire origin been closed, fire and smoke spread might have been minimized as well. While there have been reports that a sprinkler might have helped, the sprinkler is just one of many elements that need to work (together) to protect people and property in buildings.

Fire-resistance-rated and smoke-resistive assemblies, sprinkler suppression systems, detection and alarm systems, plus

occupant education about these systems and what to do upon notification, are needed to protect people in buildings. The education process of all building occupants, all families, needs to be ongoing, and the fire-resistance-rated and smoke-resistant assembly protection is mandated to be inspected – where accessible – annually.

With vigilance and a continued commitment to improving fire and life safety in buildings, we will continue to make buildings safer worldwide and minimize – and hopefully eliminate one day – tragedies like this one.

## FCIA WEBINAR ARCHIVE

**D**id you know there are recordings of FCIA's educational webinars at FCIA.org in the Members Only section? These are exclusively for you, FCIA Members. [Check them out.](#)



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## THANK YOU, FCIA MEMBERS

A big thank you to FCIA Member Contractors, Manufacturers, and Associate Members who have renewed their FCIA Membership. With your dues, we keep the FCIA running. We advocate at ICC, NFPA, CSI, CSC, ACBOA, and many other organizations to promote the FCIA's 'DIIM' of firestopping – Proper 'D'esign, 'I'nstallation, 'I'nspection and 'M'aintaining Protection of firestopping.

FCIA's FCAEP, MOP, Conferences, and everything else FCIA are possible because you chose to be a member. From the bottom of our hearts to the bottom of yours, "Thank you".

If you are not a member, consider [joining FCIA](#).



## FCIA CELEBRATES LEADERS' CONTRIBUTIONS, MOURNS LOSSES

Over the years, FCIA has had the pleasure of working with many instrumental individuals to build the firestop and effective compartmentation industry.

Two of those individuals are **Blasé Reardon** and **Richard Keeney**.

Sadly, we were recently informed of the passing of both gentlemen.



Blasé was a FCIA Steering Committee Member and FCIA's 2nd President. He was the person who knew many potential FCIA members and leaders – many who have companies that even today are represented at FCIA. His ability to think ahead and see what FCIA would need in the future, helped us lay infrastructure for growth. Long after he retired, we

would hear from Blasé, often with his thoughts about an FCIA idea or initiative. We will miss his sincere interest in people, relationships, and our industry. [Read more about Blasé](#)

Richard was a very creative person, leading the FCIA Marketing Committee in the early 2000's. He also served on the 2003-04 Board of Directors. His Art Education degree helped us 'spruce up' FCIA educational materials at the time. His passion for all he did will not be forgotten by those who knew him. [Read more about Richard's life](#)



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## FCIA FCAEP

**F**CIAs Contractor and Special Inspection Agency Members: Did you know that FCIA's [NEW Firestop Certificate of Achievement & Education Program \(FCAEP\)](#) has a new Unlimited Access Subscription Package?

The education in this comprehensive program is perfect for new and existing employees in firestopping.

Use the [FCAEP Firestop Level 1 Program](#) to introduce the industry, tested and listed systems, building and fire codes, the FM 4991 Approved and UL-ULC Qualified Firestop Contractor Programs, and much more.

The robust [FCAEP Firestop Level 2 Program](#) is like a master's degree in firestopping, with 24-hours of contact education time.

Many thanks to FCIA Education Chair Tyler Ferguson for your work on the FCIA FCAEP Firestop Levels 1 and 2 Programs. Thanks, too, Vice Chair Bryant Bickmore for your vision to build education offerings from FCIA.

[Buy the FCAEP Firestop Level 1 and Level 2 UNLIMITED Access Subscription package today!](#)

## ECA '22 - WHERE DO WE GO NOW?

**P**OP QUIZ...

What US city can boast being home to the best haunted hotel in the US, has TWO of the stages named on the "Top Global Venue for Live Music" list, was recently named the eighth best city in the US by the Readers' Choice Awards, AND will be hosting ECA '22?

Music City, baby!

That's right, [ECA '22](#) packs up and heads to [Nashville, TN](#) this [May 17-20, 2022](#).

Just when you thought the FCIA Education & Committee Action Conference couldn't get any better, we've gone and upped the ante with a jam-packed agenda, powerful industry education, lively networking opportunities, and a dynamite location that's sure to wow attendees this May.

Registration is Now Open.

DON'T WASTE ANOTHER MINUTE.

[REGISTER TODAY!](#)



[Sheraton Grand  
Nashville Downtown](#)  
\$259 USD/night\*

[BOOK ONLINE](#) or call 615-259-2000 and mention 'FCIA' to get the FCIA group discount. Rooms will sell out fast. Make your reservation today!

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## FCIA & LIFE SAFETY DIGEST MAKING ROUNDS

FCIA's [Marketing Committee](#) is back at it, working hard to put FCIA Members and *Life Safety Digest* in trade shows around the world. This gives FCIA an opportunity to spread the word of the 'DIIM' of [Firestopping](#) & Effective Compartmentation to interested professionals worldwide.

### FCIA & *Life Safety Digest* Partner with International Fire Operations Conference & Exhibition (IFOC)

FCIA partners with the 3rd edition of [International Fire Operations Conference & Exhibition \(IFOC\)](#), the largest showcase of Fire Protection Technology & Innovation in the Arabian Gulf scheduled for 13-17 March 2022.

IFOC 2022 will be held under the esteemed patronage of His Royal Highness Prince



Abdulaziz Bin Saud Bin Naif Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Minister of Interior, KSA and exclusively hosted at the Hilton Riyadh Hotel by The General Directorate of Civil Defense, KSA with the Strategic Partnership and co-organization of Saudi Aramco and under the umbrella of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) & officially organised by iCONEX.

For More Information, please visit [www.ifoevent.com](http://www.ifoevent.com).

And More...Look for FCIA and *Life Safety Digest* at these other industry events around North America: [IFMA Facility Fusion](#), April 26-28, Austin, TX; [NFPA Annual Conference](#), June 6-9, Boston, MA; [AIA Conference on Architecture](#), June 23-25, Chicago, IL; [BOMA International Conference](#), June 26-28, Nashville, TN; [ASHE Annual Conference](#), July 17-20, Boston, MA; NASFM Fire Prevention & Safety Symposium, August 1-3, New Orleans, LA; ICC Building Safety & Design Expo, September 11-13, Louisville, KY; [CHES/IFHE Annual Conference](#), September 18-20, Toronto, ON; and IFMA World Workplace, September 28-30, Nashville, TN.

## 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

- Concrete Technology Association - Riverdale, MD
- PMR Pacific Sealants - San Francisco, CA
- Sunbelt Waterproofing & Restoration, LLC - Dallas, TX

### FCIA New Associate Members

- Butler Inspection Group, Inc. - Mississauga, ON
- Guardian Fire Testing Laboratories - Cobleskill, NY

**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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