

FCIA'S MAINTAINING PROTECTION IN THE NEWS

FCIA articles about fire-resistance in existing buildings are appearing in key industry publications. Check out the [March issue of International Fire Protection Magazine](#), the May issue of [Health Facility Management magazine](#), the June issue of [Medical Construction + Design](#), and online at [Facility Executive Magazine](#). These industry publications have recently published FCIA-authored articles on the importance of maintaining protection of installed firestop systems.



We are trying to get Building Owners and Managers to understand that for a safe building, the fire-resistance-rated and smoke-resistant assemblies and structural protection need to be maintained – just like the sprinkler, detection and alarm system, and egress routes.

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FCIA AT ICC CODE HEARINGS

The Structural and Administration sections of the International Building Code and all of the International Existing Building Code, International Residential Code, were debated in Rochester, NY in early April. Below are a few highlights.

- The Occupiable Rooftops proposal passed to include the roof in the calculation for determining if a structure is a high-rise building.
- In 104.11, the word Fire-Safety was added to include both reaction to fire and fire-resistance in one term. To prove equivalency, proof still needs to be provided

so that the alternative is equal in quality to what's in the building code, including Chapter 7's Fire and Smoke Protection Features.

In one exchange during the hearings, it was mentioned, 'fire-resistance has been eliminated'. FCIA testified immediately, noting that 'the term fire-resistance has changed,' pointing out that it is a separate discipline – and used to compare alternatives in quality, safety and effectiveness. The person that mentioned this, nodded his head agreeing that FCIA's comment is what he really meant. Good thing we were there, or that falsehood would spread.

FCIA NEEDS YOU!



FCIA's Board of Directors elections take place at FCIA's FIC Conference. Ever thought of serving on FCIA's Board to help advance fire and life safety through firestopping? FCIA's Nominating Committee looks at the following to consider candidates for the Board:

- Committee Service
 - Participation on Committee(s)
 - Chairing Committee(s)
- Conference Attendance
- Leadership
- Willingness to volunteer time
 - Including travel to two (2) board meetings separate from conferences
 - Ability to attend board meetings at conferences
 - Ability to attend teleconferences from time to time
- Understanding of industry issues

Interested? Check out the [Board page at FCIA.org](#) to find out more.

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ECA '22 OPENING SOON

There's still time to register for FCIA'S [ECA '22](#), the [FCIA Education & Committee Action Hybrid Conference](#), which opens in two weeks in **Nashville, TN**. Early registration deadlines have ended, but there's still time to secure your spot.

For more information and to see the agenda, who's coming, hotel information, and more, visit the [ECA '22 event page](#).



INFORM. ENGAGE. INSPIRE.

FCIA CONSULTANT SPEAKS

FCIA's consultant Rich Walke travelled to Minnesota and Colorado, speaking on his own behalf, but on the topic we all enjoy – firestopping and fire-resistance. Rich's knowledge depth shared with audiences is amazing.

We appreciate having the opportunity to work with him on several fronts.

FCIA WEBINAR ARCHIVES

Did you know FCIA archives webinar recordings for members to access at [FCIA.org](#), Members ONLY section? Couldn't make the last webinar? Want to share what you learned on the last webinar with your employees? Find past webinar recordings in Members Only.

Forgot your password? Email us info@FCIA.org, and we'll get you set.

A vertical advertisement for Hilti. At the top, the Hilti logo is displayed in white on a red background. Below the logo, the text reads: "THERE ARE NO SHORTCUTS WHEN LIFE SAFETY IS AT STAKE. Trust in Hilti." The background of the ad shows a close-up of a firestop installation in a wall, with a bright light source behind it, creating a dramatic, high-contrast scene. At the bottom, a red banner contains the website address "hilti.com/lifesafety" in white text.

A vertical advertisement for STI (Specified Technologies Inc.). The background is a solid dark blue. The text is white and reads: "Innovative products for life safety and code compliance." Below the text is a white checkmark icon. Underneath the checkmark, the letters "STI" are written in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Below "STI", the full name "Specified Technologies Inc." is written in a smaller font. At the bottom, the website address "stifirestop.com" is displayed in a small font.

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FCIA CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT EDUCATION PROGRAM (FCAEP)

Traffic is picking up on [FCIA's Certificate of Achievement Education Program \(FCAEP\) Firestop Level 1 and Level 2 Programs](#), the FCIA's recorded education and Certificate programs.

FCIA Members, buy an UNLIMITED subscription, and provide your staff a learning experience! Recordings are broken into 20-40 minute sessions and can be watched anytime.

- Firestop Level 1 Program – Understand firestop test standards, FM & UL Firestop Contractor Programs, Special Inspection, and Maintaining Protection – aka the 'DIIM' of Firestopping – in a 2.5-hour session. Complete with

4 quizzes and one final exam, users prove mastery of the educational content through an 80% or better score. The Firestop Level 1 Program is great for anyone starting in the industry all the way through seasoned veterans. Education and Quizzes take about 6.5 hours.

- Firestop Level 2 Program – Consider this in-depth education session that covers the firestop products and systems offered in the industry. Each product category has a quiz to pass, with a FCIA Certificate of Achievement issued after passing the quizzes and exam with an 80% grade.

FCIA MIDDLE EAST PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration is open for both FCIA Middle East events and the [FM & UL Firestop Exams](#)!

DRIs in the Gulf Region looking to earn CEUs or take the Firestop Exams should register for one of these events.

FCIA opens this **19-21 June** with the [FCIA Fire Code and Fire & Smoke Barrier 'DIIM' Symposium](#) in **Doha, Qatar**, with a one-day Symposium focused on firestop education, followed by a full day of education for the Firestop Exams and the FM & UL Firestop Exams.

Then, FCIA heads to **Dubai, UAE** on **22-23 June** for the [FCIA Fire Code and Firestop & Effective Compartmentation Membership Meeting Dubai](#). The event will also offer a full day of FCIA education for the Firestop Exams and the FM & UL Firestop Exams, and a full-day educational Symposium.

Both events offer Qualified Guests complimentary registration for the Symposiums. To qualify for free registration, guests must be one of the following:

- Architects/Specifiers/Engineers at Design Firms
- Members of the Department of Municipal Affairs
- Members of the Department of Civil Defence
- Fire Officials

Registration is NOW OPEN! Register Today!

- [FCIA Fire Code and Fire & Smoke Barrier 'DIIM' Symposium Doha](#)
- [FCIA Fire Code and Firestop & Effective Compartmentation Membership Meeting Dubai](#)

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FCIA & ACCREDITATION PARTNERS

FCIA's Accreditation Committee leaders continue to meet with FM Approvals and UL-ULC to discuss the FM 4991, Standard for the Approval of Firestop Contractors and UL-ULC's Qualified Firestop Contractor Program. A full report from both organizations will be at FCIA's Education and Committee Action Conference. [Register today.](#)

UL MACC GAINS STEAM AGAIN

Just before COVID, the UL Master Certificate of Compliance (MACC) for UL-ULC Qualified Firestop Contractors (UL QFC) and their customers was rolling along. It slowed a bit due to COVID, but it is getting traction again.

Are you a UL QFC? Remember, the International Fire Code requires an annual visual inspection of all fire-resistance, including firestopping. The MACC Certificate is a certificate of proof that UL and the UL QFC Contractor did the annual visual inspection and is proof for the Building Owner to use with the Fire Marshals who want to know if they are performing the annual visual inspection. It's also a great way for your firm to stay close to the customer.

FCIA FIRESTOP MANUAL OF PRACTICE

Contractor Personnel, do you need to take the [FM or UL-ULC Firestop Exam\(s\)](#) to be eligible to be appointed as a DRI at your company? Inspection agency personnel, need to prove competence to the Authority Having Jurisdiction to be approved as a special inspector?

FCIA's Education and the FM & UL-ULC Firestop Exams are also at FCIA's ECA Conference. (FREE for Members, \$495 for non-members).

Need a [FCIA Firestop MOP](#) to study for the exam? Members pay \$345, a \$705 discount. [Email us to get one.](#)



WORKPLACE

SAFETY REMINDER

Join the National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction.

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EDUCATIONAL WEBINAR SERIES '22

'Installation & Inspection...and the Short Story on Maintaining Protection'

Wednesday, May 25
10:00 am - 11:30 am CDT

[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

• Fireshield Specialists, 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.

Upcoming Events

May 13	LSD Content Due
May 17-20	ECA '22
May 25	FCIA Webinar
June 6-9	NFPA Conference & Expo
June 19-21	FCIA Fire Code and Fire & Smoke Barrier 'DIIM' Symposium Doha
June 22-23	FCIA Fire Code Firestop & Effective Compartmentation Membership Meeting Dubai
June 22-24	AIA Conference
June 26-28	BOMA Conference & Expo
June 29	FCIA Webinar

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