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One Week Until ECA 2016



Less than one week until [ECA 2016](#), the [FCIA Education & Committee Action Conference](#), opens at [Monte Carlo Resort & Casino](#) in Las Vegas, NV, but there's still time to Register!



FCIA events continue to gain momentum and grow. Registrations for this event are the strongest in the event's history, with the Contractor attendees comprising more than 75% of the registrations!

This **May 3-6**, join FCIA for education for the FM & UL/ULC Firestop Exams, followed by the [FM & UL/ULC Firestop Exams](#), [Committee](#) meetings, educational sessions, networking events and more, including a Welcome Lunch on Wednesday!

Not a Committee member? Interested in learning more or hearing what the committees are working on? Then come to the Committee meeting sessions Wednesday afternoon and explore the various committees and hear about their initiatives and responsibilities, then choose where your

talents would shine and get involved.

And, if you're bringing a guest with you to experience Vegas together, be sure to sign them up for [Show Bus The Stars!](#), the ECA 2016 Guest Tour. Guests will tour Las Vegas aboard a private London-style Double Decker bus with our celebrity tour guide. See the sights, enjoy a specialized performance and then be treated to lunch with our celebrity guide. Only in Vegas...



So today, run, don't walk to [See Who's Coming](#), check out the [Final Agenda](#), make your plans and meet us there.

[Register for ECA 2016 today!](#)



GC Objections – What Do YOU Hear?

How many times have you encountered this, "We need firestopping, but we're going to just have the (insert trade) do it. Why should I use a Firestop contractor? My (insert trade) can squirt some red caulk as well as you can." That's

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right, we're talking about General Contractor objections to using Specialty Firestop Contractors.

So, we want to hear from you: what are the most common objections to using Specialty Firestop Contractors that you encounter in your market? Attend ECA 2016 for a session dedicated to "Overcoming GC Objections to Using Specialty Firestop Contractors" and learn how to turn these conversations into sales.

Email lindsey@FCIA.org to share your experiences and possibly see your concerns addressed at ECA 2016!

FCIA Participates at ASTM Committee Meetings



FCIA spent time at the [ASTM Committee Meetings](#) in San Antonio a few weeks ago. FCIA's Standards Committee Chair Eric Keeton and Committee Member Jay McGuire, plus Bill McHugh, spent a full day on industry topics such as movement of penetrating items, plus an appendix describing accredited contractors and inspection agencies, plus individual competencies of firestop inspectors. We met with technical leaders from 3M, Hilti, Rectorseal, Specified Technologies and other consulting inspection agency personnel. Thanks to Eric and Jay for representing FCIA at this key venue.

While at the meetings, we were able to overturn negatives to get information in the appendix about requirements and options for those who choose and hire inspection agencies. Accredited inspection agency companies provide quantified level of quality. Inspectors are employed by some kind of inspection agency company – sole proprietor, corporation, limited liability corporation, limited liability corporation or other business unit as defined in the country they operation – worldwide.

Firestop Inspectors can set themselves apart by taking and passing the FM and UL Firestop Exam as well as the IFC's Inspector Exam online. By having the inspection agency accredited and the inspector 'competent, experienced, in the same type and complexity of work inspected', the inspection does what it is supposed to – verify that the firestop products were installed to the tested and listed system and manufacturers installation instructions.

FCIA Leadership Represents at ICC Code Development Hearings

FCIA's code consultant Bill Koffel, Koffel Associates, worked at the ICC Fire Code Committee Action Hearings to bring input to the ICC's Fire Code Action Committee proposal for maintenance of fire resistance. FCIA submitted the concept that Life Safety Drawings be required in buildings that have Fire, Smoke Barriers and Fire and Smoke Partitions, Fire Walls.

May Webinar Announced

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Have you ever wondered about the code development process for fire-resistance-rated and smoke-resistant assemblies?

Join FCIA and guest presenter Bill Koffel, Koffel Associates, for ['The ICC Committee Action Hearings'](#), the May session in the [2016 FCIA FREE Educational Webinar Series](#).

During the session, we will review the code process for the International Code Council and NFPA. Mr. Koffel will also review the maintenance and management proposals being debated at ICC currently.

When: Thursday, May 12
Time: 10:00am CDT

[Register here](#)



FCIA at IFMA FF Canada

Two weeks until [IFMA Facility Fusion Canada](#) opens in Montreal at **The Fairmont Queen Elizabeth** this **May 4-5**.



Designed to meet the industry needs of a broad Canadian FM community, IFMA Facility Fusion Conference & Expo fuses global, local, industry-

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specific and individual FM focus areas into one interactive learning and networking event. IFMA Facility Fusion is designed to meet specific professional development needs for every FM.

In the growing field of facility management, it's imperative for FMs at every career stage to have the tools necessary to excel. IFMA gets what you do. IFMA Facility Fusion gives you the tools to do it. From day-to-day operations and soft management skills, to advanced sustainability and workplace strategies, they've got you covered.

Your facilities. Your career. Always our focus.

For more information and to register, [visit them online](#).

AIA Convention 2016 Ready to Take Philadelphia By Storm

Let Architecture ring! At the [AIA Annual Convention](#), Philadelphia, this May 19-21.

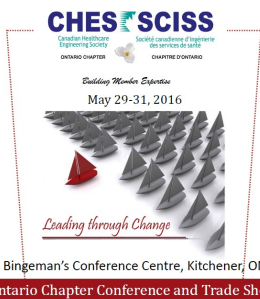
AIA Convention 2016 is the architecture and design event of the year. A provocative lineup of celebrity speakers. An awe-inspiring array of tours, parties, exhibitors, seminars and more. All happening in a legendary American city known for attitude, passion and perspective.

Philadelphia 2016 – Imagine what could happen.

[Learn more](#)



CHES Ontario Conference Heading to Kitchener, ON



Conference sessions, descriptions and speakers are now available online for ["Leading through Change"](#), the [2016 CHES Ontario Conference](#) in Kitchener, ON this **May 23-31**. The annual Ontario Chapter Conference & Trade Show features two education tracks with 9 need-

to-know topics, including a Keynote address by Leadership consultant Sunjay Nath addressing how to encourage staff engagement, a Trade Show featuring more than 75 exhibitors and various networking events.

To learn more about the schedule of events and to register, [visit them online](#).

RAIC Festival of Architecture Bringing Together Architects Across Canada

The [Royal Architectural Institute of Canada \(RAIC\)](#) heads to **Nanaimo, B.C.** this **June 8-10** with the [2016 Festival of Architecture](#). The four-day event, designed to engage the public as well as architects from across Canada, celebrates the theme of CONNEXIONS within a landscape that exemplifies the concept. Architects will connect with each other and, through a series of special events open to the public, connect with the Vancouver Island community.



Attend this event to explore how the built environment connects a community, how well-designed spaces shape our life experiences and how architects working together can contribute to solving problems even on a global scale.

[Learn more](#)

NFPA Conference & Expo - Education & Solutions for the Fire Safety Industry



CONFERENCE & EXPO

THE PREMIER EVENT IN FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY

13-16 JUNE 2016 **LAS VEGAS**
Mandalay Bay Convention Center

Join NFPA and other dedicated individuals this **June 13-16** at the **Mandalay Bay Convention Center** in **Las Vegas, NV** to experience the [NFPA Conference & Expo](#)

like never before.

The [NFPA Conference & Expo](#) brings to life the products and services needed to meet and maintain compliance with

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prevailing codes and standards in the design, construction and operation of building and facilities of every kind. The event combines an unrivaled educational conference with an expo of more than 300 solution providers. There is no better opportunity to speak with experts, evaluate products, find solutions to your technical challenges and stay current with technological advances in your field.

[Find out how to register](#)

Life Safety Digest - New Decade, New Look

Aren't anniversaries great? Along with providing an opportunity to watch the highlights reel and reminisce about the past, anniversaries offer the perfect setting to look forward to the future with eyes bright with hope and optimism. Perhaps they even embolden some to adopt a fresh new look.



2016 marks the 10th Anniversary for [Life Safety Digest](#), and we, too, caught the anniversary excitement and underwent a makeover. This exciting change introduced color, dynamic content and eye-catching images, as well as a new featured section, Bright Ideas. We hope you found our first anniversary issue to be fresh and exciting, and we would love to hear your feedback. Simply email info@FCIA.org with your

comments.

Thank you in advance for your input!

And, if you've ever wanted to see your name in print, now is your chance! We are currently looking for **contributions for upcoming issues**. Article submissions must be **1200-1800 words in length, generic industry-related content with high-resolution supporting photos**.

For more information, contact lindsey@FCIA.org.

FCIA Welcomes New Members

FCIA works hard to spread the word of the ['DIIM' of Firestopping](#) around the world, encouraging interested Contractors, Consultant Firms, Associates, Manufacturers, Manufacturer Rep Firms and more to become involved to

grow the industry's call for better Fire and Life Safety.

When a connection is made, 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

- Trinity Maintenance Solutions - Stellarton, NS
- FGH Insulation - Houston, TX
- Rite-Way Thermal - Gilbert, AZ
- Thermo-Dynamics International, Inc. - Amesbury, MA
- Alpine Mechanical Insulators - Grand Junction, CO
- DMS Drywall & Interior Systems - San Francisco, CA



FCIA New Contractor Branch Members

- Top Build - Williams Insulation - Dallas, TX
- Top Build - Gale Building Products - Sparks, NV

FCIA New Associate Members

- SDI Systems - Novi, MI

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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