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ECA 2016

Inform. Engage. Inspire. In Vegas!



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The 15th annual [FCIA Education and Committee Action Conference](#) heads to the City of Lights this May for the first Committee meetings of the year, the FM and UL/ULC Firestop Exams and another

dynamic education program.

Join FCIA at the [Monte Carlo Resort & Casino](#) in Las Vegas, NV this May 3-6, 2016 for ECA 2016!



Where can you find powerful education sessions, energizing networking opportunities and productive industry- and association-related action meetings? ECA 2016, that's where!

From the [FM and UL/ULC Firestop Exams](#) to experts presenting on a variety of industry-related hot topics, from learning more about FCIA Committees and their

initiatives to **actively taking part** in working towards effecting change and growth in the industry, ECA 2016 is your opportunity to get involved in your association.

Book your room early to take advantage of the special FCIA rates. [Make your reservation today!](#)

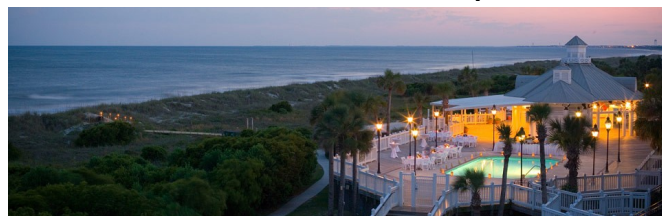
Visit <http://www.fcia.org/articles/ECA2016.htm> to learn more. Look for more information regarding registration for this exciting event in the coming weeks.

History. Culture. Flavor. FIC 2016 Has It All

An area steeped in history rich with stories to tell, bordered on one side by the Intracoastal Waterway and the Atlantic Ocean on the other, is where you will find this year's [Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show](#).



Make your plans to attend FIC 2016, November 8-11 at [Wild Dunes Resort](#) on the Isle of Palms, SC.



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FIC 2016 features the [FM and UL/ULC Firestop Exams](#), the **Firestop Industry Trade Show** and exhibits, the **FCIA Awards Luncheon**, the **Ray Usher Memorial Golf Tournament**, as well as **two and a half days of compelling education sessions**, countless opportunities to rub elbows with other industry professionals, the annual **Guest Tour** and so much more!

So, put it in your calendar today! You don't want to miss out on this stunning location or this incredible event.

Check [the FCIA Events Page](#) often for more information.



FM and UL Firestop Exams Return to the Middle East

Specialty Firestop Contractors and Special Inspectors employed by Special Inspection Agencies in the Middle East looking to pursue [FM 4991 Accreditation](#), [UL Qualified Contractor](#) status or [IAS AC 291 Accreditation](#) will have the opportunity to sit for the [FM and UL Firestop Exams](#) again this March. FCIA will be bringing their FCIA Education for the Firestop Exam sessions, as well as the FM and UL Firestop Exams to Doha, Qatar and Abu Dhabi, UAE this March.



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Qualified Firestop Contractor Program



First, FCIA leadership will return to the [Oryx Rotana](#) in Doha, Qatar this March 2-3, 2016. The FCIA Education for the Firestop Exams education sessions will span a full -day session Wednesday, March 2 and half-day session Thursday, March 3, followed by the **FM and UL Firestop Exams** that afternoon.



Then, FCIA leadership will head to the [Beach Rotana](#) in Abu Dhabi, UAE from March 6-7 to present the same program. FCIA Education for the



Firestop Exams sessions will be held in a full-day session Sunday, March 6 and half-day session Monday, March 7, followed by the **FM and UL Firestop Exams** in the afternoon.

For more information and to register, visit <http://fcia.org/FirestopExam.htm>.

2016 Educational Webinar Series


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Have you registered for the opening session in the [2016 FCIA Educational Webinar Series](#)? This installment, ['A Study on the 'DIIM' of Firestopping'](#), will take a look at the foundation and basics of Firestopping and Effective Compartmentation – the 'DIIM' of Firestopping.

What is the 'DIIM' of Firestopping? How does it affect you? Learn all that – and more – during the introductory session in this year's 2016 Educational Webinar Series.

[Register today](#) and join us **Wednesday, January 27, 2016** at **10:00am CST**.

<p>When: Wednesday, January 27 Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm CST</p> <p>Register here.</p>	
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'Protecting the Perimeter' Webinar Returns This February



The [recent hotel fire in Dubai this past New Year's Eve](#) demonstrated the need for continuous fire-resistance of the exterior skin of the building. How could this disaster have

been contained more quickly or large scale damage minimized? Perhaps the answers lie within a **Perimeter Fire Containment System**.

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Back again to present their highly regarded program are industry leaders [ROXUL](#) and [Thermafiber](#) who specialize in these **Perimeter Fire Containment Systems**. Facilitated by **Melanie Bisson, ROXUL**, and **Angie Ogino, Thermafiber**, with **Mark Dietz and Mike Pautsch of Superl, Inc.**, this session will look at the importance of curtainwall protection, the different system options available, the pros and cons of each and more.



Join FCIA, **Wednesday, February 24** at **10:00 am CST** to hear from these industry experts and to learn more about **Curtainwall Firestop Systems**, including a look at the system from the Contractor perspective.

[Register Today!](#)

<p>When: Wednesday, February 24 Time: 10:00am - 11:30am CST Register here.</p>	
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FCIA Board of Directors Makes Plans for 2016

The FCIA Board of Directors will hold their first Board meeting early next month to discuss the future of the organization, as well as to determine the direction the group will take as it positions itself for growth in 2016. Items on the agenda are Code Development and Proposals, the FCIA Firestop Containment Worker Education Program, the FCIA website and more.

Stay tuned for more information next month.

Are You Prepared To Take the FM or UL/ULC Firestop Exam?



Are you a Firestop Contractor considering becoming an [FM 4991 Approved](#) or [UL/ULC Qualified Contractor](#) this year? Or are you a Special Inspector working at a Special Inspection Agency looking at [IAS AC 291 Accreditation](#)?



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These programs were developed to offer Contractors and Special Inspection Agencies a credible third-party verification of qualification to set themselves apart in the marketplace. The first step towards becoming an accredited company is taking – and passing – the [FM or UL/ULC Firestop Exam](#).

FCIA offers the **FCIA Education for the FM and UL/ULC Firestop Exam curriculum** at all **FCIA Conferences and Symposiums** throughout the year. **FCIA Contractor and Special Inspection Company Members attend this session for FREE.** Non-Members are also welcome to attend for a fee.

This year, FCIA will also offer the **FCIA Education for the Firestop Exams session via webinar** to allow those interested in pursuing the third-party accreditation programs the opportunity to prepare in advance for the exams.

The **4-hour curriculum** takes an in-depth look at the Firestopping and Effective Compartmentation industry, as well as an analysis of the FM and UL programs. Attendees **cover the key points likely to be covered on the exams**, including a crash-course on the **Quality Management System Manual requirements** of each program.

The first opportunity to attend this **CONTRACTOR AND SPECIAL INSPECTOR ONLY** session is **Thursday, February 25**.

Earn CEUs. Prepare for the FM and UL/ULC Firestop Exams.

[Register today.](#)

<p>When: Thursday, February 25 Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm CST Register here.</p>	
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FCIA Membership – What Does It Get Me?



Ever wonder what FCIA Membership does for you?

For starters, **FCIA leads the way in development and implementation of**

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education programs for the Firestop and Effective Compartmentation industry. Through the Educational Webinar Series, as well as FCIA Conferences and Symposi- ums worldwide and the Barrier Management Symposiums, FCIA is educating those who Design, Install, Inspect, Maintain and Manage, Specify and more around the world.

FCIA leadership also **constantly advocates** for the Specialty Firestop Contractors' voice **at the Building and Fire Code hearings, Architectural and Specification development sessions** and more.

Plus, with **regular contributions to publications**, as well as the publication of the quarterly magazine, [Life Safety Digest](#), FCIA leadership strives to further the positioning of FCIA as the industry expert in the field. By increasing the knowledge base of all involved in the building and building maintenance process, the reliability of installed fire - and life-safety systems is improved resulting in more lives saved.

In addition to advocating on behalf of the Specialty Firestop and Effective Compartmentation industry, FCIA works hard to **globally position our membership to industries and prospective clients around the world**. Through strategic trade partnerships, FCIA has a presence at key trade shows, conferences and expos globally. FCIA leadership regularly presents at these shows, bringing focus to the 'DIIM' of Firestopping and educating from the 'D'esign up.

Want to know where FCIA will be working for you this year? Here are some of the upcoming highlights: [IFMA Facility Fusion – US and Canada](#); [AIA Annual Conference](#); [NFPA Conference & Expo](#); [CHES Ontario Annual Conference](#); [OFSEC](#); [CONSTRUCT](#); [ICC Building Safety & Design Expo](#); [IFMA World Workplace](#); and more!

Plus, FCIA Members enjoy a pop- up listing on the [Member Lists](#) found online. These lists boast more than 20,000 pageviews per year from General Contractors, Architects, Code Officials and more, exposing the Membership to potential clients every day!

To ensure your company continues to benefit from your FCIA Membership, make sure to keep your Membership current. **2016 Membership renewals are due now**. If you have questions regarding your renewal, contact cathy@FCIA.org.

Life Safety Digest Present at Intersec 2016



[Intersec](#) is the world's leading trade show for the security, safety and fire protection industries. This year's expo was held at the **Dubai International Convention & Exhibition Centre** in **Dubai, UAE**. More than **1200 exhibitors** from around the world and representing companies from **13 different industries** were on-site for the **more than 25,000 visitors** walking the expo floor from **January 17-19, 2016**.

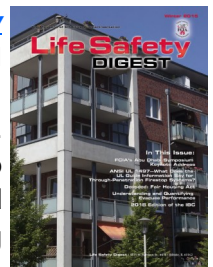
Delegates were able to meet with professionals from Building Safety, Oil & Gas, Construction, Government, Telecommunication, Aviation, Residential & Smart Cities, Healthcare, Education, Banking, Hospitality, Retail and Port & Logistics Industries.

And, for the first time ever, **Life Safety Digest was present at the show in Publication Bins** throughout the event! This type of worldwide exposure is huge for FCIA, as it positions the association as the leading resource for Firestopping and Effective Compartmentation for decision makers around the world to turn to.

Looking to the future and to the possibilities presented at Intersec, FCIA hopes to be able to be present at the show next year with a staffed booth, in addition to Publication Bins.

Life Safety Digest Looking for Writers

Ever been reading your issue of [Life Safety Digest](#) and thought to yourself, "Hey, I could do that!?" 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.

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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

- Haas Insulation - Waipahu, HI
- United Firestop Technologies, Inc. - Glen Shaw, PA
- Mid-Illinois Companies Corp. - Peoria, IL
- C.M. Morris Group - Verona, IL

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.



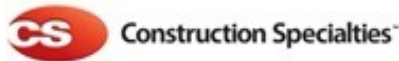
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