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NFPA Expo Hugely Successful



The [National Fire Protection Association \(NFPA\)](#) visited the Windy City for their [Annual Conference & Expo June 22-25](#). This year's event featured presentations on the Lac-Mégantic Railway Disaster, emergency preparedness and the usage of Drones in fighting fires. There were also education tracks on codes and standards, detection and notification, fire suppression, public education, fire protection engineering and more.

FCIA's Marketing Committee Chair Don Murphy and Board Member Mark Dietz travelled to Chicago to man the FCIA Booth, while Life Safety Digest was present at the Conference in Publication Bins on the Expo floor. In the first day on the floor, more than 150 copies of Life Safety Digest were distributed to interested Conference-goers!

FCIA was also able to Sponsor the ASHE Hospitality Room at the Expo, which gave our ASHE Facility Friends a great place to relax during a busy trade show.

We're looking forward to next year's Expo.

ASHE Annual Conference & Expo Takes Boston By Storm

What happens when you put hundreds of Healthcare Engineers in the same building as Service Providers, Educators and Manufacturers? [The ASHE Annual Conference & Expo](#), that's what!

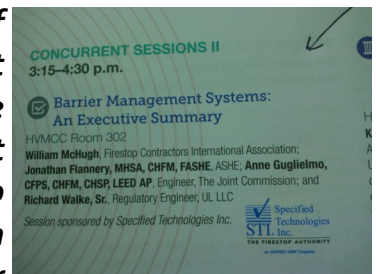
FCIA's Don Murphy made the trek to the [American Society for Healthcare Engineering \(ASHE\) Annual Conference](#) in



Boston July 12-14. He and Executive Director, Bill McHugh, worked the FCIA Trade Show Booth at the show and made some great contacts. We direct them all to FCIA's Member Lists where the best Contractors and Associate Members can be found by these potential customers.

While at the show, FCIA had the opportunity to present a one-hour abbreviated [Barrier Management Symposium Executive Summary](#) to a 240+ ASHE member audience. Anne Guglielmo (The Joint Commission), Jonathan Flannery (ASHE), Lennon Peake (Koffel Associates) and Bill McHugh presented.

"The purpose of bringing this short introduction to the Barrier Management Symposiums is to generate interest from ASHE Members for attending the full two-day event, as well as to encourage ASHE Regional leadership to host an event in their Region," said FCIA Executive Director, Bill McHugh. "If we can show them the value in a one-hour program, imagine what we could impart over two-days. Barrier Management Symposiums are changing the Healthcare environment for the better."



Due to their paid sponsorship at ASHE's Convention, Specified Technologies, Inc.'s Kelly Mason was able to introduce us. Thanks Kelly for a job well done.

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Do you want to check out the [Barrier Management Symposium Executive Summary](#) program presented at ASHE's Annual Convention? Find it on the [Presentations Page](#).

FCIA + The Joint Commission + ASHE = SUCCESS

While at the ASHE Convention, FCIA's Don Murphy, Aedan Gleeson and Bill McHugh had a chance to catch up with **The Joint Commission's George Mills**. During the course of conversation, George mentioned that the Barrier Management Symposium Curriculum is working. Violations for Life Safety Code required barriers are down in rankings by almost half. In fact, they've moved down from top 3 to the bottom 3 violations.



"Education works, and the Barrier Management Symposiums have proved it," stated The Joint Commission's George Mills.

George was joined on stage at the **2000+ attendee ASHE Annual TJC update** by Dale Woodin, ASHE Sr. Executive Director. **Dale mentioned that the Barrier Management Symposiums have gone so well that ASHE and TJC are partnering up to educate the membership on other topics in 2016 and 2017.**

A big thanks from FCIA to the Barrier Management Symposium faculty including Anne Guglielmo from The Joint Commission, Rich Walke of UL, ASHE's Jonathan Flannery, the Gypsum Industry's Nestor Sanchez, Fire Damper's Marc Sorge, the Door and Hardware Institute's Paul Bailargeon, Fire Rated Glazing speakers from Technical Glass Products and Bill McHugh, FCIA Executive Director. Our work made a difference.

FCIA in Washington DC



As part of the ongoing development of Firestopping as a trade, **FCIA's Accreditation Chair Aedan Gleeson and Apprenticeship Chair Bob Hasting** visited **strategic contacts that would formalize the industry as a trade**. We visited the [National Institute of Certification in Engineer-](#)

[ing Technologies'](#) staff, as well as the **US Department of Labor**. Both were very impressed with how FCIA's Membership and Educational offerings had grown. Additionally, we had a great meeting with the **Secretariat of MasterSpec** as well.

More as these programs evolve.

Region 5 Barrier Management Symposium A Success



This past week, FCIA leaders convened in **Indianapolis, IN** for the [Region 5 Barrier Management Symposium](#) at **The Ruth Lilly Learning**

Center. In attendance were more than 90 representatives from more than 30 Healthcare facilities, all eager to learn more about Barrier Management.

Said Tom Stewart, ASHE Region 5 Director, of the program, "Attendees received excellent presentations from industry experts on the 'why' and the 'how' of Barrier Management in Healthcare Facilities."

He went on to say, "At the end of the program, the attendees were asked how many had had at least one 'AHA!' moment during the Symposiums, and many hands were raised."

The Barrier Management Symposiums are garnering such rave reviews that several more are currently being planned for 2015 and 2016.

Also, FCIA, TJC and ASHE will offer a one-day Barrier Management Symposium Crash Course that will be offered to ASHE Chapters where at least 100 attendees will register. Look for more on this new outreach towards the end of 2015.

FCIA at NFPA Fire Protection Features Committee



Bill McHugh, FCIA's Executive Director, travelled to Milwaukee to participate in the Fire Protection Features Committee Meetings. This was the first meeting in a 3-

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year cycle. Public Inputs were reviewed along with committee inputs that were brought to the meeting by individual member of the Fire Protection Features Committee. FCIA's Public and Committee inputs dealt with installation to the tested and listed systems, as well as manufacturers' installation instructions. In the last cycle, we were successful adding to the appendix that there are inspection standards, as well as accredited contractor companies that install firestopping.

Firestopping, Did You Know?



FCIA Board Member, Jay McGuire, trying to build a case for a project he was working on, used the [UL Product Certification Guidelines](#) to solve a big problem: What if the System installed shows the penetrating item as perpendicular to the wall and the condition in the field is at a 45 degree angle? UL's Certification Guide solves the problem.

Find it on the [Resources page](#) at www.FCIA.org.



September Webinar Scheduled

The FCIA monthly webinar series continues to generate interest and support from industry professionals, including FCIA Members, Building Owners, Fire, Building Code Officials, Architects and more from around the globe. **Each month, FCIA welcomes between 75 and 150 sites on the program.**

Don't miss the next program in the [2015 Educational Webinar Series](#), **Wednesday, September 2, 2015, 10:00 am CDT**. This program, entitled ["Barrier Management: A Short Program on the Whys and the Hows"](#) will focus on the basics of Barrier Management Systems:

- What are they?
- Which building applications need them?

**When: Wednesday,
September 2
Time: 10:00am - 11:30am
CDT**

[Register here.](#)



- why are they important?
- How does one maintain them?
- And more



FCIA Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show

FCIA's membership and others come together for the [Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show - FIC 2015](#) - at [The Talking Stick Resort, Scottsdale, AZ](#) for a great lineup.

Hear the **City of Phoenix's Joe McElvaney** speak on Chapter 7 of the International Building Code, as well as the fire at the Sheraton Hotel last year. Other key presentations include **The Joint Commission's Anne Guglielmo** covers Barriers, while **ASHE's Jonathan Flannery** brings his talents to the FCIA Membership. But that's only the beginning!

Stay tuned for more info on the Agenda in the coming weeks.

Early Registration Discounts available until September 26, 2015.

Canadian 'DIIM' Symposium Brings Delegates A Once-In-A-Lifetime Opportunity

No one can refute the statement that Fire-Resistance Rated Construction Saves Lives. So, how does a product earn its Fire-Resistance Rating? The answer is through strenuous rounds of testing held at Test Fire Facilities. Many private laboratories, like UL, FM Approval, Intertek and other, test products for fire-resistance.



One of two facilities of its size in the world, the [National Research Council of Canada \(NRC\) Almonte Test Fire Facility](#) was designed to support Canadian industry, government and academia in basic fire-resistance research, technology development and testing. The complex contains a **3-story Burn Hall test facility, a full-size stair, elevator and service shaft**, as well as a **tunnel facility** that can accommodate a full-size rail or subway car to perform almost full-scale testing not usually

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found in private test laboratories.

Delegates attending the [FCIA Canadian 'DIIM' Symposium \(September 9-10, The Brookstreet, Ottawa, ON\)](#) will have the once-in-a-lifetime to **tour this impressive facility** with an NRC-led guided tour on **Thursday, September 10**. See up close and personal where basic research takes place through Fire-Testing to determine compliance with National Building Code of Canada standards. Meet and ask questions of on-site NRC experts.

Take advantage of this unique opportunity to see where concepts become reality.

[FCIA](#) also bring [Qualified Sympo-CHARGE.](#)

Learn More

[Members may up to four \(4\) Guests* to the sium FREE OF](#)

[REGISTRATION IS OPEN](#), and [discounted 'FCIA' hotel rates of \\$179 CAD](#) are available. Book early to ensure your spot!

*Qualified Guests are classified as those: Governmental AHJ Building Officials; Governmental AHJ Fire Marshal and Fire Service personnel; Government Officials; Architects with a Design Firm; Specifiers with a Design Firm; and Facility Management Staff.

Abu Dhabi and Doha Prepare to Welcome FCIA Symposiums

Registration is **NOW OPEN** for the **TWO FCIA Middle East Symposiums** heading to [Doha, Qatar](#) and [Abu Dhabi, UAE](#) this October.

When Firestop Systems are installed by Specialty Firestop Contractors who practice the 'DIIM' of Firestopping – Design, Install, Inspect and Maintain – the reliability of Firestop Systems as a critical component of Effective Compartmentation is improved.

The FCIA Middle East Symposiums focus on educating not only the Contractors who install these systems, but also the Architects and Specifiers who design and specify, the Municipal Affairs and Civil Defence Government Officials who inspect and the Healthcare, Airport and

many other types of Building Facility Engineers who maintain and manage the systems.

Join FCIA in Doha, Qatar, 13-15 October 2015 at [The Oryx Rotana](#) for the [FCIA Fire & Smoke Barrier Firestop & Effective Compartmentation 'DIIM' Educational Symposium](#).

Can't make it to Doha? That's ok!

Attend the [FCIA Abu Dhabi International Building Code Fire & Smoke Protection Symposium](#) at [The Beach Rotana](#) in Abu Dhabi, UAE this **18-20 October 2015**.

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Sit for the [FM and UL Firestop Exams](#). Attend FCIA Education for the Firestop Exams. Learn from engaging speakers on a variety of key industry-related topics. Network with peers and key players in the region.

~~Plus, FCIA Members may invite up to four (4) Qualified Guests* to attend FREE OF CHARGE.~~

To learn more and to register, visit

*Qualified Guests are classified as: Department of Municipal Affairs representatives; Municipal Affairs, Civil Defense representatives; Engineers with a Design Firm; Architects with a Design Firm; Specifier with a Design Firm; Governmental employees.

Barrier Management Education Heads to Tennessee

As word of the [Barrier Management Symposiums](#) continues to spread, ASHE Regions across the nation are pushing to bring an event to their region membership. The

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next Region to win the program is **ASHE Region 3 in Bristol, TN.**

Plan to join ASHE Region 3, FCIA, The Joint Commission,



ASHE and UL at **The Wellmont Bristol Regional Medical Center in Bristol, TN this November 16-17, 2015.**

Stay tuned to the [Barrier Management Symposium page](#) to learn more about registration and pricing information.

Gulf FireTec Summit Opens in Abu Dhabi this August

The Middle East has been witnessing a continuous development over the past decade. Fire accidents are a pressing safety concern as accidents continue to happen across the Middle East. The [Gulf FireTec Summit](#) addresses these concerns and provides solutions, best practices and more in a **comprehensive two-day educational event.**

In an effort to educate as many industry professionals and Government Officials in the region as possible, FCIA and Life Safety Digest have partnered with this important forum to offer **FREE** copies of Life Safety Digest to Delegate attendees at the event.

As an added bonus, **FCIA Members are eligible to receive 50% off their Gulf FireTec Summit registration.** To inquire further about registration, please contact **Amy Pereira** at amy.pereira@besummits.com.

To learn more about the **Gulf FireTec Summit**, [click here](#).

Middle East Health & Safety Forum Brings Key Education to Dubai



The [Middle East Health &](#)

[Safety Forum](#) - **6-7 September, Dubai, UAE** - is the leading Forum in the area promoting best practices for Health, Safety and Environment Professionals. The event will address the key challenges and solutions facing the industry, as well as will provide a platform for debate and solution-finding for many regional industries, including:

- Oil & Gas
- Construction
- Industrial
- Manufacturing
- Marine
- And more

Join Delegates from around the region **6-7 September 2015** at **The Habtoor Grand Beach Resort & Spa in Dubai, UAE** to network, brainstorm and share knowledge.

FCIA and Life Safety Digest are proud to support this key event in the region. Make sure to pick-up your copy of Life Safety Digest while there! This important publication will be on-site for all to pick-up and enjoy.



FCIA Members who wish to attend the Forum will enjoy a 25% discount on registration.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Oman Fire Safety & Security Expo Welcomes Key Players to Oman

[OFSEC 2015](#) - **14-16 September, Muscat, Oman** - is designed to meet the needs of the local, regional and international markets by linking practitioners, suppliers, distributors and manufacturers from the fire, safety and security industry. Delegates represent more than 30 countries, with key decision makers from government and private sectors being present as well.

Share best practices. Tackle challenges. Explore breakthrough methods. Do all this and more at the **Oman International Exhibition Centre in Muscat, The Sultanate of Oman** on **14-16 September 2015.**

FCIA and Life Safety Digest are proud to partner with this cutting edge expo to provide complimentary copies of Life

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Safety Digest to Delegate attendees.

FCIA Members receive a special discount on registration.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Middle East FireSafe Coming to Dubai

The 6th Annual [Middle East FireSafe](#) – September 14-16, Dubai, UAE - heads to The Sheraton Grand Hotel in Dubai, UAE to enlighten Delegates on the key issues in Fire Safety and the dynamic changes on the horizon for the field. Delegates can attend education sessions on a variety of topics, including:



- Fire Safety Products Accreditation & Practices for the New Codes;
- Fire Protection Balance in New Codes for Life Safety: NFPA 101 2013;
- Smoke Based Incident Management;
- The Relation of Construction Material & Fire;
- And More.

FCIA and Life Safety Digest partner with this key event again to bring Life Safety Digest and the 'DIIM' philosophy to key decision-makers in the region.

[Learn more here.](#)

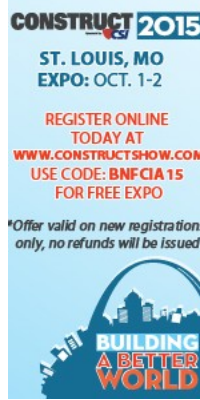
This event is supported by The United Arab Emirates Ministry of the Interior.

ICC Annual Conference and Public Comment Hearings Set Sail for Long Beach, CA

The **Public Comment Hearings** for the 2015-17 Code Development Cycle are scheduled for **September 27-**

October 7, 2015 at the **Long Beach Convention Center**. FCIA has several proposals up for vote at the Hearings.

Connected to the CAH is [The Building Safety & Design Expo](#). This event provides a platform for exhibitors to demonstrate and educate building safety and design professionals about the latest products and services needed to keep buildings safe and meet and maintain compliance with accepted codes and standards. It brings exhibitors face to face with professionals from the built environment from around the world.



Attend the Expo for FREE on September 27-28 by [clicking here](#).

FCIA and Life Safety Digest will be present with the FCIA Booth (#419) and Publication Bins throughout the Expo floor.

The Gateway to the West Welcomes CONSTRUCT2015

If you design, build, specify, engineer, renovate or operate in the institutional, industrial or commercial built environment, this is your event. [CONSTRUCT](#) - **September 30-October 3, St. Louis, MO** - is your most cost-effective strategy for combining educational opportunities with practical, real-world product and service solutions for your business success.

~~The event offers over 50 accredited courses, an expansive exhibit hall floor with hundreds of exhibitors, as well as myriad networking opportunities.~~

Plan now to attend this power-packed event, September 30 -October 3, 2015 at The America's Center in St. Louis, MO.



Be sure to stop by the FCIA Booth (#933) and say hi! Life Safety Digest will also be represented in Publication Bins around the Trade Show floor.

[Learn more here.](#)

IFMA World Workplace Set to Kick

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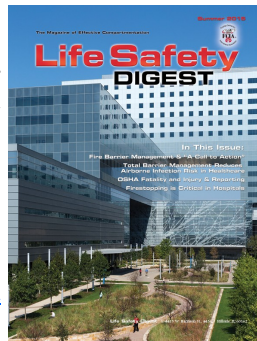
Facility Managers have to be prepared for anything. [IFMA World Workplace](#) is the most long-standing and well-respected learning and networking event for Facility Management and related professions. World Workplace facilitates idea-sharing and knowledge-exchange between all professionals who support the work environment.

Each year, professionals from around the world come together to discuss and discover:

- Resourceful solutions to common facility challenges;
- Achievable strategies that will get the attention of customers, supervisors and colleagues;
- Best practices for managing facilities, teams and project;
- New skills, fresh perspectives and a renewed outlook on our future.

FCIA and Life Safety Digest partner with [IFMA World Workplace](#) again to offer complimentary copies of Life Safety Digest to all Conference attendees through Publication Bins spread throughout the Expo floor.

[Click here](#) to learn more about [IFMA World Workplace](#).



Life Safety Digest Fall High-Rise Building Issue Ad Deadline Nears

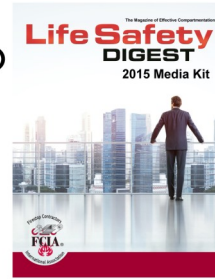
Have a business or product that you'd like to promote? [Consider advertising in Life Safety Digest!](#)

Subscription numbers continue to rise for [Life Safety Digest, The Magazine of Effective Compartmentation](#) as word continues to spread about the importance of Firestopping and Effective Compartmentation for Fire and Life Safety. As the **ONLY magazine that focuses on Fire-Resistance Rated Construction** in the marketplace, advertisers can reach a hand-picked, industry specific circulation with each quarterly issue. Our readers are the decision-makers you want to reach:

- Specifiers - Members of CSI, SCIP and CSC;
- Architects & Engineers;
- Building Code Officials;

- Fire Marshals;
- Healthcare & Higher Education Facility Managers;

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- Firestop Contractors;
- and More!

And, with comprehensive, well-written editorial content that provides up-to-date news about the industry, Life Safety Digest issues have a long shelf-life and a HUGE secondary circulation!

There's still time to advertise in the Fall 2015 Issue, focusing on High-Rise Buildings and the key challenges and concerns associated with their construction and maintenance. Ad deadlines are August 28, 2015, with final artwork due September 4, 2015.

For more information, contact Cathy at +1 708-202-1108 or at cathy@FCIA.org.



Interested in writing for Life Safety Digest? We are always accepting submissions. To learn more about writing policies, email 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

- Consolidated Waterproofing Contractors - Beltsville, MD
- Century Drywall, Inc. - Lincoln, RI

FCIA New International Contractor Members

- Texas Power Tech, WLL - Doha, Qatar

Platinum Level Sponsor
FCIA Manufacturer Members



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FCIA Manufacturer Members



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FCIA Manufacturer Members

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