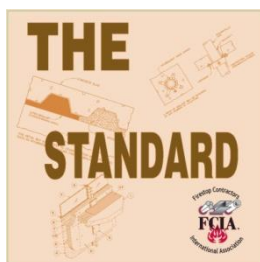




FCIA eNewsletter – July

FCIA Manual of Practice Chapter 3 Update Now Available!



Have you heard? The FCIA Technical Committee has completed the FCIA Firestop Manual of Practice (MOP) Chapter 3 update. The MOP's Chapter 3 has been expanded from 50 to over 600 pages providing great technical and systems info. The focus

is on firestop product physical properties and how they become systems. Firestop products become systems when installed by firestop contractors who understand this detailed trade.

Already have a copy of the MOP and haven't received the update? Email linda@fcia.org with your MOP number (located on the binder's inside cover) and you'll receive the FREE electronic Chapter 3 update - another FCIA Member benefit! A hard copy version is also available for the FCIA Member cost of \$95 + shipping. Just make sure to fill out the [MOP UPDATE order form](#) and fax it to 708-449-0837 and we will process your request.

FCIA Conference and Educational Symposium Update

FCIA Firestop Industry Conference and Trade Show (FIC), 15th Anniversary Celebration

Join industry friends at the FCIA Firestop Industry Conference and Trade Show (FIC) at the beautiful Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club in Naples, FL. Nov. 4-7, 2014.

The FCIA Program Committee is finalizing program details including a special celebration for FCIA's 15 year anniversary.

Most important, don't miss the blockbuster speakers.

- The Joint Commission's Anne Guglielmo
- ASHE's Jonathan Flannery
- Univ. of MN's Andy Streifl on Infection Control
- Canada's National Research Council of Canada speaks on Smoke Control
- Greenheck speaks on Fire Dampers

Watch www.FCIA.org for registration information. **HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!** [Book Online](#) or call 239.435.4341 and mention the Firestop Contractors International Association. Bring the family for a special treat - this hotel is steps from the pristine beach and golf course. Book this one early!



FCIA's Education and Committee Action Conference, 2014

The FCIA Education and Committee Action Conference (ECA) in San Antonio, TX had great attendance, with speakers covering firestop safety, commissioning and firestopping, long term healthcare facilities and our industry, plus more. Check out the presentations at FCIA's [Members' Only](#) section.

FCIA Educational Symposium: Abu Dhabi, UAE & Doha, Qatar

A heartfelt thank you to all FCIA members, sponsors and guests who came and supported the FCIA Educational Symposiums in Abu Dhabi, UAE and Doha, Qatar. It is always a pleasure to see new and familiar faces at these events. We are pleased with the

way both membership and the firestopping industry have evolved through the DIIM, DIMM, in this part of the world.



Attendees at the Abu Dhabi Symposium

In Abu Dhabi, we had over 55 attendees at the Symposium with many delegates at the UL and FM Firestop Exam Prep Education. The 2 day FCIA Education Session in Abu Dhabi helped examinees with their knowledge for the FM and UL Firestop Exams.

FCIA thanks the Abu Dhabi Departments of Municipal Affairs (DMA) (Ms. Fatma Mostafa-Amer) and Civil Defence (ADCD) (Mr. Mike Thrapp) for addressing the audience about the importance of firestopping. As Ms. Fatma Mostafa-Amer stated, "Firestopping and Passive Fire Protection work 24/7 protecting people in buildings".

A big thanks to Bill Koffel, Koffel Associates for his program on Barriers in Abu Dhabi. The program will help FCIA Members and the DMA/ADCD as they implement the new Abu Dhabi International Building Code.



Ms. Fatma Mostafa-Amer presenting for the Abu Dhabi Departments of Municipal Affairs

In Doha, we welcomed another 50 attendees at the Symposium and 20 at the FCIA Education Sessions for the FM & UL Firestop Exam Prep class. At the Symposium, there was a great mix of Civil Defence, petrochemical and healthcare industry participants along with FCIA Members.

FCIA Educational Symposium: Calgary, AB

June 3rd and 4th marked FCIA's third Educational Symposium of 2014.

With another FCIA Education Session for FM & UL Exams, 7 ULC Firestop Examinations and a full day of speakers from UL, ULC, the National Research Council of Canada, FM Approvals, Specified Technologies, Inc., this was a great program.

Thanks to all FCIA Members, Exhibitors, Sponsors and Guests who attended. FCIA's Canada Committee has already started planning 2015's Symposium. Watch the FCIA Events page for updates as information is available.



FCIA Member Randy Clark of RectorSeal presents at the symposium.

FCIA Barrier Management Symposium: Next Stop, Long Beach, CA

Coming off of the most successful Barrier Management Symposium yet, The Joint Commission (TJC), American Society of Healthcare Engineers (ASHE), Underwriters Laboratories (UL) and FCIA look to continue the momentum at the next installment at Long Beach, CA on The Queen Mary, September 17-18.

Each of these Symposiums brings in a packed house of Healthcare Engineers, Specifiers, Building Officials and more individuals who learn more about FCIA members and services, and the importance of a barrier management system.

A limited number of spots are available for FCIA Members to attend. For more information and copies of the presentations, visit the FCIA's [Barrier Management Symposium Page](#).

FCIA's Board of Directors Approves New Voting Member Category

At a FCIA Conference in 2000, FCIA Contractors asked ICC's VP Code Development, 'Why don't we have special inspection for firestopping like we do for fireproofing?'

His answer, "Does your industry have standards for inspection? If not, develop them and submit for the code development process". As a result, FCIA hired a consultant to write an outline for what is now known as ASTM E 2174, ASTM E 2393. The FCIA Standards Committee then worked with manufacturers, consultants and contractors at ASTM to build the standards and pass them. FCIA's Bill McHugh currently chairs the task group at ASTM that maintains the standards.

FCIA's code consultant Bill Koffel, Koffel Associates and Executive Director Bill McHugh, then worked at ICC as proponents over 3 code cycles to get the ASTM E 2174 & ASTM E 2393 Inspection Standards required as mandatory in the 2012 International Building Code, Chapter 17, Special Inspections

As a result, FCIA's Special Inspection Agency/Consultant Membership Category has grown rapidly in the past few years with almost 20 members. To recognize this growth, FCIA's Board of Directors voted unanimously to offer Firestop Special Inspection Agency/Consultant Company Members the opportunity to vote on association issues if they choose to pay dues as a voting member. It's optional and up to the Special Inspection Agency.

FCIA 2014 Dues for Consultants:

2014 Consulting Member Voting Membership - \$1265 US
2014 Associate Membership - \$510 US

Want to upgrade your membership? Simply print this email and send payment for \$755, and that's it!

What do you get for the Voting Membership? FCIA.org is being modified to have a special notation for those companies who choose to join at this level. Plus, the firm is given a true voice on

association issues through their vote and the opportunity to run for the Board of Directors.

Consultant/Special Inspection Agencies are an important part of this industry and FCIA looks forward to having more special inspection agency companies become voting members.

FCIA Spoke and Exhibited at the NFPA Conference & Expo

A special thanks to all who attended the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Conference and Expo, June 9 - 11 in Las Vegas, NV. Many visitors stopped by FCIA's Booth to find out more about FCIA Members and how they provide value to potential customers restoring fire protection features to their original state in new and existing buildings.

If you attended (or couldn't attend) the educational sessions at NFPA and caught FCIA Member and Code Consultant Bill Koffel (President, Koffel Associates) with Bill McHugh (Executive Director, FCIA), presentation slides are in the [FCIA Hot News](#) section of FCIA.org.

We will see you next year at the 2015 NFPA Conference as it returns to Chicago, IL. Save the dates June 22-25, 2015!



FCIA Webinar Series: Save the Date - July 29th

Thank you to all FCIA members and guests who attended the FCIA Design, Installation, Inspection and Maintenance (DIIM) Webinar on Thursday, May 29th. We appreciate your time and open dialog.

July 29th marks the date of the next FCIA Webinar. FCIA's Executive Director Bill McHugh will review the ASTM E 2174 & ASTM E 2393 Firestop Inspection Standards, The IAS AC 291 Accreditation of Special Inspection Agencies, and acceptance criteria for AHJ's.

Slides from the last Webinar have been posted to the [Hot News section of FCIA.org](#) under the post dated May 29th. Need a certificate of attendance from May 29? Email Chris Mason at chris@fcia.org.

Looking to Become a FM 4991 Approved or UL/ULC Qualified Firestop Contractor?

The first step is to take the FM or UL Firestop Exam. Prepare for the exam by studying the FCIA Firestop Manual of Practice (MOP). Attend a FCIA Education Session prior to the next FM or UL Firestop Exam session either face to face or via webinar. Stay tuned for more dates as they become available on [FCIA.org in the Hot News](#) section.



FCIA Membership Growth Continues

FCIA welcomes our [New FCIA Members](#). Thank you to all current FCIA Members as well for helping to build FCIA and the firestopping industry.

FCIA New Contractor Members

- County Environmental, Inc. - New Castle, DE
- Fire Arrest Systems Technology (FAST) - Centennial, CO
- Insulation Contractors, Inc. - Kent, WA
- McGowan Insulations Ltd. - Stoney Creek, ON

FCIA New Consultant Members

- Code Consultants, Inc. - St. Louis, MO

FCIA New Contractor Branch Members

- Firetek Pacific LLC - Kaneohe, HI

FCIA New International Contractor Members

- Al Bandary Safety & Security Equipment W.L.L - Doha, Qatar
- Polymath Services, Panama, Panama

FCIA New International Contractor Branch Members

- United Firestop Group - Abu Dhabi, UAE

FCIA New Associate Members - Consultants, Distributors, Manufacturers Reps

- Eastern Wings Equipment - Dubai, UAE

Have a safe and successful summer season!

Bill McHugh, FCIA

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