

FCIA eNewsletter – January 2015

FM & UL/ULC Firestop Exams

Firestop Contractors and Firestop Special Inspection

Agencies - is this the year that you take your business to the next level? Is this the year you pursue becoming an [FM 4991 Approved](#) or [UL/ULC Qualified Contractor](#) or an [IAS Accredited Firestop Inspection Firm](#)?



From 1999 through today, FCIA has worked with FM, UL/ULC and IAS to develop third-party quality management system programs to help dedicated Contractors and Specialty Firestop Inspection Firms set themselves apart, while offering a quantifiable qualification that the firm can use to set themselves apart.

The [FM 4991, Standard for the Approval of Firestop Contractors](#), [UL/ULC Qualified Contractor](#) and [IAS AC 291 Accreditation](#) Programs are being specified widely now. Plus, specs are being held as more buyers learn the value of FCIA Members worldwide.

Need to take the [FM or UL Firestop Exam](#)? Dates for the [FM and UL/ULC Firestop Exams](#) have been released.

UL/ULC Firestop Exam

- Thursday, February 12, 2015 - Scarborough, ON
- Tuesday, March 24, 2015 - Melville, NY
- Tuesday, May 5, 2015 - Dallas, TX at FCIA's ECA Conference
- Thursday, August 27, 2015 - Northbrook, IL

- Tuesday, November 3, 2015 - Phoenix, AZ, at FCIA's FIC Conference

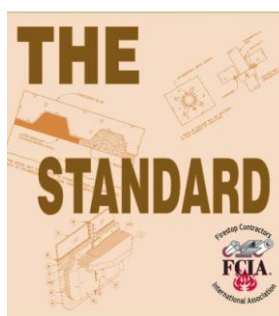
FM Firestop Exam

- Tuesday, May 5, 2015 - Dallas, TX at FCIA's ECA Conference
- Tuesday, November 3, 2015 - Phoenix, AZ at FCIA's FIC Conference

[Register TODAY for the UL/ULC Firestop Exam](#)

*Take advantage of the Test Prep and Quality Management System Manual development sessions that take place before the exam. FCIA Members attend for FREE. Non-members, JOIN TODAY and take advantage of the Member Benefits! Continuing Education credits are available too.

FCIA Firestop Manual of Practice (MOP)



The [FCIA Firestop Manual of Practice](#) continues to evolve as the industry grows and changes. Get your copy of the industry's resource guide for all things Firestop and Effective Compartmentation. In 2014, this living document underwent a massive update - almost doubling

in size.

If you are planning to pursue either the [FM 4991 Approved](#) or [UL/ULC Qualified Contractor Programs](#) or the [IAS AC 291 Accreditation Program](#) this year, you NEED the MOP to prepare for the Firestop Exams. And, Members, remember to request your FREE Management

System Manual template which you can use to get your quality process started or improved!

Plus, additional updates are scheduled to release later this year.

[Get your copy TODAY!](#)

Firestop Containment Worker Instructor Edition (FSCW-IE) – Quizzes without the Answers!

The [Firestop Containment Worker Education Program \(FSCW-IE\)](#) continues to garner rave reviews from those who have made the investment to use it in their business and provide additional training for their workforce. Both Firestop Contractors and Firestop Special Inspection Agencies have bought the [FSCW-Instructor Edition Education Package \(FSCW-IE\)](#).



The [Firestop Containment Worker Program - Instructor Edition \(FSCW-IE\)](#) contains:

- [Firestop Containment Worker - Manual \(FSCW-M\)](#)
- Instructor DVD complete with
 - 22 PowerPoint presentations
 - Hours of instructional video
 - Instructor notes
 - Chapter quizzes
 - Answer keys

The program has been updated to include copies of all chapter quizzes WITHOUT the answers already included on them. If you have purchased the program previously, email lindsey@fcia.org to find out how to receive copies of the new quizzes.

Member Renewals Keep Moving

FCIA Members continue to find value with their FCIA Membership. 2015 Membership renewals continue to stream in at a good pace.



Where is it that Members are finding the most value in their FCIA Membership? Perhaps it's their ROI from their [Member Listing](#). Or, is it the money that Members save on the [MOP and various Resource Guides](#) or the discounted [Conference attendance](#)? Maybe it's the [FREE Firestop Exam Prep](#) and Member Only education sessions, [Symposiums in the Middle East and Canada](#), or the [FREE Webinars](#). And then there is always the networking with other, like-minded professionals worldwide all focused on building the industry and improving fire and life safety practices....

Whatever it is, there is no denying that [FCIA Membership](#) has its perks! Email lindsey@fcia.org to tell us where you find the most value in your membership. We may feature you in future promotional materials!



New Member Benefit – Recorded Webinars with Audio



FCIA Members who have missed one -or several - of the [Educational Webinar Series](#) can now listen to the complete webinar in the [Members Only](#) section. Previously, copies of the PowerPoint Presentations were

available to all website visitors via the [Presentations page](#).

But, you asked and we listened! Members can now watch past webinars and listen to the complete audio of the session. This is just one more way to put your FCIA Membership to work for you.

Watch your email for more information about the next Webinar - slated for February 18, 2015 10:00AM CST.

FCIA Submits Code Proposals to ICC's Code Development Process

FCIA's Code Committee and Staff worked with FCIA Code Consultant Bill Koffel submitting several code change proposals to the International Code Council. The proposals are being heard in Memphis, TN, April 17 to 30.



At the hearings, FCIA will be promoting the following concepts:

- Requiring usage of FM 4991 or UL Firestop Contractors;
- Identification systems that provide system number at the wall for penetration and joint firestops;
- Clearer language in the code regarding installation, pointing users to manufacturer's installation instructions;
- And, the possibility of allowing security systems in stairwells via through penetrations and T-Ratings.

Watch for a complete description in the next issue of [Life Safety Digest](#).

Special Inspection & the International Building Code (IBC)



The [2012 IBC](#) contained the requirement for independent inspection of fire resistant penetrations and joints in 1705.16. The inspection pertains to high rise buildings and those structures in *Risk Category III or IV*

according to table 1604.5.

Risk Category III or IV refers to buildings 75' and higher above the lowest fire department access and many other types of buildings. For instance, "buildings and other structures containing elementary school, secondary school or day care facilities with an occupant load greater than 250" are included and receive special inspection for penetration and joint firestops. Some Group I-2 Occupancies in healthcare, power generating stations and water treatment facilities are also included.

Check out the categories in the next issue of [Life Safety Digest](#).

FCIA Continues to Work with Committee to Improve Firestopping Inspection in ASTM Standards



ASTM published the new version of [ASTM E 2174](#) this month. FCIA's [Standards Committee](#) diligently works with those who are on the ASTM Working Group to maintain and improve the standard. Every time the two groups meet, there is always good discussion about various industry issues.

Currently, FCIA is in the process of working to renew [ASTM E 2393](#) at ASTM. Once renewed, we're going to ask the group to combine the two standards since much of the information contained in them is the same.

Barrier Management Symposiums in Demand

FCIA, UL, The Joint Commission and the American Society for Healthcare



Engineering (ASHE) are partners in educating to reduce the likelihood that there are violations in fire and smoke barriers in healthcare facilities around the world. From what we hear from attendees, the program is working.

[Registration information](#) is now available for the first [2015 Barrier Management Symposium \(BMS\)](#), to be held in Rochester, MN. ASHE's Region 6 will host the event at [The Kahler Grand Hotel, April 14-15, 2015*](#). The program will coincide with the ASHE Region 6 Annual Conference, which is scheduled for April 16-17, 2015.

Details concerning additional 2015 BMS events are in the process of coming together as well. Possible BMS events include:

- Spring - Region 7, TX
- Summer - Region 1, Northeast
- Fall - Region 3, KY, VA, WV, SC/NC
- TBD - Region 5, IN

More information will be released as the dates and venues are finalized. Watch the [Barrier Management Page](#) for more info.

*A \$50 registration fee applies for this event.

FCIA Spreading DIIM Around the World

[Advocacy and Education](#) are two of the [key initiatives of the FCIA](#). To that end, FCIA leadership presents to key groups all around the world, spreading the word of the ["DIIM" of Firestopping](#) and the importance of using great products, hiring Specialty Firestop Contractors and Special Inspection Agencies to audiences around the globe. Here are some of the highlights coming in 2015.



The [GCC Fire Safe Congress](#), March 30-31, 2015 at the Park Hyatt, Abu Dhabi, is where key decision makers in the Oil & Gas, Petroleum and Petro Chemicals Industries in the Middle East come to know about the latest technologies in the Fire Protection Industry. Conference attendees will have the opportunity to:

learn about new solutions for fire safety; meet with service providers to discuss future projects and requirements; and network with experts from Ministries, Government Bodies, Solution Providers and Research Institutes.

Through Sharing we can be Inspired to Evolve. "Share - Inspire - Evolve" is the theme of the [Construction Specification Canada \(CSC\) Conference 2015](#).

Technical programs specially designed to appeal to a wide sector of the industry and networking events to highlight the cosmopolitan city's many treasures form the foundation for this forum that exemplifies personal and professional growth through the sharing of knowledge, experience and friendship.



The [Royal Architect Institute of Canada's \(RAIC\) Festival of Architecture 2015](#) is the annual Conference for Architects all across Canada. From June 3-6, Architects, Interior Designers, Students and Associates will gather in Calgary,

Alberta to network, discuss issues related to the practice of architecture and design, celebrate achievements and socialize.

Additionally, talks have begun for another [FCIA Symposium in Ottawa](#). This event is sure to bring together FCIA Members, Specifiers, Governmental Officials and others for a great education session with [FM & UL/ULC Firestop Exams](#) offered as well.

FCIA Exhibits at Key Conferences

This year's Exhibit schedule is jam packed for the Marketing Committee and the FCIA Booth. Plus, with the addition of a few new Conferences, FCIA continues to work hard promoting our membership to key audiences around the globe.



[AIA Convention 2015](#) is one of the largest gatherings of architecture and design professionals in the world. This year's conference, AtlAIAnta, enables attendees to: get the first look at new materials and technology; earn learning units (LUs) by attending educational sessions led by industry innovators; network with professionals from every walk of life - from students to preservationists, art-world stars to data engineers; and attend the keynote address by President Bill Clinton.



This year's [NFPA Conference & Expo](#) will be held in the Windy City of Chicago, June 22-25. The NFPA Conference & Expo is widely regarded as the most comprehensive industry event for countless professionals - from architects, engineers, contractors and building manager, to public and private fire service, enforcement agencies, insurers and utilities.

The ASHE Annual Conference and Technical Exhibition, which will be held in Boston, MA this year, is the trusted national conference and exhibition for health care facility management and engineering professionals. More than 3,300 industry professionals attend the ASHE Annual Conference to share perspectives on optimizing the health care built environment. The Conference gives health care facility management and engineering professionals the tools they need to navigate and adapt as the health care landscape shifts.



FCIA and Life Safety Digest Partner with Expos Around the World in 2015

FCIA and *Life Safety Digest* continue to work to promote the Specialty Firestop Industry to design professionals, specifiers, building owners and facility managers, code and building officials, governments and more around the world. This year, we have partnered with several exciting events - including several new Conferences and Expos! These partnerships with targeted audiences will continue to advocate for the importance of hiring Specialty Firestop Contractors and Special Inspection Agencies, as well as raise awareness of the common deficiencies found with firestop and life safety systems. Life Safety Digest



will be featured at each of these exciting events.

The [IFMA Facility Fusion Conference & Expo](#) returns for another exciting year. This year, the Expo has expanded to include two locations: US and Canada!

Be present in either Vancouver (March 10-11, 2015) or Orlando (April 21-23, 2015) as the brightest minds in the industry come together to help redefine modern-day facility management. These dynamic educational events are a powerful opportunity to network with like-minded Facility Management professionals and develop facility management solutions that lead to real results.

[Oman Fire, Safety and Security Expo \(OFSEC\)](#) is Oman's most comprehensive



- and ONLY - exhibition on fire, safety and security. This expo brings together key decision makers from the government and private sectors of more than 30 countries all focused on strengthening the collaboration

between the authorities and the industries for the integration of safety and security technologies. OFSEC 2015 will be held September 14-16, 2015 at the Oman International Exhibition Centre in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman.

2015 FCIA Membership Certificates Making the Journey

2015 FCIA Membership Certificates were completed this week for all Members who have renewed to date. Membership packets will be released to the mail service for delivery early next week. Keep your eyes peeled for your packet to arrive in your mailbox in early February (depending upon delivery times to your location).

Haven't renewed yet? Don't worry - it's not too late! Contact Sandy at +1 708-202-1108 or sandy@fcia.org to complete the renewal process.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership!

FCIA Welcomes New Members

FCIA welcomes new members, and we thank them for their support. Thank you to all current members, as well, for helping to build FCIA and the firestopping industry.

FCIA New Contractor Members



- Farwest Insulation Contracting - Tempe, AZ
- Colorado Mechanical Insulation, Inc. - Englewood, CO
- Kim Industries, Inc. - Danbury, CT

New International Contractor Members

- International Gulf Trading Company, Chubb Fire Qatar - Doha, Qatar

New International Contractor Branch Members

- Admiral (A.E.I.E.T.) - Abu Dhabi

New Associate Inspection Agency Members

- PGA Experts, Inc. - Saint-Anselme, Quebec

Manufacturer members, there's a new benefit available. The [Member List](#) section of www.FCIA.org now contains your [corporate listing](#) with the USA Contacts listed.

To find local, worldwide contacts in Canada, Middle East, India and other parts of the world, website visitors only see the home office in the USA.

Make it easier to be found worldwide with a '**Branch Listing**' at www.FCIA.org. Questions? Email lindsey@fcia.org and we'll fill you in.

As we look forward to 2015 and all that it will bring, we cannot do so without acknowledging the hard work and dedication of our FCIA Members - Contractors, Manufacturers, Consultants, Distributors, Reps and more - who continue to dedicate their companies - and employees - to making Firestopping, Fire Resistance and Effective Compartmentation a very reliable fire and life-safety item in buildings.

Thank you for your continued partnership, your continued collaboration and your commitment to the improvement of fire and life safety in buildings. Your contribution to the whole will continue to shape the industry around the globe.

*Bill McHugh, FCIA
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