



## Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show, FIC 2015, Travels to Scottsdale, AZ

The Firestop Contractors International Association is holding their annual Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show – FIC 2015 – November 3-6, 2015 at The Talking Stick Resort & Spa in Scottsdale, AZ.

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The Firestop Contractors International Association (FCIA) is strongly focused on promoting knowledge and awareness of the importance of Life Safety and Firestopping and Effective Compartmentation within the healthcare, education and other building occupancies around the world.

Each year, FCIA hosts two industry Conferences, an industry Trade Show and several additional Educational Symposiums worldwide, as well as monthly free Educational Webinars. This year's cornerstone event, the Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show – FIC 2015 - will take place at **The Talking Stick Resort & Spa in Scottsdale, AZ.**

The annual Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show is a four-day event focused on the 'DIIM' of Firestopping – proper **Design, Installation, Inspection and Maintenance/Management** – as well as Education Sessions highlighting other industry specific topics, the Firestop Industry Trade Show, the FM and UL/ULC Firestop Exams, the Annual Ray Usher Memorial Golf Outing, the Annual Awards Luncheon, nightly Networking events, a Spouse Tour and more.

As real estate becomes scarcer, the trend in new and existing building construction has begun to move up instead of out. From retrofitting existing buildings for new uses to new construction of structures for all-types of use, high-occupancy buildings are found around every corner. Education occupancies, Healthcare occupancies, Residential occupancies, Office occupancies and more make matters of Life-Safety in high-occupancy structures a universal concern worldwide.

In addition to other preventative measures available in the built-environment, Firestopping and Effective Compartmentation are critical pieces of the building envelope to ensure Life-Safety. By restricting the spread of fire and smoke in buildings, which when left unprotected may cause structural collapse and open the door for potential loss of life, Firestop Systems installed by Specialty Firestop Contractors who practice the 'DIIM' of Firestopping improve the reliability of Firestop Systems as a critical component of Effective Compartmentation.

In order for Firestopping and Effective Compartmentation to work, all wall, floor and ceiling penetrations need to become fire-resistance-rated and smoke-resistance-rated, just like the walls. Specific **Design** standards, rigorous FM 4991 and ULC Qualified Contractor Program Installation protocols, systematic and thorough **Inspections** and comprehensive ongoing **Maintenance and Management** programs (**DIIM**) are required to keep a tested and listed Firestop **SYSTEM** working for the life-cycle of the building. One detail missed, one step skipped and the system is voided and the occupancy has the potential for breach.

The Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show is for all Firestop Contractors, Special Inspection Agencies and their Special Inspectors, Firestop Associates, Manufacturers, Manufacturer Reps and Distributors interested in learning more about the newest trends, Code advancements, best practices and more for the Firestop industry.

Additionally, the group seeks to educate individuals representing the Architects and Specifiers who **Design** and specify Firestop Systems, the Building, Fire Code and Government Officials who **Inspect** these Systems and the Facility Engineers



who **Maintain and Manage** the Systems in buildings and opens the Symposium to these **Qualified Guests** by offering **FREE Conference registration on Thursday, November 5** to those who qualify.

This year's Symposium will be held at The Talking Stick Resort & Spa in Scottsdale, AZ. The event opens Tuesday, November 3, 2015 and wraps up Friday, November 6, 2015. The Draft Agenda is as follows:

- Tuesday, November 3, 2015
  - FCIA Education for the FM and UL/ULC Firestop Exams
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- Wednesday, November 4, 2015
  - Exhibition Opens
  - President's Welcome Address
  - Education Sessions
  - Annual Ray Usher Memorial Golf Outing
  - Reception
- Thursday, November 5, 2015
  - Exhibition Open
  - Education Sessions
  - Spouse Tour
  - Annual Awards Luncheon
  - Education Sessions
  - Contractor Only Session
  - Reception
  - FCIA Casino Night
- Friday, November 6, 2015
  - Exhibition Open
  - Education Sessions
  - Conference Conclusion
  - Exhibition Closes

To find out if you qualify to attend this important event free of charge, contact the FCIA Office at 708-202-1108 or [info@fcia.org](mailto:info@fcia.org).

The Firestop Contractors International Association is a worldwide professional trade association of contractors, manufacturers, consultants, distributors and manufacturer's representatives dedicated to the installation and maintenance of life safety firestop systems. Through active participation in the FCIA and related forums, members contribute to the advancement of the Firestop and Effective Compartmentation industry, as well as maintain exceptional knowledge of this specialized trade.

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