



FCIA eNewsletter – March 28, 2014

FCIA Education and Committee Action Conference (ECA) Early-Bird Deadline April 1

FCIA's ECA is just around the corner! Don't miss out and save money -[Register for the ECA Conference](#) and make your [hotel reservations](#) before April 1!

The FCIA Program Committee has already confirmed these high quality speakers, with more to come!

- **Hal Cohen, P.E., HCC Fire Barrier Management**, Learn where fire resistance rated walls may occur as required by code so you can know when to submit an RFI. FCIA Member Fire Protection Engineer, Hal Cohen, brings great knowledge to this program.
- **Gary Aumann, Esq.**, Firestop Contractor Safety, OSHA 2014, Updates in the USA, including OHSA Canada Safety;
- **Bill Koffel, Koffel & Associates**, Fire & Smoke Barriers in the Codes, Commissioning and FCIA Members, PLUS 2015 ICC Code Summary and 2018 Code Cycle Planning for healthcare & other occupancies;
- **Fred Worley, Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services**, Healthcare Regulator, on Firestopping, Compartmentation and life safety in Long Term Care Facilities;
- **Jeff Gould, FM Approvals**, Senior Engineering Specialist, on Maximum Fire Loss Walls, in addition to a FM 4991 Update;
- **Matt Schumann, UL**, Industry Manager, Resistance & Containment, on the latest news on the UL/ULC Qualified Firestop Contractor Program and a short program on 'Fire/Smoke Barriers'.

Other FCIA ECA highlights include the **Contractor Members Only** session, as well as the **FCIA Committee Meetings & Round Table Discussions**.



Remember, if you need to take the **FM or UL/ULC Firestop Exam**, you can at the ECA on Tues., April 29. FCIA Members receive FREE firestop education and an exam prep. the morning before the examination. Sign up on the FCIA ECA Registration Form. Need the Manual of Practice (MOP)? Order it here: [MOP Order Form](#).

Spouses and Guests are Welcome! Your spouse or guest can enjoy the Omni La Mansion and all San Antonio has to offer. They are also welcome to all FCIA ECA evening receptions FREE. *PLUS*, on Thurs., May 1, they can sign up for a private walking tour of downtown San Antonio and a delicious lunch at a local hot spot - all for only \$60 pp. (Sign up on the ECA Registration Form - or if you have already registered, just call +1 708-202-1108 or email evie@FCIA.org and we'll add them to your registration.) If your spouse/guest is involved in the firestopping business, they must register as a FCIA ECA attendee.

More excitement to be announced as the FCIA ECA comes closer including expert speakers and FCIA fun! See you in San Antonio!

- [Register for the FCIA ECA!](#)
- [Book your Hotel Room!](#)
- [Book your ground transportation!](#)

FCIA Trade Show Schedule Packed and Growing!

FCIA's Marketing Committee is committed to getting the word out about FCIA's mission and promoting FCIA Members around the globe. Here are two featured Trade Shows FCIA is participating in during the first half of 2014:

IFMA Facility Fusion - NEW this year! FCIA and Life Safety Digest has special promotion on banners, signage, and in the **IFMA Facility Fusion Show** program book. Life Safety Digest will also be distributed during the Washington, D.C. Conference & Expo from April 15 to 17. Register today for IFMA's Facility Fusion!



NFPA Conference & Expo - FCIA's annual residency at the **NFPA Conference & Expo** continues, this time held at Mandalay Bay Convention Center in Las Vegas, NV from June 9 to 11. Stop by booth #2062 to say hello, and look for the FCIA and Life Safety Digest logos on signage throughout the event! **PLUS** FCIA's Executive Director Bill McHugh, and FCIA Member and FCIA Code Consultant Bill Koffel, Koffel Associates, will speak on 'Managing Barriers for the Building Life Cycle'. Admission to the Expo floor is FREE in advance. You can register for the Expo and paid Conference sessions by clicking the photo below. See you in Las Vegas!



Save these dates - more details next month!

Construct2014, Sept. 9 - 12, 2014: Baltimore, MD;

IFMA World Workplace, Sept. 17 - 19, 2014: New Orleans, LA;

International Code Council Expo, Sept. 28 - Oct. 1: Ft. Lauderdale, FL

FCIA Barrier Management

Symposium (BMS) Series Goes Live

FCIA announced last year a partnership with The Joint Commission (TJC), American Society of Healthcare Engineers (ASHE), and Underwriters Laboratories (UL) to present Barrier Management Symposiums (BMS).

The Birmingham, AL Barrier Management Symposium on March 3 & 4 was a great success. Healthcare officials, architects, specifiers and more came for two days to learn how fire barriers become SYSTEMS through the **DIIM** of all fire resistance rated features including Fire Resistance Rated Assemblies and the Firestopping, Fire Dampers, Fire Doors, Fire Rated Glazing that keeps it continuous. The management involved with these barriers is what keeps them effective during the building life cycle.

The BMS is designed for Healthcare Facility Engineering and Building Code Professionals. Attendance is limited, and meant for the healthcare engineering professionals designing and maintaining these buildings.

Limited space may be available for a few FCIA members. If interested, please call the FCIA office at +1 (708) 202-1108. To allow for a fair representation, only one FCIA member from a member company will be allowed, and no sales materials may be distributed.

[Next BMS is May 12-13, 2014 in Philadelphia, PA.](#)



Write for Life Safety Digest

Life Safety Digest, The Magazine of Effective Compartmentation is getting bigger. We want you to be a part of it! Sitting on an idea for an article? There are three great opportunities in 2014 to get involved and get your name out in front of the industry.

We are now accepting articles for the summer Healthcare Facilities issue. Beyond that, High-Rise Buildings will be out in mid fall, with Multi-Family and Industrial finishing off the year in December. Articles must be educational and informative, and non-product specific. Good quality photos are welcome and we'll provide credit below the images.

FCIA has some great spots available for ads as well. Members receive a 25% discount. Contact Chris Mason at chris@fcia.org for more information about submitting an article or placing an ad.

Next FCIA DIIM Webinar Set

Keep the morning of Wednesday, April 16 starting at 10:00 a.m. CDT open on your calendar! You won't want to miss the next FCIA webinar.

The next installment will focus on the "**Inspection**" part of the **Design, Installation, Inspection, Maintenance, Management (DIIM)** of Firestopping. A review of the ASTM E 2174 and 2393 Standards added to the 2012 International Building Code, as well as the FCIA-IAS collaborated IAS AC-291, Accreditation Criteria for Special Inspection Agencies is also included.

[Register for this webinar today!](#)

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

You will have a great opportunity to take your firestopping to the next level in April. FM and UL/ULC Firestop Examinations will be held in San Antonio during the FCIA Education and Committee Action Conference (ECA) on April 29, 2014. Of course,

make sure you stay for the ECA Conference April 30 - May 2, to get valuable CEUs!

[Stay tuned for more dates and accreditation announcements as they become available on FCIA.org](#) in the Hot News section.



FCIA Membership Growth Continues

FCIA welcomes our new members and thanks 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

- Accurate Firestop & Insulation - Hayward, CA
- ADM Construction LLC - Albion, RI
- Nabholz Construction Corporation - Oklahoma City, OK
- Pacific Rim Mechanical Contractors - San Diego, CA

FCIA New Contractor Branch Members

- Firetek Pacific LLC - Kaneohe, HI

FCIA New International Contractor Branch Members

- Admiral (A.E.I.E.T.) - Kurdistan, Iraq

FCIA New Associate Members - Consultants, Distributors, Manufacturers Reps

- Compass Inspection Consultants - Laguna Hills, CA
- Speedie & Associates, Inc. - Phoenix, AZ

Thank you for being a member of FCIA!

Bill McHugh, FCIA

Executive Director

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