

## Upcoming Events

Dec 16	FCIA Webinar
Dec 24-25	FCIA Office Closed
Dec 31-Jan 1	FCIA Office Closed
Jan 20	FCIA Webinar

## FCIA's VIRTUAL & HYBRID CONFERENCES & SYMPOSIUMS

FCIA's President Ben Urcavich declared at the April Virtual FCIA Education and Committee Action Conference an initiative to help make existing buildings safer for building occupants through fire-resistance-rated and smoke-resistant assemblies that maintain protection.

As a result, many of the sessions at FCIA's Hybrid Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show, FCIA's Virtual Symposia in Canada, as well as two programs in the Middle East, one of which was co-hosted with the ASTM United Arab Emirates (UAE) Chapter, focused on education from the Barrier Management Symposium. At the FCIA-ASTM Program, the International Code Council, UL, FM Approvals, and Thomas Bell Wright International Consultants teamed up to present sessions on standards, installation issues, inspection, and maintaining protection of existing building firestopping and fire-resistance in the Gulf region.


## FCIA.org BMS SECTION

Check out FCIA's Barrier Management Services (BMS) section of the [www.FCIA.org](http://www.FCIA.org) Member List to see companies that work in existing buildings. As an added benefit, all FCIA Firestop Contractor Members are posted in the firestopping section. Those companies that provide services for fire doors, fire dampers, barrier repairs, fire-rated glazing, and others can get listed throughout the BMS Section for a small fee. Contact [Cathy@FCIA.org](mailto:Cathy@FCIA.org) for info.

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## ICC ANNOUNCES VIRTUAL CODE DEVELOPMENT

The ICC announced that the April 2021 Committee Action Hearings (CAH) have been moved to a virtual platform instead of a face-to-face meeting due to COVID regulations and concerns for

attendees and staff. The nature of the CAH process is the interactive Committee discussions, so it will be an interesting experience to participate live at these virtual sessions.

## FCIA at ICC's CODE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

During the past several months, FCIA has been attending several of the Fire Code Action Committee and Building Code Action Committee teleconferences. While in proposal discussions, we have made sure that breaches made for penetrations in occupiable roofs get protected to ensure the fire and life safety of occupants up on the

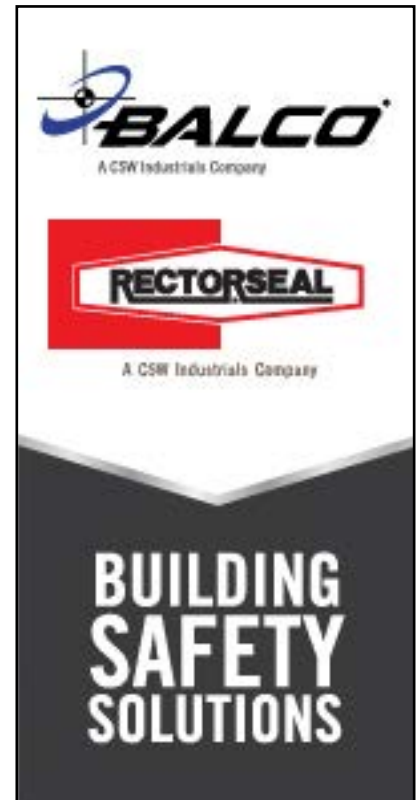
roof. Additionally, we have worked with Manufacturer partners on proposals that attempt to clarify the joints section of the IBC's Chapter 7, T-Rating requirements, attempting to add the head of wall standard ASTM E 2837, and more.

## UL QFCP GROWS TO 100 LOCATIONS

UL recently announced at the FCIA-ASTM Fire-Resistance-Rated & Smoke-Resistant Assemblies & Existing Buildings Virtual Event that the number of UL Qualified Firestop Contractor Program locations worldwide has passed 100.

FCIA's founding Board of Directors – and all FCIA Boards since 1998 – have supported the FM 4991

Approved & UL-ULC Contractor Programs with enthusiasm because it results in Specialty Firestop Installation Contractor companies with a quantified qualification to prove competence. The program has expanded rapidly as a result of FCIA and UL's team effort to make buildings safer through the proper 'D'esign, 'I'nstallation, 'I'nspection and 'M'aintaining Protection - or 'DIIM' - of firestopping.



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## FM 4991 PROGRAM CELEBRATES 20 YRS

In November 2000, FM Approvals announced the introduction of the FM 4991 Standard for the Approval of Firestop Contractors third-party accreditation program at FCIA's Firestop Industry Conference in Boston. That first year, roughly 52 people took the FM Firestop Exam, beginning a 20-year history of the FM Approvals accrediting Specialty Firestop Installation Contractor

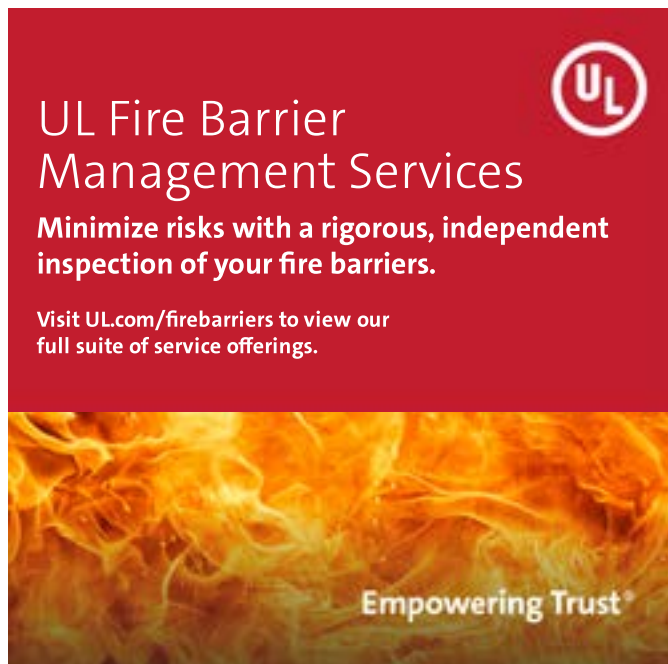
companies with the FM 4991, Standard for the Approval of Firestop Contractors program. With almost 100 locations worldwide being FM 4991 Approved, the program is making a global difference in fire and life safety in buildings.


## FCIA BENEFITS FOR INDUSTRY INFLUENCES

Over the summer and early fall, FCIA's staff worked through our massive database to increase the number of Specifiers, Code Officials, Fire Marshals, Specialty Firestop Installation Contractors, Firestop Special Inspection Agencies, and others. Contacts from around the world were added in all of these categories. This broadened the audience of individuals that receive FCIA communications on firestop education, events, and

more, as well as receiving a complimentary *Life Safety Digest* subscription.

Do you have a friendly Specifier, Code Official, Fire Inspector/Fire Marshal, Architect, or Specifier that could use a FREE PDF of the FCIA Firestop Manual of Practice? A free subscription to *Life Safety Digest*? Send their contact information to [Cathy@FCIA.org](mailto:Cathy@FCIA.org).



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## FCIA MEMBERSHIP

The 2021 FCIA membership renewal cycle has begun. We at FCIA appreciate all the members who support us through their membership and attendance at FCIA events. Without your support, we cannot advocate at specification entities like CSI and CSC, codes and standards organizations such as ICC, NFPA, ASTM, UL, and building owner groups such as ASHE, IFMA, BOMA and more.

FCIA Members, thanks for supporting us through your membership and renewals.

Do you know a company that is not a member that should be? Send [Cathy@FCIA.org](mailto:Cathy@FCIA.org) a quick email with the company name and we'll contact them.

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## NFPA 101/5000 CODE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

The next edition of the NFPA 101, The Life Safety Code and NFPA 5000, Building Construction and Safety Code, is the 2021 version of the publications. With the 2023 Revision Cycle open for First Draft Public inputs now, NFPA 101/5000's update process is underway.

NFPA's process is a bit different than ICC's. The NFPA development process uses Public Inputs as code change proposals that are debated and voted on by Technical Committees. NFPA's Public Input closing date is June 1, 2021, with the First Draft Report posted by March 22,

2022. The Second Draft Public Comment Closing date is May 31, 2022, with a report posted by Feb. 28, 2023. Then, the Notice of Intent to Make a Motion (NITMAM) closing date is March 28, 2023, which is then posted by May 9, 2023 and heard at the 2023 NFPA Technical Meeting in June 2023.

FCIA participates at the NFPA Fire Protection Features Committee, which manages Chapter 8, Features of Fire Protection.

## INTERNATIONAL FIRESTOP COUNCIL STATEMENT ON CPVC AND FIRESTOPPING

The International Firestop Council recently released a statement on the compatibility of firestop products with CPVC. The statement from the firestop manufacturers about firestopping and CPVC piping is in line with the following passage at the Plastic Pipe and Fittings Association's website, [www.ppfahome.org/page/CPVC](http://www.ppfahome.org/page/CPVC)

As with all compatibility issues, verify compatibility with the specific manufacturers of the firestop materials that might come in contact with CPVC, as well as the CPVC Manufacturers listed at the PPFA website.

*"Don't Do's For All Construction -  
Do not use petroleum or solvent based sealants,  
lubricants, or fire stop materials.*

IN OBSERVANCE OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON,  
THE FCIA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
DECEMBER 24-25  
AND  
DECEMBER 31-JANUARY 1, 2021  
WE WILL RESUME NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS ON  
JANUARY 4, 2021.

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## FIRE DAMPER INSPECTIONS & RELIABILITY

Keeping the fire-resistance protection maintained in existing buildings is essential to fire and life safety. NFPA 80, *Standard for Fire Doors and Other Opening Protectives* and NFPA 105, *Standard for Smoke Door Assemblies and Other Opening Protectives*, both have requirements for inspecting the fire, smoke, or combination fire/smoke damper assemblies.

NFPA 80 states that fire-dampers be commissioned at

installation, inspected at the end of the first year, then every 4 years in all occupancies except hospitals, which require inspections every 6 years. The frequencies have been agreed by the fire damper manufacturers to be appropriate to maintain reliability of the installed products.

Visit [www.AMCA.org](http://www.AMCA.org) for more info on servicing fire, smoke, and combination fire/smoke dampers.

## LIFE SAFETY DIGEST PRINT + DIGITAL PLANNING GUIDE COMING SOON

The [Life Safety Digest Print + Digital Planning Guide](#) is about to be released, and we couldn't be more excited.

Formerly the *Life Safety Digest* Media Kit, the new planning guide features a full-suite of advertising

opportunities with both FCIA and *Life Safety Digest*. From print advertising in the quarterly magazine to digital ads at [www.FCIA.org](http://www.FCIA.org), the guide offers an advertising option for every budget.

Contact [Cathy@FCIA.org](mailto:Cathy@FCIA.org) for more info!



'Firestopping & Standards - Product and System Suitability for Use'

Wednesday, December 16  
10:00 am CST

[REGISTER TODAY](#)



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## GA REPAIR VIDEO TUTORIAL: REPAIRING FIRE-RESISTANCE-RATED ASSEMBLIES

The Gypsum Association has produced an animated video based on GA-225-2019 Repair of Fire-Rated Gypsum Panel Product Systems. The video describes the proper methods of repairing damage to gypsum panel systems used in fire-resistance-rated assemblies. The video also explains how to restore walls to their original condition as they were tested in accordance with ASTM E119 or UL 263. In addition, there is a new FAQ section at the GA website that answers many common questions about fire-resistance-rated gypsum assemblies.

Learn more at [www.Gypsum.org](http://www.Gypsum.org).



## FCIA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

FCIA works hard to spread the word of the **'DIIM' of Firestopping** around the world, encouraging all interested Specialty Firestop Installation Contractors, Special Inspection Agencies, Associates, Manufacturers, and more to become involved to grow the industry's call for better fire and life safety.

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

- Acoustique SM - Ottawa, ON
- CS Prevention, Inc. - Quebec, QC

- Daw Construction Group LLC - Draper, UT
- Farwest Insulation Contracting - Tempe, AZ
- Giulfords, Inc. - Dartmouth, NS
- Innovative Contractor Solutions, Inc. - Phoenix, AZ
- International Asbestos Removal - Babylon, NY
- McCarthy Building Companies, Inc. - Phoenix, AZ
- RedSeal Firestop - Kelowna, BC
- TJ Wies Contracting Inc. - Lake St. Louis, MO

### FCIA New International Contractor Members

- DELTOQ Technical Services LLV - Dubai, UAE
- Manycon Firestop - Doha, Qatar

### FCIA New Contractor Branch Members

- Chamberlin Roofing & Waterproofing - Houston, TX

### FCIA New Associate Members

- Highland Engineering Group - Dallas, TX

**FCIA Members: Do you have more than one Branch location?** Make it easier to be found worldwide with a 'Branch Membership and Listing' at [www.FCIA.org](http://www.FCIA.org). Questions? Email [cathy@fcia.org](mailto:cathy@fcia.org) and we'll fill you in.

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