

Upcoming Events

March 30	FCIA Member Only Webinar
March 31	FCIA Webinar
April 21-22	IFMA Facility Fusion VIRTUAL Event

THE FCIA CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT EDUCATION PROGRAM IS HERE!

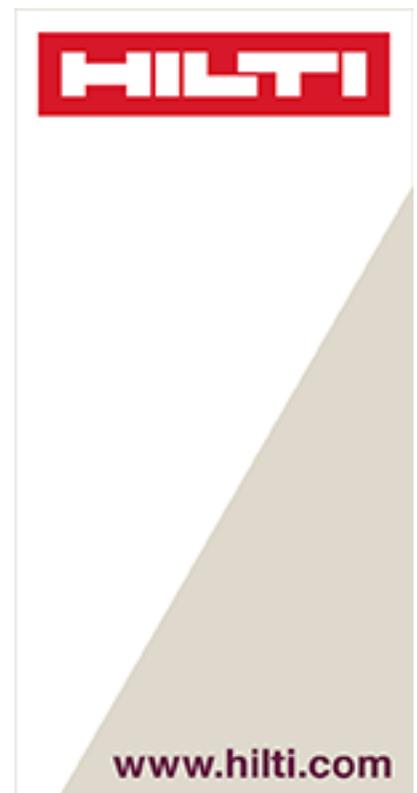
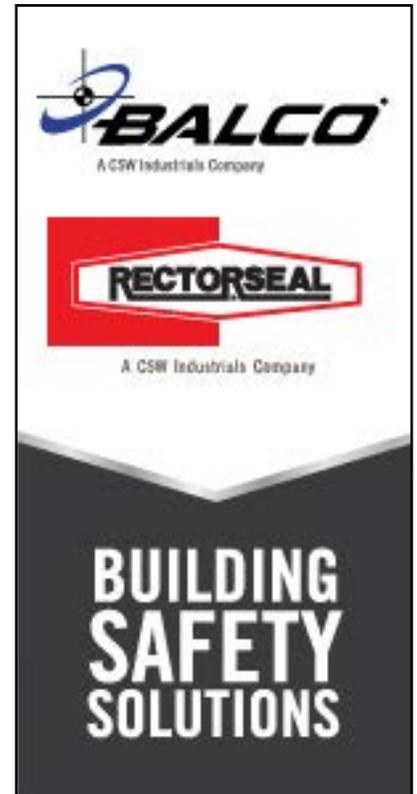
The [FCIA Certificate of Achievement Education Program \(FCAEP\)](#) provides Specialty Firestop Installation Contractor and Firestop Special Inspection Agency personnel a Certificate of Achievement by passing a series of exams in FCIA's Educational Modules.

FCIA's *FCAEP Firestop Certificate of Achievement* is the first Program launched, with more programs planned for the future in Barrier Management, Firestop Safety, and more.

Participants in the [Firestop FCAEP](#) attend the [five \(5\) module FCAEP Firestop Level 1 program](#), 'The 'DIIM' of Firestop for Fire and Life Safety':

- 'D' – Design – Modules 1-2 & Quizzes
 - Basic building code requirements
 - Fire test standards
- 'I' – Installation – Module 3 & Quiz
 - Systems selection & analysis
 - Installation company approvals & qualifications
- 'I' – Inspection – Module 4 & Quiz
 - ASTM E 2174 & ASTM E 2393 Inspection Standards
- 'M' – Maintaining Protection – Module 5 & Quiz
 - Maintaining protection for the building life cycle
- Firestop Level 1 Final Exam

For the *FCIA Firestop Level 1 Certificate of Achievement Education Program*, participants are required to watch each FCIA Recorded Education Module and pass module quizzes and exams before the next module or Level. A FCIA Firestop Level 1 Certificate of Achievement is achieved by scoring an 80% or higher on the module



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THE FCAEP IS HERE!

quizzes and the Final Exam.

Participation in the FCAEP can either be company-sponsored or bought as an individual at list price, or with BIG DISCOUNTS for FCIA Member Companies.

The new FCIA Certificate of Achievement Education Program is built on decades of experience and technical resources.

FCIA Specialty Firestop Installation Contractor and Firestop Special Inspection Agency Members get BIG Member Discounts and preferred bulk pricing for multiple purchases of the FCIA Certificate of Achievement Education Program.

Set yourself and company apart as a [FCIA Firestop Level I Certificate of Achievement Education Program](#) Certificate holder!

[Order NOW](#) and take advantage of FCIA Member discounts.

FCIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET

The [FCIA Board of Directors](#) met in early February to strategize FCIA's 2021 actions and initiatives.

From [Accreditation](#), [Education](#), [Code](#) and [Standards](#), to [Program](#), Labeling [Standards](#), [FM & UL Contractor Programs](#), [Inspection](#), and a lot more, the FCIA Board developed a plan of action for the year. Watch as new and existing program announcements unfold in the coming weeks and months.

Thanks to all FCIA Board members -current and past - for their continued leadership and donation of their time and talents for the Association and the industry.

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FCIA ECA '21 - REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Registration is open for FCIA's [ECA '21](#), the [FCIA Education & Committee Action Hybrid Conference](#). Don't miss great education and relationship building at the [InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza](#) this **May 10-13, 2021**.

Register to attend either In-Person or Online to take advantage of three days of technical firestop education, hybrid FCIA Committee Meetings, the hybrid FCIA Contractor Members Only session, and more.

Session topics include:

- Firestop Inspections Part II
- Building Code enforcement
- The Code cycle and proposals
- COVID-19 in the construction
- workplace
- Partnership program updates
- But that's not all!

Take the plunge and get involved in your Association and industry by attending the hybrid FCIA Committee meetings. FCIA Committees will meet BOTH in-person and virtually for participation by all FCIA ECA '21 attendees. Attend and volunteer ideas TO advance the industry.

[Learn more](#)



INFORM. ENGAGE. INSPIRE.

**Hotel and
Registration
discounts apply
until April 16.**

“There are many opportunities for you to jump into our story; a story that is being written about the growth and development of the firestopping and fire and life safety industry.”

*Ben Urcavich, 2020-21 FCIA
Board President*

FCIA COMMITTEES PLANNING EARLY '21 MEETINGS

Several [FCIA Committees](#) have started planning for the first VIRTUAL Committee meetings of 2021.

FCIA Committees typically meet several times per year, with first meetings taking place in the 1st quarter. These early meetings help shape Committee activities and initiatives for the year and beyond, which helps drive better fire and life safety, resulting in the growth of the firestop industry.

Look for more information on these upcoming meetings in your inbox.

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IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

The FCIA Membership renewal cycle is still underway, and it's not too late!

FCIA membership provides both short- and long-term Member benefits:

- Front-row access to industry involvement through participation in FCIA Committees;
- Advocacy for your industry in Specs, Codes, and Accreditation programs;
- BIG Discounts on FCIA's Certificate of Achievement Education Program (FCAEP);
- Discounts FCIA Manual of Practice purchases;
- Discounts on Conference attendance;
- Discounts on Life Safety Digest advertising;
- Access to special Members Only events and programs;

- Your personalized Company listing within the FCIA Member Lists;
- And more.

FCIA Membership has tangible financial benefits. FCIA Membership is also an investment in your industry. Without your dues, we can't do what we do – advocate for Firestopping and Effective Compartmentation. Contact cathy@FCIA.org to renew.

Not a member yet? [Learn more about joining](#) the Association dedicated the 'DIIM' of Firestop and the importance of the Specialty Firestop Installation Contractor and Firestop Special Inspection Agency in fire and life safety.

ICC BUILDING SAFETY MONTH STARTS THIS MAY

All communities need building codes to protect their citizens from disasters like fires, weather-related events, and structural collapse. Building codes are society's best way of protecting homes, offices, schools, manufacturing facilities, stores, and entertainment venues. Code officials work, day in and day out, to keep the public safe.

[Building Safety Month](#) is an international campaign that takes place in May to raise public awareness about building safety. This campaign reinforces the need for the adoption of modern, regularly updated building codes, and it helps individuals, families, and businesses understand what it takes to create safe and sustainable structures.

Code Officials, FCIA Members, Staff, and other Fire and Life Safety organizations work tirelessly to educate and advocate for their safety solutions. They come together to support Building Safety Month because we understand the need for safe and sustainable structures where we live, work, and play.



From monthly FCIA webinars to speaking at other organizations, [Barrier Management Symposiums](#) to fire code proposals helping build a better existing building, FCIA and its partners continue working to keep buildings safe through total fire protection, including firestopping and fire-resistance-rated and smoke-resistant assemblies.

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FCIA AT ASTM

FCIA's [Standards Committee](#) member [Jay McGuire](#) is the chair of the new Task Group at ASTM building a standard for 'Identification Systems'. Most identify this as labelling firestopping with the system number, contractor contact info, etc. There also can be tags made from plastic, paper, steel, ceramic fiber and more.

Where do these ID systems get placed? How close to the penetrating item? On the joint? That's what is being addressed on the first ballot at ASTM. Watch for more as this develops.

CODE DEVELOPMENT

NBCC 2025 PROCESS KICKING OFF

The 2020 National Building Code of Canada (NBCC) code development cycle is still finishing up, reviewing final outstanding issues. The Standing Committee on Fire Protection starts its work in April with a four-hour teleconference to lay groundwork for the 2025 version of the NBCC.

The FCIA and the National Fireproofing Contractors Association (NFCA) have been working with the standing committee on proposals to require independent inspection of firestopping and fireproofing

in buildings. The 2020 proposals were disapproved by this committee. The Executive Committee is reviewing if there is an objective in the NBCC, a performance-based code, from which to address this issue. It seems that there is precedence in the sprinkler industry through reference standards that are part of the NBCC that require inspection.

More on this as we work through the process at the National Research Council of Canada.

NFPA 1, 101, 5000 CODE PROCESS STARTING

The NFPA's development process is different than the ICC's International Code development process. ICC's process includes large, open public hearings in a continuous period, twice during the cycle. NFPA's is a committee development process where technical committees review public inputs.

[NFPA 1's](#) Public Inputs are due April 1, while [NFPA](#)

[101](#) The Life Safety Code, and [NFPA 5000](#), Building Construction and Safety Code, public inputs are due June 1.

Watch for FCIA to insert language to help building owners and managers maintain protection in existing buildings.

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CODE DEVELOPMENT cont'd

ICC CODE HEARINGS GO VIRTUAL

The [International Code Council's Committee Action Hearings](#) start the public hearing process for development of the 2024 International Family of Codes in the USA. Because of continued concerns about the spread of COVID-19, the hearings have shifted to a virtual program that will take place April 11 through May 5, 2021.

Committees have been appointed by the ICC Board of Directors already. Committee members, moderators, and staff will gather in a large meeting room live (adhering to social distancing guidelines), while participation from the public will take place virtually. The 'Monograph' of all the proposals is available now at www.CDPAccess.org.

FCIA proposals cover contractor qualification/approval, requiring penetration and joint identification systems

(labels), having sleeves installed in accordance with listings, and more.

FCIA participated at the ICC's Fire Code Action Committee (FCAC) with the International Firestop Council as well. The Council topics where FCAC is the proponent include where rated walls meet non-rated roof or ceiling assemblies and introducing the term 'Perimeter Fire Containment System' to section 715.2. Separately, the Council proposes protection of penetrations in exterior walls, adding the term Continuity Head of Wall Joint System, and adding ASTM E2816 (fire-resistive ductwrap) to the code.

Hearings are open to the public. To listen in or participate, visit www.ICCSafe.org.



CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!

FCIA is looking for firestop pictures.

Lots of good, bad, and yes, ugly. We are even looking for pictures of firestop activated on one side of the wall, protected, and the other side being a fire site.

Email to or contact lindsey@FCIA.org for more information about how to send multiple pictures.

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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

- BL Harbert International - Birmingham, AL
- Hardsoft Proyectos - San Nicholas De La Garza, Mexico
- T.J. McCartney, Inc. - Nashua, NH
- Tigre Construction Specialties, LLC - Hayward, CA
- West Coast Firestopping, Inc. - Orange, CA

FCIA New International Contractor Members

- International Gulf Trading Company Chubb Fire Qatar - Doha, Qatar
- Al Bandary Safety & Security Equipment W.L.L. - Al Sadd, Qatar

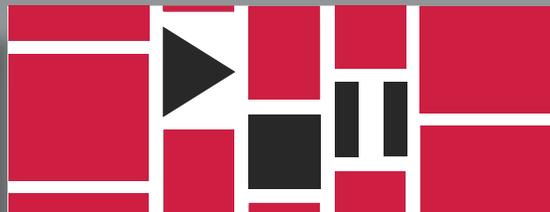
FCIA New Associate Members

- Kolbi Pipe Marker - Arlington Heights, IL

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. Questions? Email cathy@fcia.org and we'll fill you in.

EDUCATIONAL
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SERIES

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'Firestopping & Standards - An In-Depth Look at the Standards and Ratings Used for the Protection of Joints and Voids'

Wednesday, March 31
10:00 am CDT



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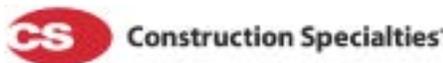
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