Existing Building Requirements

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Outline

• FCIA – DIIM – Firestopping
  • Why Existing Buildings?
  • Who do we Call?
• Design – Specs, Codes, Testing, Products
• Installation –
  • FM 4991, UL/ULC Qualified Firestop Contractor Programs
• Inspection –
  • ASTM E2174 / E2393 Inspection Standards
  • IAS AC 291, Inspector Qualifications
• Maintenance – Fire Codes; Barrier Management
• Firestopping for Safety –
  • Repairs??
"TOTAL FIRE PROTECTION"

• Effective Compartmentation
  • Fire Barriers, Fire Walls / Floors, Smoke Barriers
  • Firestopping, Fire Dampers, Swinging and Rolling Fire Doors, Fire Rated Glazing

• Detection & Alarm Systems

• Sprinkler Suppression Systems

• Education & Egress –
  • Building Owners & Managers, Building Occupants and Firefighters
D-DESIGN
Specs, Code, Standards

I-INSTALLATION
FM 4991, UL QFCP, AND Mfr. Education

Maintain Protection
Fire Codes
Barrier Management

QUALITY PROCESS

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Why Existing Buildings?

• *New Construction is slowing down….*

• **Economist Anirban Basu**
  - Recession has already begun
  - Focus on data centers, remodel, distribution centers

• **Economist Ken Simonson**
  - Cancellations Growing
  - Best private prospects – remodeling, distribution, data
  - Little change for K-12 education, water/sewer, federal
Now What?

• Pivot to Existing Buildings
• How do we find these new customers?
• Will it be easy?
What industries?

- Hospitals, nursing homes
- Apartments, Condos
- Universities
- Warehousing
- Manufacturing – Paper, others
- More .....
Who & What Title ??

- Director, Manager, VP....
- Building Engineering
- Property Manager
- Facility Manager
- Corporate Real Estate
- Facility Director
- Asset Manager

- Chief Engineer
- Building Engineer
- Maintenance
- Facility Maintenance
- Security & Risk Management
Where do they Gather? Chapters, Regions

- BOMA – BOMA.org – Building Owners & Managers Association
- IFMA – IFMA.org – International Facility Managers Association
- ASHE – ASHE.org – American Society for Healthcare Engineering
- AFE – AFE.org – Association of Facility Engineers
- APPA – APPA.org – Higher Education/University “Physical Plant”
- NARPM – NARPM.org – Natl. Assn of Retail Property Managers
- RFMA – RFMAonline.org – Restaurant Facility Managers
Where do they Gather? Chapters, Regions

- CHES – CHES.org – Canada Healthcare Engineering Society
- IREM – IREM.org – Institute of Real Estate Management
- IAAM – IAAM.org – Intl. Association of Assembly Managers
- CRFC – CRFC.ca - CAN Recreation Facility Council
- IAAPA.org – Amusement Parks
- NAIOP – NAIP.org
- NARPM – National Assn. of Residential Property
- NPMA.org – National Property Managers Assn.
- PMI – PMI.org
- PRSM – PRSM.com – Professional Retail Store Maintenance
What’s your Pitch? Ask, ‘Do you have’…. 

• Fire-resistance-rated or smoke resistant walls or floors? 

• Documented inventories? 

• Assemblies that “Maintain Protection” 

• A line item budget for maintaining sprinkler and alarm, fire extinguisher protection? 

• A Line item budget for maintaining protection of Fire-resistance and smoke resistant assemblies? 

• *Part of a comprehensive Life Safety Evaluation*
Existing Buildings? Did you know...

- Fire, existing building codes have existed for decades

- Fire Codes dictate maintaining protection of structural fire-protection and fire-resistance-rated compartmentation
Existing Buildings? Educate

- NFPA 1, NFPA 101, IFC – Decades in place.

- New IFC “maintaining protection” requirements
  - Inventory of fire-resistance-rated assemblies?

- What’s inventory?
  - Life Safety Drawings with Fire-Resistance Ratings
  - Tested and Listed Systems Designs
  - Manufacturers Instructions/Product Data Sheets

- What’s risk –
  - Fire and Smoke Spread means life, property, continuity of operations losses
Firestopping / Barrier Management for Safety “DIIM”

- Properly **Designed** and Specified Firestopping
  - FCIA – 07-84-00 - Specification

- **Tested and Listed Systems** – ASTM E814 / UL 1479, ASTM E1966 / UL 2079, FM 4990, ULC-S115, ASTM E2837, E2307, E3037, more

- Professional **Installation** – FCIA Member, FM 4991 Approved, UL/ULC Qualified Contractors

- Properly **Inspected** – ASTM E2174 / 2393 Processed by IAS AC 291 Accredited Inspection Agencies, Inspectors w/FM, UL, ULC, IFC Exam Success

- **Maintained & Managed** – Annually – FCIA Members – NFPA 1, 101, International Fire Code
Fire Resistance Barrier SYSTEMS

- **Products Become Systems Through…**
- **Test Standard References**
  - Structural Elements & Assemblies – ASTM E119, UL 263
  - Fire & Smoke Barriers – ASTM E119, UL 263
  - Fire/Smoke Dampers – UL 555, UL 555S, UL 555C
  - Swinging/Rolling Fire Doors – UL 10B, 10C, NFPA 257
  - Fire Rated Glazing – UL 9, NFPA 252
- **SYSTEM Testing = Suitability statement for use of a product in a specific system/design application**
Building & Fire Code Requirements

• International Codes –
  • New and Existing Buildings – International Building Code – Chapter 7
  • International Fire Code – Chapter 7
• NFPA 5000 / 101 – Chapter 8
• National Building Code of Canada
• UAE Fire and Life Safety Code
• Many other Country Codes…

• Minimum Requirements – Construction & Maintenance
703.3 Methods for determining fire resistance. The application of any of the methods listed in this section shall be based on the fire exposure and acceptance criteria specified in ASTM E119 or UL 263. The required fire resistance of a building element, component or assembly shall be permitted to be established by any of the following methods or procedures:

1. Fire-resistance designs documented in approved sources.
2. Prescriptive designs of fire-resistance-rated building elements, components or assemblies as prescribed in Section 721.
3. Calculations in accordance with Section 722.
4. Engineering analysis based on a comparison of building element, component or assemblies designs having fire-resistance ratings as determined by the test procedures set forth in ASTM E119 or UL 263.
5. Alternative protection methods as allowed by Section 104.11.
6. Fire-resistance designs certified by an approved agency.
Building & Fire Code Requirements

- Fire-Resistance Rated Barriers – Defined Terms
  - Exterior Walls
  - Fire Walls
  - Fire Barriers
  - Fire Partitions (Not NFPA)
  - Smoke Barriers
  - Smoke Partitions
  - Archaic Assemblies
Existing Buildings

- Archaic Assemblies
  - Clay Tile Block
  - Gypsum Block
  - Plaster
  - Clay Tile/Concrete
  - Unidentified Assemblies
- Tested … Calculated … Prescriptive
Smoke Barriers & Firestopping

• Smoke Barriers differ from Smoke Partitions?

  • **Smoke Barrier** –
    • **IBC** – Hourly Rated, Quantified Firestop “L” Rating
      • < 5cfm/sf (IBC 2006)
      • < 50 cfm, 100 sf of Wall Area (IBC 2009)
    • **NFPA** – … ‘restricting the passage of smoke’…
      • Hourly Rated, Quantified Firestop L Rating Chapter 8
      • NO quantified “L” Rating … Healthcare Chapter
      • Continuous, Barrier to Barrier, … through concealed spaces
      • Not always fire-resistance-rated

  • **Smoke Partition** –
    • **IBC** – Continuous barrier, not fire rated… ’retard’
    • **NFPA** – Continuous membrane that is designed to form a barrier to *limit the transfer of smoke*...
Fire Resistance SYSTEMS

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I-INSTALLATION
Systems Selection
Systems Analysis
Self Inspection
FCIA, FM & UL
MACC

QUALITY PROCESS

D-DESIGN

M-MAINTENANCE

I-INSPECTION
Firestopping for Continuity
I – Listed Systems
Firestopping for Continuity
Products Become Systems

• Firestop Systems Directories –
  • UL
  • Intertek
  • FM Approvals
  • Others

Systems Selection & Analysis...Not as easy as it looks...
Master Audit Certificate of Compliance Program

A Jobsite Specific Management System Audit – Our audit provides verified processes were followed to properly installed firestop systems.

A Renewable Jobsite Specific Certificate – After completion of a successful audit, we issue a jobsite specific certificate that is renewable for the building owner.

Improved Firestop Systems Documentation – The MACC certificate in conjunction with the firestop systems documentation, builds the fire-resistance inventory required by the 2018 International Fire Code for fire and smoke protection features.
Firestop Repairs

• Repairs
  • Instruction requirements by manufacturer
  • Listed systems
• Patching
  • Systems….
  • Adhesion
  • Movement
• T, L, W Ratings
  • *As recommended by MFR*
Fire Codes Require Maintenance

- NFPA 101
- NFPA 1
- International Fire Code

  - Minimum Requirements Stated
  - Frequency
  - What really happens?

4.6.12.1 Whenever or wherever any device, equipment, system, condition, arrangement, level of protection, fire-resistive construction, or any other feature is required for compliance with the provisions of this Code, such device, equipment, system, condition, arrangement, level of protection, fire-resistive construction, or other feature shall thereafter be continuously maintained ... in accordance with applicable NFPA requirements or requirements developed as part of a performance-based design, or as directed by the AHJ.
• 4.6.12.2 No existing life safety feature **shall be removed or reduced** where such feature is a requirement for new construction.

• 4.6.12.3* Existing life safety features **obvious to the public**, if not required by the Code, **shall be either maintained or removed**.

• 4.6.12.4 Any device, equipment, system, condition, arrangement, level of protection, fire-resistive construction, or any other feature **requiring periodic testing, inspection, or operation** to ensure its maintenance **shall be tested, inspected, or operated** as specified elsewhere in this Code or as directed by the AHJ.

• 4.6.12.5 Maintenance, inspection, and testing **shall be performed under the supervision of a responsible person who shall ensure** that testing, inspection, and maintenance **are made at specified intervals** in accordance with applicable NFPA standards or as directed by the AHJ.
12.2* Construction.

12.2.2 Fire safety construction features for new and existing occupancies shall comply with this Code and the referenced edition of NFPA 101.

12.3 Fire-Resistive Materials and Construction.

12.3.1 The design and construction of fire walls and fire barrier walls that are required to separate buildings or subdivide a building to prevent the spread of fire shall comply with Section 12.3 and NFPA 221.
12.3.2* Quality Assurance for Penetrations and Joints. In new buildings three stories or greater in height, a quality assurance program for the installation of devices and systems installed to protect penetration and joints shall be prepared and monitored by the RDP responsible for design. Inspections of firestop systems and fire-resistive joint systems shall be in accordance with 12.3.2.1 and 12.3.2.2.
12.3.2.1 Penetrations shall be inspected in accordance with ASTM E2174.

12.3.2.2 Joint systems shall be inspected in accordance with ASTM E2393.

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FCIA Added Emphasis
• 12.3.3* Maintenance of Fire-Resistive Construction, Draft-Stop Partitions, and Roof Coverings.

• 12.3.3.1 Required fire-resistive construction, including fire barriers, fire walls, exterior walls due to location on property, fire-resistive requirements based on type of construction, draftstop partitions, and roof coverings, shall be maintained and shall be properly repaired, restored, or replaced where damaged, altered, breached, penetrated, removed, or improperly installed.
• 12.3.3.2 Where required, **fire-rated gypsum wallboard** walls or ceilings that are damaged to the extent that through openings exist, the damaged gypsum wallboard shall be replaced or returned to the required level of fire-resistance using a listed repair system or using materials and methods equivalent to the original construction.

• 12.3.3.3 Where readily accessible, required fire-resistance-rated assemblies in high-rise buildings shall be visually inspected for integrity at least once every 3 years.
12.3.3.3.1 The person responsible for conducting the visual inspection shall demonstrate appropriate technical knowledge and experience in fire-resistance-rated design and construction acceptable to the AHJ.

12.3.3.3.2 A written report prepared by the person responsible for conducting the visual inspection shall be submitted to the AHJ documenting the results of the visual inspection.
SECTION 703
FIRE-RESISTANCE-RATED CONSTRUCTION

703.1 Maintenance. The required fire-resistance rating of fire-resistance-rated construction (including walls, firestops, shaft enclosures, partitions, smoke barriers, floors, fire-resistive coatings and sprayed fire-resistant materials applied to structural members and fire-resistant joint systems) shall be maintained. Such elements shall be visually inspected by the owner annually and properly repaired, restored or replaced when damaged, altered, breached or penetrated. …

Openings made therein for the passage of pipes, electrical conduit, wires, ducts, air transfer openings, and holes made for any reason shall be protected with approved methods capable of resisting the passage of smoke and fire. …
SECTION 703
FIRE-RESISTANCE-RATED CONSTRUCTION

• 703.1 Maintenance. The required fire-resistance rating of fire-resistance-rated construction, including, but not limited to walls, firestops, shaft enclosures, partitions, smoke barriers, floors, fire-resistive coatings and sprayed fire-resistant materials applied to structural members and fire-resistant joint systems, shall be maintained. Such elements shall be visually inspected by the owner annually and properly repaired, restored or replaced when damaged, altered, breached or penetrated. Records of inspections and repairs shall be maintained. …
SECTION 703
FIRE-RESISTANCE-RATED CONSTRUCTION

• 703.1 Maintenance. (Continued) Where concealed, such elements shall not be required to be visually inspected by the owner unless the concealed space is accessible by the removal or movement of a panel, access door, ceiling tile or similar movable entry to the space. Openings made therein for the passage of pipes, electrical conduit, wires, ducts, air transfer openings and holes made for any reason shall be protected with approved methods capable of resisting the passage of smoke and fire. Openings through fire-resistance-rated assemblies shall be protected by self- or automatic-closing doors of approved construction meeting the fire protection requirements for the assembly.
SECTION 703
FIRE-RESISTANCE-RATED CONSTRUCTION

• 703.1.1 Fireblocking and draftstopping. Required fireblocking and draftstopping in combustible concealed spaces shall be maintained to provide continuity and integrity of the construction.

• 703.1.2 Smoke barriers and smoke partitions. Required smoke barriers and smoke partitions shall be maintained to prevent the passage of smoke. Openings protected with approved smoke barrier doors or smoke dampers shall be maintained in accordance with NFPA 105.
SECTION 703
FIRE-RESISTANCE-RATED CONSTRUCTION

• 703.1.3 Fire walls, fire barriers and fire partitions. Required fire walls, fire barriers and fire partitions shall be maintained to prevent the passage of fire. Openings protected with approved doors or fire dampers shall be maintained in accordance with NFPA 80.
SECTION 701
GENERAL

• 701.1 Scope. The provisions of this chapter shall govern the inspection and maintenance of the materials, systems and assemblies used for structural fire-resistance, fire-resistance-rated construction separation of adjacent spaces and construction installed to resist the passage of smoke to safeguard against the spread of fire and smoke within a building and the spread of fire to or from buildings. New buildings shall comply with the IBC.
SECTION 701
GENERAL

• 701.2 Fire-resistance-rated construction. The fire-resistance rating of the following fire-resistance-rated construction shall be maintained:
  1. Structural members
  2. Exterior walls
  3. Fire walls, fire barriers, fire partitions
  4. Horizontal assemblies
  5. Shaft enclosures
SECTION 701
GENERAL

• 701.3 Smoke barriers. The fire-resistance rating and smoke-resistant characteristics of smoke barriers shall be maintained.

• 701.4 Smoke partitions. The smoke-resistant characteristics of smoke partitions shall be maintained.
701.5 Maintaining protection. Materials, systems and devices used to repair or protect breaches and openings in fire-resistance-rated construction and construction installed to resist the passage of smoke shall be maintained in accordance with Sections 703 through 707.
• 701.6 Owner’s responsibility. The owner shall maintain an inventory of all required fire-resistance-rated construction, construction installed to resist the passage of smoke and the construction included in Sections 703 through 707. Such construction shall be visually inspected by the owner annually and properly repaired, restored or replaced where damaged, altered, breached or penetrated.

• FCIA Initiative with Koffel Assoc. – ‘Inventory’…
SECTION 701
GENERAL

• 701.6 Owner’s responsibility Cont. **Records of inspections and repairs shall be maintained.** Where concealed, such elements shall not be required to be visually inspected by the owner unless the concealed space is accessible by the removal or movement of a panel, access door, ceiling tile or similar movable entry to the space.
SECTION 701
GENERAL

• 701.7 Unsafe Conditions. Where any components in this chapter are not maintained and do not function as intended or do not have the fire-resistance or the resistance to the passage of smoke required by the code under which building was constructed, remodeled or altered, such component(s) or portions thereof shall be deemed an unsafe condition in accordance with Section 111.1.1.
SECTION 701
GENERAL

• 701.7 Unsafe Conditions Cont. Components or portions thereof determined to be unsafe shall be repaired or replaced to conform to the code under which building was constructed, remodeled or altered, as deemed appropriate by the fire code official. Where the condition of components is such that any building, structure or portion thereof presents an imminent danger to the occupants of the building, structure or portion thereof, the fire code official shall act in accordance with Section 111.2.
SECTION 703
PENETRATIONS

• 703.1 Maintaining protection. Materials and firestop systems used to protect membrane and through penetrations in fire-resistance-rated construction and construction installed to resist the passage of smoke shall be maintained.
SECTION 703
PENETRATIONS

• 703.1 Maintaining protection cont. The materials and firestop systems shall be securely attached to or bonded to the construction being penetrated with no openings visible through or into the cavity of the construction. Where the system design number is known, the system shall be inspected to the listing criteria and manufacturer’s installation instructions.

• FCIA Initiative…”Where the system design number is known”…
SECTION 704
JOINTS AND VOIDS

• 704.1 Maintaining protection. Where required when the building was originally constructed, materials and systems used to protect joints and voids in the following locations shall be maintained. The materials and systems shall be securely attached to or bonded to the adjacent construction, without openings visible through the construction.
SECTION 704
JOINTS AND VOIDS

• 704.1 Maintaining protection cont.
  • Subparagraphs 1 through 7 detail the types of joints and voids required to be maintained. This list corresponds to joints and voids which are required to be protected by the 2018 IBC.
  • Unprotected joints and voids do not need to be protected where such joints and voids were not required to be protected when the building was originally constructed.
SECTION 705
DOOR AND WINDOW OPENINGS

• 705.1 Maintaining protection. Where required when the building was originally constructed, opening protectives installed in fire-resistance-rated assemblies, smoke barriers and smoke partitions shall be inspected and maintained in accordance with this section.
SECTION 705
DOOR AND WINDOW OPENINGS

• 705.2 Inspection and maintenance. Opening protectives in fire-resistance-rated assemblies shall be inspected and maintained in accordance with NFPA 80. Opening protectives in smoke barriers shall be inspected and maintained in accordance with NFPA 80 and NFPA 105. Openings in smoke partitions shall be inspected and maintained in accordance with NFPA 105.
SECTION 705
DOOR AND WINDOW OPENINGS

• 705.2 Inspection and maintenance cont. Fire doors and smoke and draft control doors shall not be blocked, obstructed, or otherwise made inoperable. Fusible links shall be replaced promptly whenever fused or damaged. Opening protectives and smoke and draft control doors shall not be modified.
705.2.1 Labeling requirements. Where approved by the fire code official, the application of field-applied labels associated with the maintenance of opening protectives shall follow the requirements of the approved third-party certification organization accredited for listing the opening protective.
SECTION 705
DOOR AND WINDOW OPENINGS

• 705.2.2 Signs. Where required by the fire code official, a sign shall be permanently displayed on or near each fire door in letters not less than 1 inch (25 mm) high to read as follows:

1. For doors designed to be kept normally open: FIRE DOOR—DO NOT BLOCK.
2. For doors designed to be kept normally closed: FIRE DOOR—KEEP CLOSED.
• **705.2.3 Hold-open devices and closers.** Hold-open devices and automatic door closers, where provided, shall be maintained. During the period that such device is out of service for repairs, the door it operates shall remain in the closed position.
SECTION 705
DOOR AND WINDOW OPENINGS

• 705.2.4 Door operation. Swinging fire doors shall close from the full-open position and latch automatically.

• 705.2.5 Smoke- and heat-activated doors. Smoke-activated doors shall be maintained to self-close or automatically close upon detection of smoke. Existing fusible-link type automatic door-closing devices are permitted if the fusible link rating does not exceed 135°F (57°C).
• 705.2.6 Testing. Horizontal and vertical sliding and rolling *fire doors* shall be inspected and tested annually to confirm proper operation and full closure. Records of inspections and testing shall be maintained.
706.1 Maintaining protection. Dampers protecting ducts and air transfer openings shall be inspected and maintained in accordance with NFPA 80 and NFPA 105. Other products or materials used to protect the openings for ducts and air transfer openings shall be securely attached to or bonded to the construction containing the duct or air transfer opening, without visible openings through or into the cavity of the construction. Any damaged products or materials protecting duct and air transfer openings shall be repaired, restored or replaced.
SECTION 706
DUCT AND AIR TRANSFER OPENINGS

• 706.2 Unprotected openings. Unprotected duct and air transfer openings in fire-resistance-rated construction and construction installed to resist the passage of smoke shall be protected so as to comply with requirements that were in effect when the building was constructed.
SECTION 707
CONCEALED SPACES

• 707.1 Fireblocking and draftstopping. Required fireblocking and draftstopping in combustible concealed spaces shall be maintained to provide continuity and integrity of the construction.

FCIA Added Emphasis
• 701.6 Owner's responsibility. The **owner shall maintain an inventory of all required fire-resistance-rated and smoke resistant** construction, and the construction included in Sections 703 through 707 and such construction shall be visually inspected by the **owner annually and properly repaired, restored or replaced where damaged, altered, breached or penetrated.**

• **FCIA Initiative with Koffel Associates**
2018 International Fire Code
Fire-Resistance Inventory Explained

• Life Safety Drawings
• Designs, Systems and Assemblies – Listings
• Manufacturers Installation and Maintenance Instructions
• How?
  • Paper & Files
  • Spreadsheets
  • Software
2018 IPMC SECTION 703

• **703.1 Fire-resistance-rated assemblies.** The required fire-resistance rating of fire-resistance-rated walls, firestops, shaft enclosures, partitions and floors shall be maintained.

• **703.2 Opening protectives.** Required opening protectives shall be maintained in an operative condition. Fire and smokestop doors shall be maintained in operable condition. Fire doors and smoke barrier doors shall not be blocked or obstructed or otherwise made inoperable.
Compartmentation Codes – NBC Smoke Resistance Importance...

Compartmentation Codes

NBCC - 3.1.8.1.(1)(b) Barrier to Control Smoke Spread.

Although a fire separation is not always required to have a fire-resistance rating, the fire separation should act as a barrier to the spread of smoke and fire until some response is initiated.

NEW: When choosing products for fire stopping, the physical characteristics of the material used at the joints as well as the nature of the assembly and its potential movement should be taken into consideration.

If the fire-resistance rating of a fire separation is waived on the basis of the presence of an automatic sprinkler system, it is intended that the fire separation will be constructed so that it will remain in place and act as a barrier against the spread of smoke for a period of time until the sprinklers have actuated and controlled the fire.

- CAN/UL-S115 Listed Systems –
2.2.1.2 – Damage to Fire Separations – Where fire separations are damaged so as to affect their integrity, they shall be repaired so that the integrity of the fire separation or fire resistance rating of the element of construction is maintained…

Thanks Andre Laroche!
FCIA’s National Building Code of Canada Proposals - Summary

- **Add New Requirements - DISAPPROVED**
  - ASTM E 2174 and ASTM E 2393 Standards for Firestop Inspection
  - FM 4991 Approved Firestop Contractors
  - UL Qualified Firestop Contractors
- **Add “Breach” APPROVED**
- **Change “Fire Stop to “Firestop” APPROVED**
- **Require an “Inventory” of Elements of Fire Resistance**
  - Fire Separations
  - Firestops, Fire Doors, Fire Dampers, Firestop Systems…for building maintenance.
  - DISAPPROVED
- **Survey the assemblies annually**
- **Maintain assemblies constantly.**
- **Require Fire Resistance Documentation**
M–Barrier Management Systems

• Visual Building **Survey/Inspection**
  
  • Does it look like the SYSTEM Assembly?
    • Annular Space
    • Visible Breaches, unless listing allows
    • Joint Width
    • Penetrating Item Types, Coverings
    • # Penetrating Items, Types
    • Penetrations in Joints & Not in System/Listing…
    • Much more…

• **Competent Personnel, SYSTEMS**
How do Contractors Select/Analyze Systems & Inspection Agencies Analyze?

- Wall or Floor Construction Type, Rating
- Wall or Floor Thickness
- Penetrating Item, Coverings
- Size, Type, Thickness
- Annular Space Sizes
- Joint / Gap Sizes
- Backing Materials
- Fill Material(s)

= Rated Firestop System
C-AJ-8XXX???
See Tag/Label
Identification
System
W-L-2XXX???
NOPE!!
W-L-2XXX??
Wallboard Patch??

NO!!
Good Luck!
M–Barrier Management Systems
Building Owner’s Policy Topics

- *Show Fire Codes, Creates Need….*
- Create a Budget to Meet Code Requirements
- Inventory – What Info?
  - Life Safety Drawings
  - Manufacturers Instructions
  - Tested and Listed Systems (Listings)
- Implement Fire Resistance Management
  - In House Policy
  - Outside Contractor Policy
- Monitor Process
- Annual Visual Inspection & Keep Records
- Show Fire Marshal….Insurance Company
M–Barrier Management Systems

• Electronic Best Practice Elements
  • Action Oriented
    • Projects - Specifications
    • Ongoing Surveys – FCIA RPPS 2010-1
  • Action Reminders
  • In Process Status
  • Record Retrieval
M–Barrier Management Systems

• Visual Building Survey/Inspection….
  • Tested and Listed Systems (Listings)
  • Manufacturers installation instructions
Questions??
Thanks for Attending!!!

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