



FCIA Enewsletter – Sept. 23, 2011

New NAICS Code for Firestopping, FCIA at CSI/CONSTRUCT, more...



~**FCIA Webinars**– FCIA spoke at the Life Safety Organization Webinar Sept. 22 to important building officials, specifiers, and the government buildings organization, GSA. These webinars educate about the value of a FCIA Member Specialty Firestop Contractor, Consultant, Manufacturer in the firestopping process. Missed it? Visit <http://www.lifesafetyorganization.org> to sign up for Sept. 29 program. FCIA will continue these programs quarterly.

~**FCIA at CONSTRUCT2011**– FCIA had a great showing at the CONSTRUCT Show, and 2011 Construction Specifications Institute Annual Convention. FCIA Members Don Murphy and Gary Hamilton spent time in the booth meeting specifier friends, new and old! FCIA’s Life Safety Digest was displayed in the free magazine bins, and the FCIA Logo displayed in the CONSTRUCT Publications due to our Industry publication sponsorship. Look for contacts made at FCIA.org, Members Only.



~**FCIA Accreditation Committee seeks Input** – FCIA works with FM Approvals and Underwriters Laboratories to constantly provide feedback on the FM 4991 Approved Contractor and UL / ULC Qualified Contractor Programs. The committee requests feedback from FCIA’s Membership that can be given to FM & UL. Send comments, good or bad, to bill@fcia.org, so the committee can provide feedback.



~**Firestop Systems and Product Performance** – FCIA has had ongoing discussions with firestop manufacturers about product material properties and their resistance to conditions reasonably expected to occur in the field.

Topics such as environment exposure, movement of assemblies and or penetrating items, shrinkage of products during and after cure, are all important.

We are pleased to hear from manufacturers that work is progressing on all fronts. Don’t miss the Firestop Industry Conference when the FCIA Standards Committee will update the membership.

~Koffel Associates Presents Health Care

Compliance Webinar – on Tuesday, November 29, 2011, 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM EST, join industry experts, William Koffel, P.E., FSFPE and Jennifer Frecker in this 90-minute webinar to review common compliance issues cited by TJC and CMS surveyors so that you will know how to avoid these citations.

Also review helpful provisions in later editions of NFPA 101, including the 2012 Edition, that can be used to address common compliance issues involving larger suites, corridor clutter and other issues. Koffel Associates is actively involved in code compliance and are recognized experts in comprehensive Life Safety Code® consulting, surveying, analysis, and design for health care facilities.

Since the webinar will focus on actual applications as compared to simply identifying the changes, participants will benefit from having an understanding of the major changes prior to the webinar. For further information on changes between the 2000 and 2012 Editions of NFPA 101, please download a file that can be obtained by typing or pasting the following URL into your web browser, www.koffel.com/compliance. To register, visit <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/790382050>

~FCIA receives NAICS Code for Firestopping -

The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), replaced the old Standard Industrial Classification System (SIC). NAICS is used for classifying businesses for the collection, analysis and publication of statistical data related to the business economy of the US.

Several years in the making, 'Firestop Services' has been added to the 238310 NAICS classification titled 'Drywall and Insulation

Contractors'. The North American Industry Classification (NAICS) US Government Committee obtained agreement from Mexico and Canada that existing System index items associated with the primary activities of firestop contractors be moved into Industry 23831, Drywall and Insulation Contractors.

The first place firestopping shows up is in the proposed definition text, "Establishments primarily engaged in providing firestop service are included in this industry."



Translation, 'Firestop Contracting' is now recognized by the US Federal Government. This new listing will appear in the 2012 US Federal Register as 'firestop services' and 'primary activities of firestop contractors'. This is but one more step the association has accomplished to having the TRADE defined as a separate trade, with knowledge base contractor required to get things right.

All government work is contracted using these codes. Look for this online sometime in early 2012, in the printed version of the Federal Register. This will help create a 'Firestopping Trade' by now classifying the work in government contracts.

FCIA's Membership Committee, lead by (Bill Hoos), and Apprenticeship Committee (Bob Hasting) worked together on this important development. Thanks Bill & Bob for this multi-year effort!

~**FCIA Worldwide Educational Seminars** - FCIA announces another educational seminar in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates on Oct. 16, 2011. Key addresses will bring knowledge on the new Abu Dhabi National Building Code to civil defense, architects and specifiers, consultants and contractors. The FM 4991 and UL Firestop Exams will be offered too.

~**FCIA Life Safety Digest** – Submit an article. You could be famous! Life Safety Digest is always looking for good generic articles on issues important to the Fire Resistance Rated Construction Industry, including fireproofing, firestopping, and effective compartmentation features. Send articles to angies@fcia.org.

Life Safety DIGEST

~**FCIA Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show** – We're returning to Paradise Point, at San Diego's Mission Bay area this November. Watch for info on the Education Programming, Ray Usher Golf Tourney that funds the newly named Bob LeClair Scholarship, and more!



Save \$50 on your conference fee by registering by October 7th. To book your Paradise Point rooms, Call (800) 344-2626, press '1' for group reservations. Special FCIA Rate of \$145, but don't delay as these rooms are going fast!

A Ladies Tour is planned for Thursday, November 10th, which will include a trolley tour of San Diego and a group lunch....leaves right from Paradise Point!



Calling all FCIA spouses!!

~**FCIA receives Compliments**– While at the NFPA, ICC, and other shows, there were several organizations developing 'Contractor Accreditation Programs' for contractor companies.

The comment, '...we looked at FCIA's programs for the example' was heard several times. It's a compliment that FCIA's Accreditation Committee collaborative work to develop FM 4991 and the UL Qualified Firestop Contractor Program has been noticed worldwide.

~**LeClair Family Fund** – Bob LeClair's wife Beth and the boys thank all the FCIA Members and industry friends who have contributed to the LeClair Family Fund. 'During this very rough time, it is great to know we have people who cared about Bob, and us too.' stated Beth recently.

Contributions are welcome to the Huntington Bank, Columbus, OH. To insure proper deposit in the LeClair Family account, include "xxxxxx8568" with your donation.

Send your donation to Beth LeClair, c/o Huntington National Bank, 4466 N. High St., Columbus, Ohio 43214 or contact the bank at (614) 480-0010. If you have questions, please contact Linda McHugh at the FCIA office, 708-202-1108.

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