



FCIA eNewsletter – July

FCIA Firestop Industry Conference and Trade Show, 2014 (Update) 15th Anniversary Celebration

[Registration is now open for the Firestop Industry Conference and Trade Show in November!](#)

It's getting closer, and you haven't registered yet! What are you waiting for?!? Call the hotel, get your swimsuit ready and join FCIA for some great education and fun!

Don't miss the Healthcare focus lineup of speakers:

- Anne Guglielmo, The Joint Commission
- Jonathan Flannery, ASHE on what a healthcare facility wants from contractors
- Andy Streifl, Univ. of Minnesota on Infection Control and Firestopping's important role

Special Inspection Agencies, don't miss Larry O'Connor of International Accreditation Services as he unravels IAS AC 291.

There's a lot to celebrate this year: our 15th Anniversary; successful conferences and symposiums all over the world; impressive attendance and interest at several trade shows and healthcare symposiums this year; the further acceptance of life safety standards in the industry, and so much more.

Come with us to Florida as we celebrate all we have accomplished from 1999 to 2014!

If you haven't checked out the [draft agenda](#) and [conference information](#) yet, do so today!

Then, after you get excited about the conference lineup, hop on over to take a look at this year's location: the beautiful [Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club](#). Now you're excited about the location.....are you seeing a theme here? You **HAVE** to be a part of this event!

Rooms are flying off the books! [Book your hotel room today](#) before the special FCIA rate of \$169+tax/night is gone.

[Register here now!](#)



FCIA Board of Directors to meet August 25-26th

The 2014 Board of Directors will meet August 25-26th in Chicago at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza. A few of the items on the agenda are the 2018 Building and Fire Code Development Cycle, FM 4991 & UL Qualified Firestop Contractor Programs, ASTM Standards, upcoming Board of Directors nominations and elections - did you remember to submit your application? - and the [November FIC Conference](#) (it's on EVERYONE'S mind!).

Board members have a packed couple of days as they work hard to support you and the Firestopping and Effective Compartmentation industry. Show your support of their tenacity at the November FIC.



Board Elections Are Coming Up Fast - Think About Your Future with FCIA Today!

Do you have what it takes to be a leader in your industry? Are you interested in helping make the decisions that shape the future of the FCIA? Have you always wanted to be more involved in the direction of the organization?

Then WE WANT YOU!



Now is your chance to take the next step!

Nominations are due **this Friday**, with board elections being circulated with nominee bios in early September. Elections will take place at the Firestop Industry Conference and Trade Show, Nov. 6 in Naples, FL, or can be submitted prior to the event.

There's no time like the present to start thinking about getting involved and taking action. For more information about running for the board and what a board position entails, contact bill@fcia.org.

FCIA Webinar Series: Save the date - September 3

Due to overwhelming response, the 2014 Webinar Series has grown! Our last webinar on August 14 covered the "Inspection" portion of the DIIM program. But, due to staggering response and attendee participation, we have

extended this portion of the program for one more engagement!

The next installment of the "Inspection" part of the FCIA Webinar series on the DIIM of Effective Compartmentation will take place **September 3rd at 10am CST.**

Join us as we further explore what the International Building Code says about Special Inspections, Special Inspection Agencies and Personnel Qualifications during this webinar. Then, hear the details in the ASTM E 2174/ASTM E 2393 Standards and IAS AC 291 Accreditation of Special Inspection Agencies.

[Reserve your spot before spaces fill up.](#)

Webinars on the "M" of DIIM - "Maintenance" - will be included in the final quarter of the year.

*Certificates of Attendance are available.

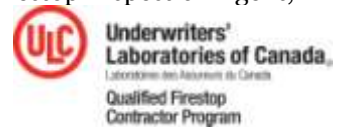
UL Firestop Exam - Sept. 16

What do Qualified Firestop Contractors and Accredited Firestop Inspection Agencies have in common?

Both have to take - and pass - the UL Firestop Exam!



If you're interested in either becoming a Qualified Firestop Contractor OR an Accredited Firestop Inspection Agent, then you HAVE to take the UL Firestop Exam.



Good thing there's one coming up!

[Mark your calendar for the next
UL Firestop Exam*
September 16th
in Northbrook, IL.](#)

You will have three hours to complete this open book test. The items you can bring to the exam are the FCIA Firestop Manual of Practice (MOP), UL's Online Certification Directory (bring your laptop for access) and the UL/ULC Qualified Firestop Program Requirement.

And, to give your brain a little pre-test booster shot, don't miss the FCIA Firestop Education Session that morning!

[Register now for the UL Firestop Exam](#)

*This exam will be open book, so be sure to request your FCIA MOP today.

Note: Special Inspection Agency Personnel can also take the FM Firestop Exam.

FCIA @ ASHE's Annual Conference, August 3-6

FCIA had a booth at the ASHE Annual Conference earlier this month. Don Murphy, FCIA Director, Past President, Marketing Committee Chair and Gary Hamilton, FCIA VP and Code Chair worked at [ASHE's Annual Conference](#) booth.



They welcomed ASHE Healthcare Engineers to FCIA's DIIM Philosophy and recommending FCIA Members for Firestop and Compartmentation projects.

At the annual conference, the attendees were all talking about the Barrier Management Symposiums. At sessions by ASHE, the Joint Commission and in the ASHE Booth, the symposium received rave reviews.

Don't miss being a part of this. See the registration info below.

FCIA Barrier Management Symposium: Next Stop Long Beach, CA

The Joint Commissions #1 and #2 Survey Violations are penetrations and door issues in fire and smoke barriers.

Fire and smoke barriers are there to protect healthcare building occupants and staff, and if the barriers are compromised, your end user is relying on an unreliable system.

After seeing the staggeringly high number of violations, FCIA and The Joint Commission, along with the American Society of Healthcare Engineers (ASHE) and Underwriters Laboratories created The Barrier Management Symposium to better educate healthcare building engineers, Building Officials and Fire Marshals on how Barriers are Designed, Installed, Inspected and Maintained (DIIM).

The next Barrier Management Symposium will be taking place in Long Beach, CA at the Queen Mary, and is sponsored by the California Society of Healthcare Engineers (CSHE). The upcoming program promises to bring together another great panel of speakers dedicated to the education of the healthcare industry about the necessity of continuity in fire and smoke barriers.



For more information on the speakers and the Barrier Management Symposium series, visit [FCIA's Barrier Management Symposium Page](#).

In order to keep the Symposium available for the healthcare engineer, and in accordance with Barrier Management Symposium policy and space constraints, a very limited number of FCIA Members are allowed to attend. Spots are filling up fast. [Secure YOUR Early Bird spot today](#) before they're gone September 2nd.

[Register Now!](#)

ICC 2014 Goes to Ft. Lauderdale, FL

The International Code Council is bringing their Annual Conference, Group C Public Comment Hearings and Expo to the Broward County Convention Center in Ft. Lauderdale, FL from Sept 28-Oct 4.

Join other like-minded professionals as you explore the international building codes in this inspiring setting. Sit in on [informational education sessions](#) focusing on the challenges of the code profession and the enhancement of your code knowledge, and earn CEU's while you do it. After that, weigh in at the [Public Comment Hearings](#),

which will focus on the 2015 International Green Construction Code (IgCC). Then, [walk the floor of the Expo](#) and get face-time with tons of exhibitors - like FCIA (booth 431)!

Network with your peers and beef up your code knowledge. You'll want to be at this event.

[Register for this exciting conference today.](#)



FCIA Manual of Practice Chapter 3 Update Now Available!

With the UL Firestop Exam coming up, it's critical that you get your FCIA Firestop Manual of Practice (MOP) Chapter 3 Update today. show up for the exam prepared for success.

The FCIA MOP has been expanded from 50 to over 600 pages, with added technical information on the various types of Firestop products that become systems once installed to the listings or engineering judgements. Simply submit an email with the MOP number on your book to linda@fcia.org. A free electronic copy of your Chapter 3 Update will arrive shortly*.



Printed versions of the FCIA MOP Chapter 3 update are available for FCIA Members to purchase for \$95 + shipping. Simply complete the attached [MOP order form](#) and scan/email linda@fcia.org, or fax to 708-449-0837.

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Conference Feedback?



This year, FCIA's Program Committee has planned **several blockbuster conferences**. The committee wants to make sure that the education sessions, speakers and locations are fresh. To that end, there is a new session on the agenda for Friday Morning, called 'FCIA's Open Mike'.

During this time, if you have a technical issue to share with the group, idea for an upcoming conference topic or would like to share your opinions about the industry, use the 'Open Mike'. The topics may be used for future conferences.

Don't want to wait? Email info@fcia.org with the subject line "Conference Suggestions" to submit your input today.

Remember, if you're interested in being an innovator in the Firestop industry, seriously consider contacting a committee chair and getting involved in a committee or running for the Board of Directors. Having people who are focused on furthering the interests of the trade is critical to our success.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming events.

Bill McHugh, FCIA

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