



FCIA eNewsletter – Volume 17, Issue 2



ECA Registration Open

It's finally here! [Registration for the Education and Committee Action Conference \(ECA 2015\) is NOW OPEN!](#)

Join FCIA May 5-8, 2015 as we travel to Dallas, TX and [The Adolphus Hotel](#) for [ECA 2015](#). The Program Committee has worked hard to put together an Agenda chock full of enlightening education sessions, FCIA Education for the FM & UL Firestop Exams, action- and education-oriented committee sessions and lively networking events.



Enhance your knowledge of this important life safety service - firestopping and effective compartmentation. Be active in your Association. Take in the sights of downtown Dallas, while staying in a historic hotel that brings back memories of an age of opulence and elegance.



AGENDA AT A GLANCE*

| <i>Tuesday May 5</i> | <i>Thursday, May 7</i> |
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| FCIA Firestop Exam Prep | Spouse Tour |
| FM and UL/ULC Firestop Exams | Healthcare Session - DNV GL Healthcare USA, Inc. |
| <i>Wednesday, May 6</i> | Curtainwall Systems - TBD |
| Fire Resistance and Fire Protection Features - National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) | FCIA ICC/NFPA 2015 Code Development Cycle for the 2018 I-Codes - Koffel Associates |
| Barrier Management - Koffel Associates | Luncheon |
| Lunch | Firestop Special Inspection Panel |
| FCIA Accreditation Partnerships - FM and UL | Reception |
| Committee Meetings | <i>Friday, May 8</i> |
| Texas Beer Tasting Reception - Deep Ellum Brewing | Barrier Management Symposia & Results |
| | Leadership Session - Jonathan Flannery, ASHE |

*This agenda is a draft, and may change prior to the Conference.

Barrier Management Symposium Coming to Rochester, MN

[Registration is NOW OPEN](#) for the FCIA, American Society of Healthcare Engineering (ASHE), UL and The Joint Commission's Barrier Management Symposium being held April 14-15, 2015 at The Kahler Hotel in Rochester, MN.

FCIA and ASHE Region 6 have put together a stellar lineup for the BMS Program - a [two-day education program](#) focusing on:

- Deficiencies commonly found by The Joint Commission facility accreditation surveys;
- Code requirements for Barriers;
- Testing for all types of Fire Resistance and Firestopping;
- Management strategies for maintenance of the installed features of fire resistance - Fire & Smoke Barriers, Fire Doors, Fire Rated Glazing, Fire & Smoke Dampers, Firestopping;
- And more.

Past [Barrier Management Symposium](#) Programs have been so well received that the BMS series is in high demand among ASHE Regions and Chapters across the United States.

Look for additional programs in 2015 in Region 7, Region 5, Region 1 and Region 3. Dates and locations to be released at a later date.

***Note: There is a \$50 registration fee for the event in Rochester, MN.**

[Register Today!](#)

2015 FCIA Educational Webinar Series - Next Session March 24



Tune in for the March episode in the [2015 FCIA Educational Webinar Series, "An In-Depth Look at the FM 4991 Standard for the Approval of Firestop Contractors and the UL/ULC Qualified Contractor Programs"](#), March 25, 2015 10:00am-11:00am CST.

Firestop products become SYSTEMS when installed by a Firestop Contractor to the tested and listed system requirements and manufacturer instructions. But what IS

a Qualified/Approved Firestop Contractor, and who - or what - determines their status?

We will take an in-depth look at both third-party accreditation programs for Firestop Contractors: the [FM](#)

[4991 Approval for Firestop Contractors](#) and the [UL/ULC Qualified Contractor Program](#), and their specific and respective program requirements. We will also take a look at the benefits of these programs and how they affect both the Contractor and the client, plus a short look at [IAS AC 291](#).



[Register Now!](#)

UL Firestop Exam Coming to Melville, NY in March

Firestop Contractors, Special Inspectors with Special Inspection Agencies performing Firestop Inspections - Are you looking to set yourself apart from the competition? Have you considered becoming a [UL/ULC Qualified Contractor](#) or [IAS AC 291 Accredited](#)? Already a UL/ULC Qualified Contractor, but need to write the UL/ULC Firestop Exam?

Then you're in luck because the next [UL/ULC Firestop Exam](#) date is coming up! Join FCIA and UL in Melville, NY, March 24, 2015 for the FCIA Exam Prep session, Quality Management System Seminar and the [UL/ULC Firestop Exam](#). The education session is FREE for FCIA Members, and goes a long way towards helping prepare you for the 100 question, open-book [UL/ULC Firestop Exam](#).

Education begins at 8am the morning of the exam, with the exam following at 1pm. Discounted hotel rates are available.

Interested in learning more? Contact lindsey@fcia.org for details and [Registration](#).



Inpro Acquires Fireline 520™

Inpro, a Milwaukee, WI firm, has acquired Buffalo, N.Y.-based [Fireline 520 LLC](#), one of the nation's designers and manufacturers of fire barriers for expansion joints. [Fireline 520](#) will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Inpro, and as such will maintain its staff and production operations in Buffalo. Since 1979, Inpro has been making and servicing products with an obsessive commitment to protecting the appearance of buildings and the health and safety of the people who use them. Based in Muskego, Wisconsin, Inpro is a global manufacturer of door and wall protection, washroom systems, expansion joint systems, privacy systems and architectural signage.



Read more in the next issue of [Life Safety Digest](#).

FCIA Education Courses Submitted for Continuing Education Credits



The [2015 FCIA Educational Webinar Series](#) has been approved for

[American Institute of Architects \(AIA\) Continuing Education Credits](#). Any webinar attendees who are members of AIA or who require AIA CEU credits are now able to submit their attendance on the webinar for credit. This is a great step for FCIA because it:

- Provides greater publicity for the Educational Webinar Series;
- Opens the program to a wider interest base by having the course registered on the AIA CES Discovery program list;
- Provides third-party confirmation that the content in the program is essential.

FCIA is not only focused on providing key training and education courses, but is also focused on *providing them to the right people* to generate support and to spread the message of the ["DIIM" of Firestopping and Effective Compartmentation](#) around the world.

CdpACCESS Changing Code Development

[cdpACCESS](#)™ The [International Code Council \(ICC\)](#) has changed the way code officials vote on the content of future codes. With the introduction of [cdpACCESS](#), code officials from around the country are able to vote on code proposals from their office (or their kitchen table).

Code proposals have long been voted on during the week-long code hearings held twice yearly. This means that their content has been decided by the select few who are able to travel to the hearings. With the [cdpACCESS](#) program, tens of thousands of code officials can come together to participate in the process.

[FCIA's Code Committee](#), along with Koffel & Associates, is always present at the code hearings, making our case for and defending our position on code changes that affect our industry.

NFPA 101: Life Safety Code Now Open for Input for the 2018 Edition

Code proposals for the NFPA Fire Protection Features Committ are due in mid-July. FCIA will submit several proposals aimed at building the reliability of installed firestop systems.

NFPA Board of Directors Appoints Two New Members to Standards Council



The [National Fire Protection Association \(NFPA\)](#) Board of Directors has appointed two new members to the [NFPA Standards Council](#): Patricia A. Gleason of Mclean, Va., and Gary S. Keith of Norwood, Mass. Gleason and Keith are serving three-year terms effective Jan. 1, 2015.

NFPA also announced the reappointment for a second three-year term of two current Council members, Randall Bradley of Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District, and John Rickard of P3 Consulting, effective Jan. 1, 2015. In addition, the Board has appointed Chad Beebe of ASHE - AHA, who had previously served on an interim basis, to his first official three-year term, also beginning Jan. 1.

The [NFPA Standards Council](#), a 13-member body appointed by the Board of Directors of NFPA, is charged with overseeing the NFPA codes- and standards-making process. Generally, the duties of the Council include supervising activities related to NFPA codes and standards development, acting as administrator of rules and regulations, and serving as an appeals body. Friends of FCIA on the Council include the Univ. of MD's Jim Milke, FM Global's JC Harrington and Chad Beebe of ASHE.

FCIA Represented at GCC Fire Safe Congress in Abu Dhabi



Fire Safety in the Oil & Gas, Petroleum and Petrochemicals industries has always been a concern. Because

large amounts of flammable gases and liquids are handled regularly and are routinely stored, and because of the chemical reactions involved in the manufacturing processes, petrochemical plants are believed to be continuously exposed to the risk of fires and explosion accidents.

The [GCC Fire Safe Congress](#) is one of the most asked for Conferences in the region. Gathering together March 30-31, 2015 at the Park Hyatt, Abu Dhabi, key decision-makers will gather to learn about the newest technologies, practices and more.

FCIA is presenting on the "DIIM" of Firestopping to the group. This goes a long way towards spreading the message of the "DIIM" of Firestopping around the world to gain widespread acceptance of Firestopping as a Specialty Trade and increased awareness for improved fire and life safety.

FCIA Members who wish to attend the [GCC Fire Safe Congress](#) receive a 50% discount on their registration. [Email Amy Pereira](#) at BE Summits to register and receive your discount.

IFMA Facility Fusion Opens New Venue - Vancouver!

[IFMA Facility Fusion](#), the dynamic educational event focused on gathering the brightest minds to develop innovative solutions for the multifaceted challenges of Facility Management, has expanded its footprint to include two venues: Orlando, FL and Vancouver, BC!

[Facility Fusion Canada](#) is a unique opportunity to gain valuable facility-related educational content that is specific to Canada. The small setting is perfect for networking and developing key business relationships for every Facility Management need. Make your way to the Sheraton Wall Centre, March 10-11, ready to provide solutions and ideas for Facility Management professionals from all over Canada.

[Facility Fusion Orlando](#) is a powerful opportunity to engage in high-level education, dynamic networking and best practices brainstorming, advanced sustainability

strategies and innovative product solutions. April 21-23 meet and engage professionals from all over the United States at the Rosen Shingle Creek.

Be sure to grab the latest issue of [Life Safety Digest](#) while you're there. The publication will be present on the Expo floor at both Conferences!



FCIA Welcomes New Members

FCIA welcomes new members, and we thank them for their support. Thank you to all current members, as well, for helping to build FCIA and the firestopping industry.

FCIA New Contractor Branch Members

- MASCO - American National Insulation - Aurora, IL



New Manufacturer Members

- Fireline 520, an Inpro Company - Buffalo, NY

New Friends of FCIA Members

- Palatine Fire Prevention - Palatine, IL

Manufacturer members, there's a new benefit available. The [Member List](#) section of www.FCIA.org now contains your [corporate listing](#) with the USA Contacts listed.

To find local, worldwide contacts in Canada, Middle East, India and other parts of the world, website visitors only see the home office in the USA.

Make it easier to be found worldwide with a '[Branch Listing](#)' at www.FCIA.org. Questions? Email cathy@fcia.org and we'll fill you in.

There is much planned for and happening in March: IFMA Facility Fusion Vancouver; FCIA education and the UL/ULC Firestop Exam; the next installment in the 2015 FCIA Educational Webinar Series; GCC Fire Safe Congress; BMS coordination; ECA planning and preparation...AND membership growth!

Through coordinated and concentrated effort, we continue to grow the organization and remain committed to spreading the word of the "DIIM" of Firestopping around the world.

Thank you for your continued support!

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