



FCIA at Firestop Industry Conference, San Diego, ASTM, Abu Dhabi, IgCC, more...



FCIA E-newsletter – December 21, 2011

FCIA Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show, San Diego, CA

We had a great time, excellent education sessions and more at Paradise Point, Mission Bay. From leading Educational Programs to the largest Spouse Tour and Ray Usher Golf Tournament, a great awards banquet, FCIA Members enjoyed celebrating another great year.



FCIA Conference Education Sessions



FCIA Spouse Tour, largest ever!

New FCIA Board of Directors



2012 President Jodi Clem, PREVENT Life Safety Services announced FCIA's new 2012 Board members Ken Slama, National Firestop LTD, Gary Hamilton, Hamilton Benchmark, Milwaukee, WI, Winnipeg, MB, Canada, Tracy Smith, Firestop Southwest, Phoenix, AZ. Congrats to new Board members and thanks for volunteering.

FCIA Board & Special Awards

At FCIA's Annual Awards Banquet, the outgoing Board and several FCIA Members were honored.

FCIA's 2011 President Bob Hasting thanked outgoing board members Gary Hamilton, Ken Slama, and Past President Bill Hoos. Their service on the board and continuing efforts as committee chairs are appreciated.

The Special Awards went to deserving individuals:

Advocate of the Year Award

Jim Shriver, Thermafiber, Inc., Advocate of the Year Award recipient was one of the first manufacturer members at FCIA and has presented on Perimeter Fire Containment, written articles in Life Safety Digest, and provided input to the FCIA Firestop Manual of Practice. We'll miss Jim as he retires at the end of 2011. Give him a call and wish him well!



Award of Excellence

Randy Bosscawen, Multicon Fire Containment, Inc., Award of Excellence recipient has served as Standards Co-Chair, and 2010 President, giving time and talent to the Association that has been invaluable.



Outstanding Service Award

Eric Keeton, Dalton Maintenance, Inc., Outstanding Service Award recipient, the current Standards Co-Chair, has worked tirelessly to get answers for the industry about firestop sealant products shrinkage, has participated at ASTM, ASSE, and more. His leadership and class have been well received.



Thank You FCIA Golfers and Sponsors!

The FCIA Ray Usher Golf Tournament raises money for the Bob LeClair Scholarship for worthy young people at the University of Maryland Fire Protection Engineering School. FCIA's goal is to provide resources through the tourney to educate young people about firestopping. The Bob LeClair Scholarship is awarded to a student at the USA leading University of Maryland Fire Protection Engineering School. Congrats to Derek Alvie, 2011's recipient. Look for 2012's choice shortly.



Thanks to Golf Outing Sponsors:

- 3M** – Snack & Drinks, Putter, 2 - Umbrellas, 4 - 3M Gift Boxes and Tee Packets for all golfers.
- HILTI** - Sleeve of golf balls for all golfers.
- Coatings Unlimited Inc.** – Monetary donation, scholarship.

Thanks, Golf Outing Hole Sponsors: Firestop Solutions, Inc., HILTI, Multicon Fire Containment, PPMI Firestop Inc., Shield Industries, Inc., Specified Technologies, Inc., Superl, Inc., Thermafiber. The 65 golfers raised over \$2000 for scholarships. The students will remember what Firestopping and Effective Compartmentation is long after graduation.



A good time was had by all, even with smart phones! Thanks to Jodi Clem and Scott Rankin, Golf Chairs for their help organizing.

NAICS Code for Firestopping

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.

This will help create a 'Firestopping Trade' by now classifying the 'firestopping work' work in government contracts through this listing in the USA Federal Register.

Thank you FCIA Abu Dhabi Educational Program Sponsors!

FCIA had a great Firestop Education Program Oct. 16 in Abu Dhabi, UAE with over 100 attendees at The Yas Hotel. FCIA made new friends with the Department of Civil Defence, Municipal Affairs, FM Approvals, Underwriters Laboratories, Exova, and of course, FCIA Members from the UAE and Qatar. Thanks to all who Attended and Sponsored.



- **Specified Technologies, Inc. & Eastern Wings Equip.** Luncheon, Program Ad & Tabletop
- **Hilti** - Ad & Tabletop
- **Al Shadid Tech Contracting** - Banner
- **Blue Diamond Fire Protection** -Banner
- **Butler Engineering (ME)** – Program Ad & Tabletop
- **Firestop Insulation Technologies** - Ad & Banner
- **Firestop Middle East** – Program Ad
- **FSIME Construction LLC** – Program Ad, Banner & Tabletop
- **Intherpro, LLC** – Program Ad, Banner & Tabletop
- **Rise & Shine Insulation Cont. Co.** – Program Ad, Banner & Tabletop
- **Shoeb Fire Fighting Eqpt.Trading** – Program Ad, Tabletop, Volunteers for photography, registration
- **Thermofire (ME) Limited** – Program Ad

Thanks also to FCIA Member Speakers Tony Abou-Rjeily, STI, Amir Toma, HILTI, FM Approvals Mark Tyrol and Bob Azimi, Underwriters Laboratories Ahmed Eldidi, for time and talent to educate the audience about the DIIM of firestopping.

FCIA's Membership Committee, led by Bill Hoos, & Jodi Clem helped plan the program. Watch for more programs outside North America in 2012!

FCIA Member earns AC-291

At the FCIA Educational Program in Abu Dhabi, UAE, Butler Engineering-ME was presented with the IAS AC 291 Accreditation Certificate becoming the first FCIA Member Firestop Accredited Inspection Agency. Congrats to SajidRaza and his staff for a great effort well rewarded.



FCIA at IgCC

FCIA attended the International Green Construction Code Hearings at Phoenix, AZ Nov. 3 – 5, 2011. The code is an overlay code that can be adapted in addition to other codes. The IgCC will be published in spring 2012 and the may be adapted locally. Some communities have already adapted the draft for projects that voluntarily use the code.

For Specialty Firestop Contractors, there is a building service life clause in the code that states a minimum 25 year service life for products concealed into the building. FCIA mentioned that we hope the standards development organizations bring meaningful standards with statements that provide proof that products meet the service life required for others to approve.

FCIA requests info on Product Data Sheets, continuation...

Specialty Firestop Contractors who inspect their own installed firestop systems or are inspected by 3rd party independent firms have noticed that firestop sealants/caulks shrink after application.

FCIA's Standards Committee requested that International Firestop Council Member and other product manufacturers publish percent solids by weight and volume on the printed product data sheets so shrinkage can be calculated in the field.

As a result, UL published that they will evaluate products to ASTM C 1241, Standard Test Method for Volume Shrinkage of Latex Sealants During Cure. Check out UL.com, certifications directory, Fill, Void or Cavity Materials, or contact each manufacturer for specific test results and info.

Eric Keeton and Randy Bosscawen, FCIA's Standards Committee Chairs, are requesting information to understand the issue better. A few manufacturers are already working to get info to FCIA Members. We are thankful for their cooperation. More as we learn it...stay tuned.

FCIA at ASSE

FCIA's Standards Committee and Leadership continue participation in the development of the American Society of Sanitary Engineers' Professional Qualification of Installers and Inspectors of Firestop Systems around Mechanical Piping. The inspector document has been recently completed during a series of teleconferences. The process started last February. Now, the group revisits the installer document. Thanks to Randy Bosscawen, Aedan Gleeson, Gary Hamilton, Bob Hasting, Eric Keeton, and Pat Tesche for participating in a series of teleconferences.

FCIA at ASTM

FCIA led and attended meetings in late Oct. on ASTM E 2174 and ASTM E 2393, Credentials for Inspectors, and material performance. Of note was the scrapping of all research on simulated aging by the Chair of that group, Tim Mattox, Tremco. For service life expectancy of firestop products, it was recommended at the meeting to request information from individual manufacturers.

FCIA Life Safety Digest

Life Safety Digest is always looking for good generic articles on subjects like fireproofing, firestopping, and other effective compartmentation components like fire dampers, fire rated glazing, gypsum, concrete and more.

Themes for 2012 include Healthcare, High Rise, Educational, Industrial and Multi-Family Occupancy Buildings. Want to write? Send articles to angies@fcia.org.

Life Safety DIGEST

FCIA Bob LeClair Family Fund

FCIA was saddened to hear of Bob LeClair's death on May 4, 2011. Bob's family, wife Beth, and his young sons David, Robert and Joshua send their thanks for your help. FCIA established this account for Beth and she is the only person that has access to it. Want to donate?

Beth LeClair c/o Huntington National Bank
Attn: Anglea Stewart
4466 High Street, Columbus, OH 43214

Contact the FCIA office, linda@fcia.org or Anglea directly at (614) 480-0068, if you have questions.

FCIA Welcomes NEW Members!!

NEW FCIA Contractor Members

- Century Drywall - RI
- ASCI - UT
- AWATCO -UAE
- Blue Diamond Fire Protection - UAE
- C & W - TN
- Chronicle General Trading - UAE
- Consigli Construction Co, Inc. - MA
- DKB Inc. - WA
- DPR - CA
- DicoTech LLC - Abu Dhabi
- DicoTech, WLL – Qatar (branch)
- FireTek, Inc. - KS (branch)
- Fire Safe Protection Systems LTD - Ireland
- Firestop Solutions & Systems Inc. - OH
- Firestoppers - MI
- Hailey Insulation Corp. - NY

NEW FCIA Contractor Members, continued

- Ideal Core Solutions - NY
- Impact Firestop Solutions Ltd. - Canada
- Mader Construction Company - NY
- M P Firestop - FL
- Narang Projects WLL –Dubai, UAE
- PCI Fayetteville - GA
- PCI San Diego - CA
- Penta Protective Coatings Ltd. - Canada
- Quality Firestop Solutions - VA
- Ram Construction - MI
- Red Line Wall Systems Inc. - MA
- Taylor Interiors - NC

NEW FCIA Associate Members

- Copper Range Inc. - MI
- efiretrak - James Zeller - KS
- Firestop Sealant & Waterproofing Consulting & Surveying - NB
- Katz Engineering - NY
- Oregon Health & Science University - OR
- Tempro Tech – AB, Canada (Welcome Back!)
- Thermal Resistant Solutions LLC - NY
- Thomas Bell-Wright Int'l Consultants – Dubai, UAE

New and Improved FM, UL Programs?

FM's Jeff Gould bounced ideas to revise FM 4991 at the FCIA Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show. Gary Knief also asked for feedback about the UL Qualified Firestop Contractor Program. The audience stated that the programs need to be seen by specifiers, architects, building owners and managers, AHJ's and contractors as valuable. Jeff committed to more travel to support the program and continued conversations with FCIA's Accreditation Committee.

FCIA at ICC

FCIA's Marketing Committee represented by Tracy Smith displayed the new FCIA Trade Show Booth Banners at the ICC Expo in Phoenix this November. Thanks for donating time to meet new and old FCIA Friends.



FCIA Thanks Manufacturer Members

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For us, the Holidays are the time to reflect on all the good things that happened during 2011. Best wishes to you and yours this holiday season. Here's to your successes in 2011 and a safe and successful 2012!

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