

Upcoming Events

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| March 18 | FCIA Education for the FM & UL-ULC Firestop Exams Webinar
FCIA Contractor and Special Inspection Agency ONLY Session |
| March 25 | FCIA Webinar |
| March 29- April 1 | ASTM E 06 Committee Meetings |
| April 13-16 | NFCA Fireproofing Educational Conference
Austin, TX |
| April 14-16 | IFMA Facility Fusion
San Francisco, CA |
| April 29 | FCIA Webinar |



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FCIA Board Meets

Each January, FCIA's Board of Directors meets to review the FCIA's performances, programs, finances, and to plan the coming and next year's actions.

What's great to see is the Board continuing to work towards better fire and life safety through the many FCIA 'DIIM' programs. From Specifications & Systems Listings ('Design) to the FM 4991 Standard for the Approval of Firestop Contractors and UL-ULC Qualified Firestop Contractor Program ('Installation), the ASTM E 2174 and ASTM E 2393 Firestop Inspection Standards with experienced and/or IAS AC 291 Accredited Special Inspection Agencies who employ competent Inspectors who have passed the FM or UL-ULC Firestop Exams or IFC Firestop Exam ('Inspection) to existing buildings maintained to the International Fire Code, NFPA 1 and NFPA 101 ('Maintenance), the FCIA Board has kept its focus on improved fire and life safety.

FCIA Rescheduling Middle East Events

Earlier this month, FCIA was informed by FM Approvals upper management that FM Approvals employees are unable to travel to Doha, Qatar or Dubai, United Arab Emirates from where they live at this time due to the Coronavirus. Due to these unforeseen circumstances, and with our apologies, we CANCELLED and are RESCHEDULING FCIA's Fire Code & DIIM Membership Meeting, FM & UL Firestop Exam Education and the FM & UL Firestop Exams in the Middle East.

While we are disappointed we will not see our friends from the Middle East, we look forward to being with FCIA Members there very soon. Watch for new dates at FCIA.org soon.

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ECA '20 FCIA's Education & Committee Action Conference

Education, Committee round tables, networking, the FM & UL-ULC Firestop Exams, and much more head to the InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza in Kansas City, MO this May 11-14 for ECA '20, the FCIA Education & Committee Action Conference.

ECA '20 is a three-and-a-half-day event focused on educating and engaging the firestop & effective compartmentation industry.

Filled with technical industry education, FCIA Education for and the FM & UL-ULC Firestop Exams, the FCIA Committee round table meetings, and various networking events, ECA '20 is the ideal opportunity to expand your knowledge and contribute to the development of the firestop industry.

FCIA **Education for the FM & UL-ULC Firestop Exams** takes place in the afternoon on **Monday, May 11**. The **FM & UL-ULC Firestop Exams** are **Tuesday, May 12**, followed by the opening of **ECA '20 that afternoon**. The **Conference wraps up** at noon on **Thursday, May 14**. Make sure to plan your travel accordingly.

This May 11-14, hone your firestop expertise with FCIA at ECA '20. Register today!

Visit www.FCIA.org for more information.

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Note:
ECA '20 has a
Monday-Thursday
pattern.
Plan accordingly.

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FCIA at ASTM

FCIA's Executive Director, Bill McHugh, is the chair of the ASTM E 2174 and ASTM E 2393 Firestop Inspection Standards Task Groups. As Task Group Chair, he submits ballots on behalf of and that have been approved by the Task Group and reviewed by the Subcommittee Chair.

Several proposals were submitted to harmonize the ASTM E 2393 Standard Practice for the On-Site Inspection of Fire-Resistive Joint Systems with ASTM E 2174's requirements, recognizing the differences between penetrations and joints.

The FCIA Standards Committee Chair, Jay McGuire, and Bill McHugh attend the ASTM meetings every six months. The first meeting of 2020 is in Boston, March 29-April 1, 2020. Watch for more on what happened there in the April/May newsletter.

FCIA Marketing Committee Trade Show Tour

FCIA and Life Safety Digest can often be found at influential industry events around North America and beyond, both educating those involved in fire and life safety in buildings worldwide and advocating for and recruiting for FCIA membership.

FCIA Marketing Committee Members, Board, and FCIA Staff provide personnel to work the FCIA booth, meeting and delivering the 'DIIM' message to many. FCIA's Marketing Committee has been busy planning the 2020 trade show season.

New Label Standard Development

FCIA's Standards Chair Jay McGuire will be the new Chair at ASTM's new Task Group on Identification Systems – Labelling – for both penetration and joint firestop systems. The new task group meets in early April.

FCIA Committees Meeting

While FCIA's conferences are six months apart, FCIA's Committee still meet year-round.

The Program Committee met to plan this May's ECA '20 in Kansas City, MO, the FCIA Education and Committee Action Conference. The Marketing Committee will meet in late February, early March to execute plans laid-out last year. The Canada Committee meets soon to discuss initiatives in Canada. And that's just a snapshot of all that happens behind the scenes with FCIA Committees.

To learn more about FCIA Committees and how you can get involved, attend the FCIA Committee round table sessions at ECA '20 this May 12.

We have a busy spring, summer and fall scheduled. This year, you'll find FCIA and/or Life Safety Digest at: the NFPA Conference & Expo; the American Society for Healthcare Engineering (ASHE) Annual Conference; the International Facility Managers Association events; the Canadian Healthcare Engineering Society (CHES) National Conference; Construction Specifications Canada; the CONSTRUCT/CSI Show; and the International Code Council Expo and Annual Conference.

Check out the show schedule at FCIA.org and check us out at a show.

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FCIA Webinars

FCIA's webinars are a great way to earn Learning Units (LUs) for many who need CEUs.

Earlier this year, FCIA's deep dive into the 'DIIM' concept and systems analysis saw almost 200 tuned-in for the session. The engaged group brought great questions from the audience as the program was being delivered. Some highlights and topics covered include:

- **Firestop Standards** – Firestop standards for the following were all covered: ASTM E 119, UL 263 for the fire-resistance rated assemblies; ASTM E 814 and UL 1479 for Penetration Firestop Systems; ASTM E 1966, UL 2079 for Joints; ASTM E 2837 for non-rated roof to rated wall assembly; ASTM E 2307 for Perimeter Fire Containment.
- **ASTM E 3037, Standard Test Method for Measuring Relative Movement Capabilities of Through Penetration Firestop Systems** – Look for systems to be tested soon and published in the laboratory directories.
- **ASTM E 3038, Standard for Assessing and Qualifying Candidates as Inspectors of Firestop Systems and Fire-Resistive Joint Systems** – While it is an ASTM Standard, this document as it exists today confuses who the inspector is – a company

or an individual. This is important to know since there are requirements for the individual inspector's competence (FM, UL-ULC, and IFC Firestop Exams) and the inspection agency company (IAS AC 291 Accredited Companies). The difference is between the individual who passes an exam and the company that has an audit-tested company Management System.

The session also covered how firestopping is a listings-based discipline. The UL Product iQ, FM Approval Guide, Intertek, or Thomas Bell-Wright Directory tested and listed systems and manufacturers' installation instructions are required to install firestopping. The building code even states to install firestopping to the listing and manufacturers installation instructions. Specialty Firestop Installation Contractors understand this. Sometimes, others do not.

With continued advocacy for the industry and education of those 'D'esigning, 'I'nstalling, 'I'nspecting, and 'M'aintaining fire-resistance-rated and smoke-resistance-rated systems in buildings around the world, we look forward to the days when the listings are regularly followed and only Specialty Firestop Containment Workers at Specialty Firestop Installation Contractor companies install firestop systems.

EDUCATIONAL WEBINAR SERIES '20

'Fire Codes, Building Codes, and Building Barrier Management - Firestops and More'

Wednesday, March 25

10:00 am CDT

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International Firestop Council Meets

The firestop manufacturers get together to talk technical issues at the International Firestop Council meetings coming up March 10-12 in Florida. We applaud the firestop manufacturers for their investment in tested and listed systems, product technology, and most importantly, in the people who serve the Specialty Firestop Installation Contractors.

We wish IFC a great meeting.

ICC Code Development

Since 2020 is an off year for the International Code Council's Code Development Cycle, there's not much to report on. Code proposals for the International Family of Codes are due in early January, 2021. FCIA's Code Committee will be meeting over the next several months to determine what FCIA's Code Proposals will be.

FCIA Friends Retire and...

At FIC '19, the FCIA Firestop Industry Conference and Trade Show in Miami, both FM's Jeff Gould and UL's Rich Walke were honored with Honorary Membership Status as they were retiring. FCIA's partnership with both men has spanned years. The work we've accomplished together has helped to develop the shape the industry. We appreciate the long-term partnership of both these professionals.

And...Rich Walke is now working with FCIA for some critical assignments. It's great to have Rich onboard continuing to partner with FCIA. All at FCIA look forward to continuing the partnership with him.

FCIA Welcomes New Members

FCIA works hard to spread the word of the **'DIIM' of Firestopping** around the world, encouraging all interested Specialty Firestop Installation Contractors, Special Inspection Agencies, Associates, Manufacturers, and more to become involved to grow the industry's call for better fire and life safety.

FCIA proudly welcomes new members, and **we thank them for their support and commitment to the Firestop industry.**

Thank you to all current members, as well, for helping to grow FCIA and the Specialty Firestop trade, resulting in improved fire- and life-safety systems.

FCIA New Contractor Members

- Industrial Services Inc. - Ann Arbor, MI
- SCS Firestop Services - Garner, NC

FCIA New International Contractor Members

- Muehlhan Dehan Qatar WLL - Doha, Qatar
- Ruwad al Athaiba Int'l LLC - Muscat, Oman

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