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NFCA's Board of Directors is responsible for steering the organization while adhering to the stated mission of furthering the quality of structural fire-resistance in buildings. To carry out this charge, NFCA Board volunteers meet multiple times per year to provide oversight and strategic direction.

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A WORD FROM THE FCIA & NFCA BOARD PRESIDENTS

Welcome to the PasFiPro '24 Dubai, the FCIA-NFCA Passive Fire Protection Symposium.

This is the first of what we hope is many collaborations between our two organizations - FCIA, the Firestop Contractors International Association, and NFCA, the National Fireproofing Contractors Association.

Thank you for being part of FCIA and/or NFCA through membership, friendship, and support. By being part of these organizations, you are showing your dedication and commitment to the Passive Fire Protection industry.

This week, as you attend these education sessions on total building safety, know that you are taking the first step towards making a difference as a life-saving force across the world!

Life Safety is not exclusive. This is a club that everyone wants to be a part of. Sometimes people ask us, "Do you ever get tired of what you do?"

We always respond with, "Of course, but not for long. We sleep well at night knowing that someday what we do might pave the way for a father or mother to make it home to their children!"

We firmly believe that it is our responsibility to provide the best in education and awareness for the passive fire protection industry to continue to improve, to continue to save lives. The more people that understand the importance of passive fire protection, that understand why we do what we do, the more buildings will be protected and lives saved.

If you want to make a difference, we challenge you to become part of a FCIA or NFCA Committee. It takes the next generation of Specialty Installation Contractors to step up and do their part in continuing to change and mold the passive fire protection industry and Associations. And that includes participation from our International members. We are always excited to see new faces and to hear new ideas.

Without all those who've held these positions before us, the Board of Directors, the pioneers, the FCIA staff, and most especially, for the past 25 years, Bill McHugh, thank you from us all.

In closing, we have an opportunity to be the leaders in passive fire protection education, proper installations, and inspections, but all those things rely on each of us as members to keep pushing the cause within the industry. We hold the keys to the kingdom; we only need to get involved and work together.

Thank you, everyone, for your commitment to fire and life safety, as well as to the FCIA and NFCA. You are the future, get involved and see what happens!

Sincerely,

Alan McDurmon, 2024 FCIA Board President

Mathew Stephenson, 2024 NFCA Board President





FCIA & NFCA Committees are comprised of Member volunteers who work together on various pieces of Association business, from Codes and Standards development to Marketing outreach and more. This collaboration is how we gain industry consensus on issues related to the improvement of fire and life safety in buildings around the globe and how we create opportunities for the growth of our industry.

Consider volunteering your time and talents with one of the following Committees. Contact the Committee Chair(s), cathyb@cmservices.com, or lissettek@cmservices.com for additional information or to inquire about joining a Committee.

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ABOUT US

Working on the GTA (Great Toronto Area) since the early 00's. We specialize in all kinds of passive fire resistance systems

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WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA?

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

FCIA and NFCA partner this year for PasFiPro '24, the FCIA-NFCA Passive Fire Protection Symposium Dubai. The educational Symposium provides education and networking opportunities for fire-resistance-rated structural and effective compartmentation - Passive Fire Protection - experts to enhance proficiency and make essential connections to set yourself as the true expert that you are.

4 JUNE 2024

REEF 1 & 2 (1st FLOOR)

All times listed are in GMT+4

- 0730 am – 1430 pm Symposium Registration Open
- 0730 am – 0800 am Welcome Tea & Coffee
- 0800 am – 0815 am Welcome Comments
David Campbell, Emirates Safety Laboratory | Bill McHugh, FCIA & NFCA
- 0815 am – 0845 am FCIA & NFCA: The Visions, The Missions, The Associations, The UAE
Abhishek Chhabra, FCIA/NFCA | Bill McHugh, FCIA/NFCA
- 0845 am – 0930 am Passive Fire Protection & Code Requirements
Mohamed Amer, ICC | Bill McHugh, FCIA/NFCA
- 0930 am – 1015 am Fire-Resistance, Structural Fireproofing, & Effective Compartmentation Standards
Abhishek Chhabra, FCIA/NFCA | Bill McHugh, FCIA/NFCA
- 1015 am – 1030 am Break
- 1030 am – 1115 am Navigating Fire Testing and Classification Requirements for Firestopping Systems
Subramaniam Shivalingham, Emirates Safety Laboratory
- 1115 am – 1200 pm Passive Fire Protection (PFP) in the Built Environment - An Insurer's Perspective
Laxminarayan Nayak, Liva Group
- 1200 pm – 1230 pm Firestopping & Fireproofing Contractor Accreditation Programs
Amr Mahmoud, UL Solutions | Bill McHugh, FCIA/NFCA | Vinay Philip, FM Approvals
- 1230 pm - 1330 pm Luncheon
- 1330 pm – 1415 pm Fire-Resistance & Inspection
Bill McHugh, FCIA/NFCA
- 1415 pm – 1500 pm Maintaining Protection - Structural Fire-Resistance and Effective Compartmentation
Abhishek Chhabra, FCIA/NFCA | Bill McHugh, FCIA/NFCA

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PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

FCIA's Education for the Firestop and Fireproofing Exams helps prepare Specialty Installation Contractors and Special Inspectors to pass the FM or UL Firestop and IFRM and SFRM Fireproofing Exams. Passing the Exams is required for Firestop and Fireproofing Contractors to attain and maintain DRI status and for Firestop Inspectors to prove competence to AHJ's or International Accreditation Services IAS AC 291 Special Inspection Agency responsible individual status.

5 JUNE 2024

STRAITS 1 (1ST FLOOR)

All times listed are in GMT+4

0800 am - 1200 pm	Firestop Exam Registration Open
0800 am - 0830 am	Welcome Tea & Coffee
0830 am - 0900 am	Welcome Comments <i>Bill McHugh, FCIA</i>
0900 am - 1045 am	FCIA Education for the FM & UL Firestop Exams <i>Bill McHugh, FCIA</i>
1045 am - 1100 am	Break
1100 am - 1230 pm	FCIA Education for the FM & UL Firestop Exams, continued
1230 pm - 1330 pm	Luncheon
1330 pm - 1530 pm	Quality Management System Manual Development Education <i>Bill McHugh, FCIA</i>
1530 pm - 1630 pm	Q&A Session <i>Bill McHugh, FCIA</i>

6 JUNE 2024

STRAITS 1 (1ST FLOOR)

All times listed are in GMT+4

0900 am - 0930 am	Fireproof Exam Registration Open
0900 am - 0930 am	Welcome Tea & Coffee
0930 am - 1230 pm	FM & UL Firestop Exam for DRI Candidates & Inspection Personnel Note: The UL Firestop Exam is an OPEN BOOK exam. UL Exam Participants MUST provide their own copy of the FCIA Manual of Practice. The FM Firestop Exam DOES NOT allow use of the MOP during the exam.
1230 pm - 1315 pm	Luncheon

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0815 am - 0845 am

FCIA & NFCA: The Visions, The Missions, The Associations, The UAE
Abhishek Chhabra, FCIA/NFCA | Bill McHugh, FCIA/NFCA

You've heard of FCIA and NFCA, maybe you're even a new member, but what exactly do the Firestop Contractors International Association (FCIA) and National Fireproofing Contractors Association (NFCA) do?

In this session, you'll learn about the origins of the organizations, what the missions and guiding principles are, and how both groups advocate and work to further the fire and life safety industries in the Gulf Region.

0845 am - 0930 am

Passive Fire Protection & Code Requirements
Mohamed Amer, ICC | Bill McHugh, FCIA/NFCA

Learn about the Code requirements, which dictate the use of Standards, for structural fire protection and effective compartmentation.

0930 am - 1015 am

Fire-Resistance, Structural Fireproofing, & Effective Compartmentation Standards
Abhishek Chhabra, FCIA/NFCA | Bill McHugh, FCIA/NFCA

Once the Building Codes specify Standards, understanding what the Standards evaluate is critical to proper 'D'esign, 'I'nstallation, 'I'nsp'ection, and 'M'aintaining Protection in new and existing buildings.

This session takes an in-depth look at the ASTM E814, UL 1479, ASTM E1966, UL 2079, ASTM E2307, ASTM E3037, ASTM E2786 Standards, and much more.

1030 am - 1115 am

Navigating Fire Testing and Classification Requirements for Firestopping
Subramaniam Shivalingham, Emirates Safety Laboratory

This session looks at the rules from the Code which need to be considered before testing firestopping, like pipe penetrations and linear joint seals. The session also compares the general American and European firestopping Standards.

Then, the session looks at the European Fire Test Standards to determine what is and is not included in the scope of the Fire Test (ducts, dampers) and how these products are assessed using the EN 15882-5 and EN 1366-3 Fire Test Standards. Finally, the session covers EN 13501-2 and the advantages to testing with EN.

1115 am - 1200 pm

Passive Fire Protection (PFP) in the Built Environment - An Insurer's Perspective
Laxminarayan Nayak, Liva Group

Structures in the built environment are vulnerable to damage in severe fire conditions. The Passive Fire Protection (PFP) system is crucial in determining whether a situation can be managed or becomes catastrophic.

This conference presentation will focus on the resilience strategy and the integration of business and insurance-driven fire safety objectives. It will also cover the use of various passive fire protection system elements used in insurance risk assessment, loss modeling, and their potential impact on claims management.

Maintenance of PFP systems and emerging risks such as PV panels on rooftops will be addressed, as their role may seem passive but their impact during a fire can be significant. The importance of PFP, particularly in terms of insurance benefits, will be discussed, ultimately leading to the alignment of businesses with insurers' risk mitigation objectives and fostering a mutually beneficial relationship.



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1200 pm - 1230 pm

Firestopping & Fireproofing Contractor Accreditation Programs

Amr Mahmoud, UL Solutions | Bill McHugh, FCIA/NFCA | Vinay Philip, FM Approvals

FCIA worked closely with UL to build the UL Qualified Firestop Contractor Program and FM Approvals for the FM 4991 Standard for the Approval of Firestop Contractors.

NFCA developed the NFCA Contractor Accreditation Program, which supports UL's Qualified SFRM Contractor Program.

Learn more about all three programs, including how to become accredited, how and why to Specify the programs, and more.

1330 pm - 1415 pm

Fire-Resistance & Inspection

Bill McHugh, FCIA/NFCA

The ASTM E2174 and ASTM E2393 Standards are the process documents that direct firestopping inspection.

The International Building Code, ASTM E605, and ASTM E736 provide the guidance to inspect SFRM Fireproofing; while the AWCI 12b is the industry standard which outlines the processes to inspect IFRM Fireproofing.

Learn more about the inspection requirements for both structural fire-protection and effective compartmentation.

1415 pm - 1500 pm

Maintaining Protection - Structural Fire-Resistance and Effective Compartmentation

Abhishek Chhabra, FCIA/NFCA | Bill McHugh, FCIA/NFCA

The International Fire Code, NFPA 101, NFPA 1, and UAE Fire and Life Safety Code of Practice all require that firestopping and fireproofing protection be maintained.

This session looks at the requirements for each.

0900 am - 1230 pm

FCIA Education for the FM & UL Firestop Exams

Bill McHugh, FCIA

The FM & UL Firestop Exams are based on FCIA's Firestop Manual of Practice (MOP), the FM & UL program guides, and systems selection and analysis. These exams are used for contractor personnel to become FM 4991 Approved Contractor and UL Qualified Contractor Program DRIs.

For Special Inspectors, passing the exam proves firestopping competency to the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ), required by the IBC's Chapter 17. Passing an exam is also a requirement in IAS AC 291 for the Inspector to become a Responsible Person.

The FCIA Education for the FM & UL Firestop Exam education sessions help prepare individuals and support individual preparation for these rigorous exams, further strengthening and developing firestopping knowledge.

*This program IS NO SUBSTITUTE for reading FCIA's Firestop Manual of Practice and studying the FM & UL program guides and systems selection and analysis before the exams.

1330 pm 1530 pm

Quality Management System Manual Development Education

Bill McHugh, FCIA

This session takes an in-depth look at the Quality Management System Manual requirements for the FM 4991 Approved, UL Qualified Firestop Contractor, and IAS AC 291 Accreditation programs. The session also provides tips and a framework for structuring and writing a comprehensive QMS Manual.



Mohamed Amer, Regional Director of Operations - MENA

Mohamed Amer works as the Regional Director of Operations for the MENA region with the International Code Council (ICC). He joined ICC to run the Dubai office by providing essential on-the-ground support to organizations involved in building safety in the region, including various stakeholders like AHJs, consultants, manufacturers, architects, etc.

With over 15 years of experience in oil/gas, project management, and TIC industries, he leads ICC's operations and business development aspects in the MENA through existing and new partners and helping to deploy/lead/facilitate ICC's service lines for new business offerings across its family of solutions spectrum.

A distinguished speaker at conferences and workshops, Mohamed reinforces ICC's mission in building safety/innovation/sustainability, showcasing his commitment to advancing the industry's best practices and standards. His contributions underscore his dedication to fostering a safer and more resilient built environment in the MENA region.

He obtained his Masters degree in Engineering Systems Management and Bachelors degree in Electrical Engineering with Minor in Applied Mathematics and Computational Methods from the American University of Sharjah.

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Abhishek Chhabra, Director - Middle East & Asia



Abhishek Chhabra is an Engineer and a Post Graduate Diploma holder in Finance. He has been advocating the need for compliance to standards for improved safety and quality across industries for most of the last two decades. He has vast experience of promoting conformity assessment in several industries including Consumer Electronics, Industrial products (HVAC, ATEX-HAZLOC, Machinery, lighting, etc.), Renewable and Building Products across geographies and jurisdictions. He has worked on several Standards and Codes development initiatives, specifically with Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), ASTM, UAE Fire & Life Safety Code of Practice and Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO). He spent the last decade increasing awareness about Passive Fire Protection across geographies and is a globally recognized figure in the industry.

He frequently writes articles for magazines, publications, and Journals and is an invited speaker at conferences across many geographies.

Along with helping thousands of businesses grow leveraging Standards and Conformity, he brought about growth for several Assurance businesses in Testing, Inspection, and Certification space across several industries.

He, now invests considerable time in increasing the awareness about the Testing, Inspection and Certification and increasing the understanding of conformity across the world via various initiatives from his website <https://tic.guru>. He is also on the advisory council of accreditation bodies, code development bodies, as well as conformity assessment bodies.

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Bill McHugh is the Technical Director of the Firestop Contractors International Association (FCIA) and National Fireproofing Contractors Association (NFCA).

Bill participates in the Code Development processes at the NFPA, ICC, State of Illinois, and City of Chicago. He has served on the ICC's 'Fire Safety' Code Development Committee, serves on the Fire Protection Features Committee at NFPA, and is a past member of the IAS Board of Directors. At the American Society for Healthcare Engineering, he served as organizer and moderator for the ASHE/TJC/FCIA/UL Barrier Management Symposiums, educating thousands. He is a past Institute Director, Chapter President (No.IL), and Region President (North Central) at the Construction Specifications Institute.

Bill also contributes and is the publisher of *Life Safety Digest, the Magazine of Effective Compartmentation*, is principal author of the FCIA Firestop Manual of Practice, NFCA Handbook of Accepted Fireproofing Knowledge, and other documents. He presents at industry events locally, nationally, and internationally, and liaisons with many other Associations.

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Mr. Nayak is a Ph.D. Research Scholar in Reliability Engineering at IIT Kharagpur and holds a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering and an M.Tech degree in Chemical Engineering with a specialization in Safety Engineering from the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Rourkela, India.

He has risk consulting experience in over one thousand different types of high-value residential & commercial building complexes, renewable energies, industrial occupancies including chemical industries, power risk, metal & manufacturing, and special occupancies. Additionally, his experience involves project consultation, building material selection, reviewing the adequacy of the fire protection system design, performing ITM of FPS, training, etc.

Mr. Nayak is passionate about risk management of emerging risks, like cybersecurity and multifaceted technological risk consulting. He has presented international conference papers on "A Cyber Resilience Risk Assessment Framework Proposal Based on Bow-Tie Analysis of Industrial Control System" and "Fire Safety Challenges and Loss Prevention Strategies of Roof-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Panels".

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