Registration is open for FCIA’s Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show – FIC 2018 – at the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines in Austin, TX.

This November 6-9, join FCIA in Austin for:

- the FCIA Education for the Firestop Exams;
- the FM & UL/ULC Firestop Exams;
- cutting edge industry specific Education Sessions;
- the Firestop & Effective Compartmentation Trade Show;
- the FCIA Ray Usher Memorial Golf Outing;
- the FCIA Cowboy Cookout Annual Dinner;
- various Networking opportunities;
- and so much more!

Check out the Draft Agenda.

Registration is open. Secure your spot today!

Discounted FCIA room rates are also available and will go fast! Book your hotel today!

Learn more
FCIA Symposium in Winnipeg this Fall

This September 20, head to Winnipeg, MB for the FCIA Firestop & Effective Compartmentation ‘DIIM’ Symposium Canada 2018. This one-day Symposium, held at The Fairmont Winnipeg, looks at the various parts of the 'DIIM' of Firestopping with a focus on the Canadian codes and standards. Sessions include:

- ‘NBC/NFC Fire-Resistance & Fire Separations Code Requirements’ with Tony Crimi (AC Consulting Services, Inc.);
- ‘Fire Dampers 101’ with Dane Carey (TAMCO & Air Movement and Control Assn.-AMCA);
- ‘Swinging Fire Doors 101’ with Keith Pardoe, FIAI, DAHC, CDC (Pardoe Consulting);
- ‘Perimeter Fire-Containment Systems Today and Tomorrow’ with Jack Long (Thermafiber) and Tony Crimi (AC Consulting Services, Inc.);
- ‘FCIA’s ‘DIIM’ – Firestop 101, An Executive Summary’ with Bill McHugh (FCIA);
- And ‘FCIA Recommended Professional Practices – Labeling’ with Bill McHugh (FCIA).

Attendees will hear from experts, interact with exhibitors and sponsors and network with industry professionals from around Canada. Building Code Officials, Fire Marshals, Architects/Specifiers/Engineers at Design Firms and Facility Management personnel are invited to attend the Symposium FREE on September 20.

Then, Firestop Contractors and Special Inspection Agency personnel who want to pursue third-party accreditation programs, can enhance their Symposium experience with the FCIA Education for the ULC Firestop Exam and writing the ULC Firestop Exam on September 21. The ULC Firestop Exam has many questions on both installation and inspection, making it a very valuable asset to an inspector’s resume.

For more information and to register, visit us online.

FCIA Board Meets

The FCIA Board of Directors held their annual summer Board Meeting this August in Indianapolis. There was great discussion, and a lot of important work got done. The Board also welcomed Thermafiber to discuss strategic industry development, furthering the Firestop industry and improved fire- and life-safety systems in buildings.
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**TJC/ASHE/UL/FCIA's Barrier Management Symposium**

FCIA pulled together the faculty for a **Barrier Management Symposium** in St. Louis hosted by the **Missouri Society for Healthcare Engineering (MOSHE)** and the **Southern Illinois Chapter of Healthcare Engineers (SICHE)**.

The event had over 225 people in attendance with a full faculty educating and reinforcing that **ALL fire-resistance is needed**, and that it’s a Tested and Listed SYSTEM that builds protection. The Systems inventory, Barrier Management and more were presented in this full-day program. FCIA Members are the best bet when it comes to Barrier Management Services.

**FCIA at ASHE**

The **American Society for Healthcare Engineering** has an **Annual Conference** every summer. This year’s event was in Seattle, WA and FCIA’s booth was active with Healthcare Facility Directors visiting FCIA.

At each convention, FCIA promotes the FCIA Member and the proper ‘Design, Installation, Inspection and Maintenance – ‘DIIM’ – of Firestopping and the ‘inventory’ of fire-resistance documentation – for firestopping, fire dampers, fire doors, fire-rated glazing, the wall and floor assemblies, fireproofing – all of which are required by the **2018 International Fire Code**.

Thank you to all who stopped to learn about how working with FCIA Members can improve installed fire- and life-safety systems in buildings.

**FCIA Visits FM & UL**

FCIA’s **Accreditation Committee** has been quite busy this summer. We had visits with both FM Approvals and UL this June. The Committee and Board held a teleconference in July as well. Look for new announcements soon!

**FCIA at APPA**

**APPA**, the **Association for Physical Plant Administrators**, is the Association for Facility Directors at Colleges and Universities. FCIA’s Bill McHugh spoke to facility directors at **APPA’s Annual Conference** in Washington, DC on Saturday, **August 4**.

Since the session, FCIA has already had responses from Facility Directors who are now building a line item budget for Fire-Resistance, just like they have a budget for Sprinkler and Detection/Alarm Maintenance and Management.

They also saw the new ‘Barrier Management Services’ section of FCIA.org and FCIA’s Member Lists, so now finding Firestop Contractors who can survey and repair walls and floors, and of course, install firestopping is at their fingertips.

**FCIA at NFPA FPF**

The **Fire Protection Features (FPF) Committee** of **NFPA** met in Minneapolis in late July. Discussion covered a wide-range of topics like Performance Based Fire-Resistance Design, adding testing to prove the distance required away from the barrier for when a metal penetrating item is used for the penetration and is attached to plastic pipe past the wall assembly, and much more.

The FPF meetings are for the development of the 2021 version of **NFPA 5000** and **NFPA 101**. Watch for more as the code development process progresses.

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FCIA Elections

Are you a voting contractor or voting inspection agency member at FCIA? Look for an election packet in late September from FCIA's Nominations Committee.

Board of Directors nominees are selected from current, active FCIA Member firms. All FCIA Board of Directors positions are volunteer positions, including the FCIA Board President position, which is selected from the sitting Board.

Your vote for Board Members is important, so make sure you vote!

UL Announces a new Enhancement to UL Qualified Firestop Contractor Program

UL's Qualified Firestop Contractor Program (UL QFCP) has been in the industry for over 10 years now. As part of continued improvement, FCIA and UL partnered to develop the MACC – the Master Audit Certificate of Compliance. This new program is an optional additional service UL can provide for UL QFCP's and their Building Owner and Manager Partners.

This new certificate brings great value to the building owner that they can use with insurance companies, AHJ's and others. The new MACC program – available worldwide - includes a job site audit of the UL QFCP's Management System and a certificate for the firestop contractor to provide to the Building Owner and/or Manager that the contractor was found to be in compliance. The MACC even references the need for the Building Owner to comply with the International Fire Code requirement for annual visual inspection of fire-resistance including firestopping. And, the MACC is available only to UL QFCP's.

Watch for the UL Announcement and details shortly with a full explanation at FCIA's Symposium in Winnipeg and the FCIA Firestop Industry Conference & Trade Show in Austin, TX.
FCIA.org’s NEW Barrier Management Services Section

At FCIA’s Barrier Management Symposia, we are always asked, “Where do we find Firestop Contractors who do both Firestop AND Barrier Management Services?”

Now, FCIA Members providing Barrier Management Services have a web presence on the FCIA Member List in the Barrier Management Services section.

FCIA Members, get your own company found. Sign up today.

FCIA Firestop Containment Worker Education Package

FCIA’s Firestop Containment Worker Education Program is a great tool for company leaders to use to educate about firestopping. There are 22 PowerPoint presentations with scripts, 22 quizzes (including separate answer keys), 22 instruction guide outlines with suggested presentation time length and equipment, along with many videos that are geared towards the workforce. And, the price is right at $500.

Contact Cathy@fcia.org for more info.

FCIA Around the World

Trade Shows around the world give FCIA an opportunity to spread the word of the ‘DIIM’ of Firestopping & Effective Compartmentation to interested professionals worldwide. Through participation at these events and premier placement of Life Safety Digest, FCIA and our Members are exposed to decision-makers and key players in the industry. Here is a look at what’s coming up for FCIA...

FCIA and CONSTRUCT Partner CONSTRUCT and FCIA partner again this October 3-5 in Long Beach, CA to bring the ‘DIIM’ concept to Construction Specifiers throughout North America.

Not only will FCIA be present with our trade show booth, but you will also be able to find Life Safety Digest in the publication bins on the floor, as well as attend the education session, “Fire and Smoke Protection Features & the NEW 2018 International Fire Code 701 Requirements for the Specifier”, presented by Bill McHugh.

CONSTRUCT is the only national trade show dedicated to bringing commercial building teams together to procure real-world, practical knowledge for building success. The event offers a variety of different solutions-driven learning opportunities for you to stay up-to-date on the latest trends, work smarter, boost your career and earn continuing education credits.

ICC Building Safety & Design Expo and FCIA Align in Richmond

This October 21-22, FCIA and Life Safety Digest can be found in Richmond, VA at the ICC Building Safety & Design Expo. The BSDE is where building safety and design professionals from around the world go to learn about the latest products and services needed to keep buildings safe, and to meet and maintain compliance with accepted codes and standards.

While there, stop by the FCIA booth, grab your issue of Life Safety Digest and take in all this exciting event has to offer.

And More...

Look for FCIA at the CHES National Conference in St. John's, NF this September 16-18.

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FCIA Welcomes New Members

FCIA works hard to spread the word of the 'DIIM' of Firestopping around the world, encouraging all interested Contractors, Consultant Firms, Associates, Manufacturers, Manufacturer Rep Firms 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
- Boyter Brothers, LLC - Vancouver, WA
- Danis Building Construction - Dayton, OH
- Seal Caulking & Waterproofing LLC - Upper Marlboro, MD

FCIA New International Contractor Members
- Synixtor - Lima, Peru

FCIA New Associate Members
- Alpha Testing - Dallas, TX

FCIA Members: Do you have more than one Branch location? Make it easier to be found worldwide with a 'Branch Membership and Listing' at www.FCIA.org. Questions? Email cathy@fcia.org and we’ll fill you in.
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