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## FCIA E-newsletter – March 14, 2012

### FCIA Education & Committee Action Conference – Vdara Hotel Rate Drops

Las Vegas here we come. Look for a NEW Committee Meeting format. Visit at least 3 committees to hear what's happening at more places. Thanks to FCIA's Angie Sims' quick action, The Vdara Hotel has dropped the rate for FCIA attendees to \$119 (plus \$15/resort fee). Check out the draft agenda at <http://www.fcia.org/articles/events.htm>



### FCIA 2013 Board Elections

November will be here sooner than we think. The FCIA voting membership elects 3 new board members from the contractor membership each year. Interested? Email [bill@fcia.org](mailto:bill@fcia.org), and the FCIA Nominating Committee will contact you. Or, visit with them in Las Vegas at the Conference and ask for yourself!

### FCIA at ASTM

FCIA announced a new initiative at ASTM to create a certification for the Individual Installers and Inspectors of Firestop products last fall. The ASTM Program is all encompassing, covering penetrations, joints walltops and bottoms, plus perimeter fire containment firestop systems and is not a substitute for the Firestop / Containment Apprenticeship Education Program. Thanks to Standards Chairs [Eric Keeton](#), [Tracy Smith](#), Members [Randy Bosscawen](#), [Bob Hasting](#), [Pat Tesche](#), [Bill Koffel](#), [Jim Arnold](#), Clark County, [Jim Stahl, Jr.](#) STI, and [John Valiulis](#), HILTI for working on this project.

### FCIA Welcomes NEW Members!!

#### NEW FCIA Contractor Members

- Aecon Industrial Western, Inc. - CAN
- Aries Contracting – ON, CAN
- Blue Hill Construction – NY, USA
- Donalco - ON, CAN
- Indian Head Contracting – BC, CAN
- Kaefer Canada – NB, CAN
- Rise & Shine Insulation – India
- Sealant Specialists, Inc. – NM, USA
- New Cal Construction – NY, USA
- Wyatt, Inc. – PA, USA

#### NEW FCIA Associate Members

- Dispro, Inc. – QC, CAN
- GlassCell Isofab, Inc. – ON, CAN
- Skyline Special Inspection Agency – NY, USA

#### NEW FM 4991 Approved Contractor firms

- AAC Contracting Inc., NY, USA
- Al Shadid Technical Contracting – Sharjah, UAE
- Atlas Industries – CO, USA
- Carolina Construction Services of Charlotte - NC, USA
- Chronicle Interiors LLC - Dubai, UAE
- L & C Insulation, Inc. – WI, USA
- Roberts Firestop Specialties – CA, USA

#### NEW UL Qualified Contractor firms

- Absolute Completions – AB, CAN
- Fire Stop Technologies, Inc. – TN, USA
- Georgia Firestop – GA, USA
- Superior Industrial Insulation, Co. – OH, USA

### FCIA Standards Committee requests shrinkage on Product Data Sheets

Specialty Firestop Contractors who inspect their own installed firestop systems or are inspected by 3<sup>rd</sup> party independent firms, have had field issues with some firestop sealants/caulks shrinking after application and curing.

FCIA's Standards Committee continues to request that International Firestop Council member and other product manufacturers publish shrinkage content by volume data on printed product data sheets. FCIA requests that values for ASTM C 1241, Standard Test Method for Volume Shrinkage of Latex Sealants During Cure be provided.

Watch for a complete report on Standards Committee Activities by Eric Keeton of FCIA's Standards Committee at the FCIA Education and Committee Action Conference in Las Vegas.

## FCIA in the Middle East

FCIA is planning another program in the UAE this fall. Rise & Shine Insulation's India location joined FCIA last month. With a few more members, FCIA can travel to India this fall to conduct more education of contractors, specifiers, building and fire officials. Thanks to Hafeez Mohammed, Shoeb Fire Fighting Equipment Trading for help with photos. Check out the photo album for the event. At FCIA.org.

<http://www.fcia.org/articles/AbuDhabi2011.htm>



## FCIA & FM Approvals, UL Qualified Firestop Contractors

FCIA's Accreditation Committee collaborated with FM & UL to build FM 4991 and the UL Qualified Firestop Contractor Programs. They continue to work with FM & UL to monitor the programs, suggest improvements and work together to build better fire and life safety in buildings. There have been several teleconferences the past two months with FM & UL Representatives and FCIA's Accreditation Committee. Watch for continued discussion at the FCIA Education and Committee Action Conference in Las Vegas.

The number one question at FCIA is 'how do I get FM 4991 Approved or UL/ULC Qualified? How long does it take? Non members sometimes do not realize the time and investment to get the processes in place for FM or UL to audit the firm.

Need to make your management system better? FCIA hired a management systems consultant who wrote a sample 'template' for contractors to use when evaluating their programs. Visit [FCIA.org](http://FCIA.org), Contractor Members Only and check out the resources the FCIA Accreditation Committee has built for FCIA Members.

## FCIA at ASTM Meetings

FCIA's Standards Committee Chairs Eric Keeton and Tracy Smith and Past President Randy Bosscawen, are working on ballots for the ASTM E 2174 and ASTM E 2393 Standards for 2012. The goal is to be sure the standards reflect what happens in the field.

## FCIA at ASHE HQ, PDC & Expo

FCIA's Marketing Committee Chair Don Murphy, and Executive Director Bill McHugh visited ASHE Education Director Tim Adams and Executive Director Dale Woodin in Chicago last month to explore how we can collaborate on fire and life safety issues at ASHE. FCIA displays at the ASHE Professional Development Conference Trade Show in Phoenix, March 4&5 and Annual Conference & Expo July 16 & 17 in San Antonio



## FCIA & ICC's 2012 IBC Ch.17 ASTM Inspection Requirements

The International Building Code for 2012 is on the streets already and being adapted by jurisdictions nationally. FCIA was successful with a code proposal that added 'independent inspection' of firestopping to Chapter 17 of the code.

Check out what the code says at the FCIA Website Technical Resources Pages: <http://www.fcia.org/articles/resources.htm>

## ICC's 2015 Code Development Cycle

In January, FCIA's Code Committee submitted several code development proposals. The group's proposals bring a new definition for joints, submittals to be reviewed by the building official sometime before installation and more. We understand

there will be a proposal that proposes the FM 4991 Approved or UL Qualified Firestop Contractor Programs for Institutional (I-2) Occupancies. Another proposal deals with Engineering Judgments.

## FCIA's Life Safety Digest

Life Safety Digest is always looking for good generic articles on issues important to the Fire Resistance Rated Construction Industry, including fireproofing, firestopping, and effective compartmentation features, and even project profiles. Send articles to [angies@fcia.org](mailto:angies@fcia.org).

# Life Safety DIGEST

## FCIA getting involved at NBC Canada Code Development

In Canada, the National Building Code of Canada (NBC) is managed by the Canadian Commission on Building and Fire Codes. There are eleven committees and several task groups involving as many as 300 members. The members of the committees establish the content of the model codes through consensus of geographic and industry sectors of Canada.



## Life Safety Organization Meets

Life Safety Organization met at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza with a great program on Effective Compartmentation. Goals were set to get on the speaking agenda at ICC's Expo while the group reached out to AFSCC about how they can research to support code proposals. Watch for webinars on compartmentation components throughout the year at <http://www.lifesafetyorganization.org>.

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