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NFCA® ENEWS LETTER

National Fireproofing Contractors Association

WRAP-UP...



MARCH | CHARLOTTE
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NFCA's Week of Learning was a great success. Attendance was up 50% since the 2022 conference with over (160) registered including 2 new Supplier Members, 2 new Associate Members and 10 new contractor members.

Special thanks to our conference sponsors! Click [here](#) for complete list.

Don't forget, NFCA Members can access featured presentations are posted on the NFCA website - [MEMBERS ONLY](#) section.

2023 NFCA Award of Excellence

Congratulations to 2023 Winners:

Trinity Energy Group - Low Rise Category
Rolling Plains - High Rise Category
Accurate Firestop & Insulation - Existing Building Category
Rolling Plains - Small Projects (up to 100K)



Each project will be featured in the May FREE Webinar. Click [here](#) to register!

WHAT'S COMING UP...

NFCA FREE WEBINAR

TOPIC: NFCA 2023 Award of Excellence Winning Projects
Thursday May 18, 2023: 10:00 am Central Time
For more information click [HERE](#)

DID YOU KNOW...

NFCA @ ASTM – NFCA travelled to ASTM E06 Meetings in Denver recently to talk about standards related to fireproofing inspections. **ASTM E605** and **ASTM E605** both continue to be the standards referenced in the International Building Code (IBC) for SFRM.



The NEW SFRM and IFRM, Board and Wrap Fireproofing Inspection Standards were balloted in February/March. In this ballot voting cycle, there were only 2 negatives, quite an

accomplishment. Nice work done by Phil Mancuso, GCP and Samantha Peterson, 3M Fire Protection Products.

NFCA Week of Learning Technical Discussions – At NFCA's Week of Learning Conference, discussions took place about a new NFCA Standard Practice that describes **IFRM Finishes** in the field. The purpose is to provide expectations of the architect/specifiers, general contractor, building owner and manager and fireproofing contractor. Manufacturers, contractors, working together. Thanks Tom Anderson, for leading this effort.

When it comes to **Attachments to structural fire-resistance-rated building elements**, there is a certain size, thickness and distance that might be treated to slow heat transfer into the structural fire-resistance-rated element. The International Building Code language is not super specific about protection required.

NFCA's Accreditation Committee & Leadership continues to review the NFCA Spray Fire-Resistive Materials and Intumescent Fire-Resistive Materials education and exams, keeping them relevant as the industry changes.

NFCA's Education for the SFRM & IFRM Fireproofing Exams help contractor personnel become Designated Responsible Individuals (DRI) in NFCA's Contractor Accreditation Program (CAP) and UL's Qualified SFRM Fireproofing Contractor Program. Plus, inspection agency personnel can prove competence required by the International Building Code's Chapter 17, Special Inspection through NFCA's SFRM and IFRM Fireproofing Exams.

Do you have a NFCA HAFK yet? The **NFCA Handbook of Fireproofing Knowledge (HAFK)** is *THE* industry text book. It's the study guide for the NFCA's SFRM & IFRM Fireproofing Exams – the first step to NFCA Contractor Accreditation and UL Qualified Fireproofing Contractor status. It's also a way to prove competence in fireproofing. Leading Fireproofing Contractors and Fireproofing Inspection Agencies keep this document as a 3rd party proof source when making a point about fire-resistance-rated building elements and assemblies.



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SAFETY SECTION:

NEW OSHA INFO - The U.S. Department of Labor announced May 1 that its Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has begun a National Emphasis Program to prevent falls, the leading cause of fatal workplace injuries and the **violation the agency cites most frequently in construction industry** inspections. The **emphasis program will focus on reducing fall-related injuries and fatalities** for people working at heights in all industries.

OSHA Announces New Enforcement Standards – Our friends at Hendrick Phillips, Salzman and Siegel reported on an OSHA Announcement as well. OSHA has announced new enforcement standards and guidance, which became effective March 27, 2023. The new standards are intended to increase penalties in the hopes of ultimately deterring employers from committing serious violations of OSHA rules. The new guidance addresses two separate OSHA enforcement issues. First, regional administrators and area office directors will have broader discretion to issue citations for certain violations on an “instance-by-instance” basis. Since 1990, instance-by-instance citations have been limited to willful violations. Under the new enforcement standard, instance-by-instance citations may be applied to certain “high-gravity” violations, specific to falls, trenching, machine guarding, respiratory protection, permit required confined space, lookout tagout, and other-than-serious violations specific to record-keeping. Check out HPSS’s **full report**.

NFCA MEMBER UPDATES:

Did your company promote someone?
Retirement? Exciting company news? Let us
know! Email kriston@nfca-online.org

The **Membership Committee** has been meeting every 60 days to share who is not a member, that should be. A big thanks to NFCA Manufacturer and Contractor Members for recruiting new companies at NFCA.

WELCOME New Contractor Members

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Three types of memberships available! For detailed information **Go HERE** and **JOIN NOW!**



Don't forget to connect with members on LinkedIn and post NFCA & NFCA Member activities from time to time.

Fireproofing Question? We don't promise to have all the answers, but do provide members with resources they can use to make decisions. Feel free to **email us** when you get stumped.

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