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# ENEWS LETTER

## WHAT'S COMING UP...



### NFCA Week of Learning: March 27-31, 2023

Charlotte, NC

March 27-29: IFRM & SFRM Education & Exams

March 29-31: Annual Conference

We have a blockbuster lineup of topics at this year's [NFCA 2023 Week of Learning](#). Estimating, Project Management taught by industry experts and software providers, an economic forecast from the American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC), and some great relationship building. There's still time to register. Contact [Kriston@NFCA-online.org](mailto:Kriston@NFCA-online.org) with any questions.

Plus, don't miss the NFCA's Annual Meeting taking place Thursday, March 30, 8:00 am EST, at this conference. The 2023 Board of Directors is elected by the membership at this meeting!

FOR FULL DETAILS [CLICK HERE!](#)

## 2023 NFCA Award of Excellence

Entries are in and being judged. Winners will be announced at the Week of Learning. Want to check out the submitted projects? Click [HERE](#)



## DID YOU KNOW...

**Resources** – Check out [NFCA-online.org](https://www.nfca-online.org)'s Standards - meant to help your operation. [NFCA's 100, 200, 300, 400 Standards](#) are a 3<sup>rd</sup> party proof source about setup, preparation, and much more for projects. When a General Contractor says, 'we don't do that anywhere', you can use NFCA 100-400 Standards to prove otherwise. Use them with proposals to GC's, Building Owners or others. This is a NFCA Document, meaning it is a practice used around the world. Use it to your advantage!

**NFCA Webinars** – [NFCA webinars](#) are open to view FREE for anyone - anytime. It's our service to the industry. Webinar presentations are archived at [NFCA-online.org](https://www.nfca-online.org). Recordings are available for Members Only – another benefit from NFCA.

**NFCA Handbook of Accepted Fireproofing Knowledge (HAFK)** – The [NFCA's HAFK](#) is the resource for fireproofing standards, and much more. The HAFK is the study guide for the NFCA Fireproofing Exams, the first step to NFCA Contractor Accreditation and UL Qualified SFRM Contractor Program. Get it now and study to become a DRI.

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**NFCA @ ASTM** – There are several standards to be discussed mid-April in Denver at ASTM's E06 Meetings. ASTM E605, ASTM E736 and Inspection Standards will be the topics for discussion. We look forward to meeting with Chairs John Dalton (E605, E736), Phil Mancuso (SFRM/IFRM Inspection) & Samantha Peterson (Board Inspection), and others as we work for better fire and life safety through fireproofing installation quality process - both contractor and inspection.



**NFCA @ Fire Safe Build India Launch** – NFCA was honored to have a booth and present about Fire-Resistance at [Fire Safe Build India \(FSBI\)](#). Our programs on passive fire resistance at the inaugural FSBI Show were well received. We met fireproofing contractors (Firestopping too), and enjoyed time with NFCA's India Member, **NEWKEM**. Thanks Nimish and Kush Sura for printing NFCA's literature for the show!



In addition, we visited with potential NFCA Members in Mumbai, the Indian Institute of Technology Fire Test Lab in Ahmedabad, India, potential members in Doha, Qatar and Dubai, United Arab Emirates, the Dubai Civil Defence, Emirates Safety Laboratory, and the Big5 Show in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Our mission was to meet new people that believe in fire-resistance – mission accomplished.

Pictured: Bill McHugh, Gaith Bakir - UL Solutions & Mohamed Amer, ICC at Big5 Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



Pictured: Bill McHugh, Abhishek Chhabra - TBWIC

**Interested in Steel Costs?** Click [here](#) for an updated report and forecast. *Provided by Chris Little, Clark Dietrick - NFCA Associate Member*

We understand that price volatility for materials continues to be an issue, especially with steel. Check out this [white paper](#) on how to protect your company with contract clauses from attorneys Hendrick Phillips Salzman and Seigel.

**THANKS TO NFCA  
GOLD SUPPLIER MEMBERS:**



**SAFETY SECTION:**

**US OSHA Safety Enforcement ALERT** – On January 23, 2023, the US Department of Labor's OSHA announced two initiatives – **one** for citing certain types of violations as **"instance-by-instance citations"** for cases where the agency identifies "high-gravity" serious violations of OSHA standards specific to certain conditions where the language of the rule supports a citation for each instance of non-



compliance. These conditions include lockout/tagout, machine guarding, permit-required confined space, respiratory protection, falls, trenching and for cases with other-than-serious violations specific to recordkeeping. In the **second action**, OSHA is reminding its Regional Administrators and Area Directors of their authority [not to group violations](#), and instead cite them separately to more effectively encourage employers to comply with the intent of the Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Act. Existing guidance on instance-by-instance citations are outlined in the [OSHA Field Operations Manual](#), and [CPL 02-00-080](#), "Handling of Cases to be Proposed for Violation-by-Violation Penalties."

## NFCA MEMBER UPDATES:

Did your company promote someone? Retirement? Exciting company news? Let us know! Email [kriston@nfca-online.org](mailto:kriston@nfca-online.org)

## WELCOME New Contractor Members

Click on logo's for more information!



Branch Office - San Diego, California

**NFCA Gaining Members** – NFCA has had a great renewal season with retention improving from 2022. We've also gained new members this winter! Welcome them to NFCA at the "Week of Learning".

### Not a NFCA Member Yet?

Membership in NFCA supports educational opportunities specific to fireproofing plus advocacy efforts on behalf of fireproofing - fire safety and the industry.

You'll also get great member discounts and access to NFCA's member's only industry information.

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.

## THANKS TO NFCA SILVER SUPPLIER MEMBERS:



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**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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