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# ENEWS LETTER

## WHAT'S COMING UP...

**NFCA Free Webinar: February 28 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm** NFCA's Bill McHugh & UL Solution's Ruben Sandoval tackle the contractor qualifications that mean a lot to buyers of fireproofing. Don't miss this session as we cover the NFCA Contractor Accreditation Program (CAP) - and get a detailed look at UL's Management System expectations for the UL Qualified Fireproofing Contractor Program. Both programs are used to set your company apart from the competition. Use them to your advantage!



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

Charlotte, NC

March 27-29: IFRM & SFRM Education & Exams

March 29-31: Annual Conference

Don't miss this year's opportunity for people to become DRI's at NFCA's IFRM & SFRM Education and Exams. We have also added a new event, **Software Day** to help you manage operations better. Next is NFCA's Annual Educational Conference, with panels on Estimating and Project Management by experienced contractors and software providers, as well as an economic outlook from the American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC), a look at fireproofing specifications and much more! Make this a can't miss event – again!

**Be sure to be at NFCA's Software Day** – This NEW Event is **Wednesday afternoon, March 29th at 2:00 pm** and promises a variety of vendors, presentations by many productivity software providers, and a 'walk around reception' with NFCA's Fireproofing manufacturers and associate members.

FOR FULL DETAILS [CLICK HERE!](#)

### **NFCA Award of Excellence (AOE) Call for Entries OPEN for NFCA Contractor Members: Deadline EXTENDED to February 14, 2023** (no additional extensions will be given!)

Don't think you have a project worthy of **NFCA Award of Excellence** status? Think again. All projects – even some of the simple ones – have characteristics of safety, production challenges, and uniqueness.

**NEW FORMAT THIS YEAR**– Each entry is judged by NFCA Contractor Member Companies and will be anonymous. Don't delay -- Get your entry in NOW before the Holiday rush!

- [NFCA AOE Rules](#)
- [NFCA Entry Form](#)
- NFCA Entry [Powerpoint Template](#) or [NFCA Word Template](#) (Please contact [Kriston@nfca-online.org](mailto:Kriston@nfca-online.org) for "writeable/editable" ppt or word document.

## DID YOU KNOW...

**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 get educated and prove competence required by the International Building Code's Chapter 17, Special Inspection.

**NFCA's Contractor Accreditation Program** has grown in size as NFCA's membership has grown. Starting with only about 20 in 2013, 68 companies in the USA, Canada, Middle East, are accredited. The UL Qualified SFRM Fireproofing Contractor Program has several contractors in process of qualification too.

**NFCA Fireproofing Inspector Education** – NFCA's Fireproofing Education is taught by experts. Our inspection module was developed in 2011, and has been refined since then. Look for a newly revised inspection education module with more visuals, pictures – all to help assure that fireproofing is installed in accordance with the listing and manufacturers installation instructions.

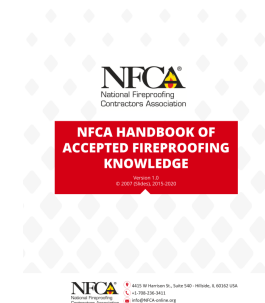
**Is Material Price Escalation Over?** - We've heard in the news that the supply chain is stabilizing and materials are available. That's good, and resolves some of the horrors contractors had with material price escalation. A recent [article](#) in the Wall Street Journal – reporting about raw material demands for batteries – among other minerals used in construction - means shortages might not be over yet.

Attorneys at Hendrick Phillips Salzman and Seigel sent a [white paper on material price volatility to NFCA](#), in April, 2021. NFCA Member Contractors, protect yourselves by checking out this [webinar](#) on Managing Volatile Material Pricing, presented Nov. 2021. It's another resource from NFCA.

**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.

**Do you have a NFCA HAFK yet?** The **NFCA Handbook of Fireproofing Knowledge (HAFK)** is the study guide for the NFCA's SFRM & IFRM Fireproofing Exams – the first step to NFCA Contractor Accreditation and UL Qualified Fireproofing Contractor status. Leading Fireproofing Contractors and Fireproofing Inspection Agencies keep this document as a 3<sup>rd</sup> party proof source to use during project related discussions when making a point. Plus NFCA members get a \$500 discount. Membership pays dividends!

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## THANKS TO NFCA GOLD SUPPLIER MEMBERS:



## SAFETY SECTION:

**OSHA** is reminding employers to submit their 2022 OSHA Form 300A (Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses) data by March 2, 2023.

Who is required to submit Form 300A data?

- Establishments with 250 or more employees that are required to keep OSHA injury and illness records.
- Establishments with 20 to 249 employees in **designated industries**.
- Establishments under Federal OSHA jurisdiction can use the [ITA Coverage Application](#) to determine if they are required to electronically report their injury and illness information to OSHA. Establishments under State Plan jurisdiction should contact their [State Plan](#).



How to submit Form 300A data:

As part of the Department of Labor's IT modernization and security enhancement efforts, the [Injury Tracking Application](#) transitioned its login procedure to Login.gov — a secure sign-in service used by many government agencies. Current and new account holders need to create a Login.gov account to submit their 2022 injury and illness data. Detailed guidance on how to carry out this change is available as a [job aid](#) and [video](#).

If you have questions, visit the [FAQs](#) webpage.

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**US Safety Enforcement ALERT** – The US Department of Labor's OSHA announced two initiatives. The first one is 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 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."

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## 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)

**Congratulations to Carol Schary**, Nathan Kimmel NFCA Member since 2009. [Award Recipient](#) at the Western Wall and Ceiling Contractors Association.

**NFCA Membership Drive** – Do you know a company that should be an NFCA Member but is not? [Email us](#) for NFCA E-Info you can send...or just send the prospective member info to us and we'll do the rest! Contractor, Inspection Agency, Equipment & Supply providers, Manufacturers are all welcome. The larger NFCA is, the stronger our collective fireproofing voice can be!

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### 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.

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