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NFCA's Board of Directors is responsible for steering the organization while adhering to the stated mission of furthering the quality of structural fire-resistance in buildings. To carry out this charge, NFCA Board volunteers meet multiple times per year to provide oversight and strategic direction.

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# A WORD FROM THE FCIA & NFCA BOARD PRESIDENTS

Welcome to the PasFiPro '24 Calgary, the FCIA-NFCA Passive Fire Protection Symposium.

This is the first of what we hope is many collaborations between our two organizations - FCIA, the Firestop Contractors International Association, and NFCA, the National Fireproofing Contractors Association.

Thank you for being part of FCIA and/or NFCA through membership, friendship, and support. By being part of these organizations, you are showing your dedication and commitment to the Passive Fire Protection industry.

This week, as you attend these education sessions on total building safety, know that you are taking the first step towards making a difference as a life-saving force across the world!

Life Safety is not exclusive. This is a club that everyone wants to be a part of. Sometimes people ask us, "Do you ever get tired of what you do?"

We always respond with, "Of course, but not for long. We sleep well at night knowing that someday what we do might pave the way for a father or mother to make it home to their children!"

We firmly believe that it is our responsibility to provide the best in education and awareness for the passive fire protection industry to continue to improve, to continue to save lives. The more people that understand the importance of passive fire protection, that understand why we do what we do, the more buildings will be protected and lives saved.

If you want to make a difference, we challenge you to become part of a FCIA or NFCA Committee. It takes the next generation of Specialty Installation Contractors to step up and do their part in continuing to change and mold the passive fire protection industry and Associations. And that includes participation from our International members. We are always excited to see new faces and to hear new ideas.

Without all those who've held these positions before us, the Board of Directors, the pioneers, the FCIA staff, and most especially, for the past 25 years, Bill McHugh, thank you from us all.

In closing, we have an opportunity to be the leaders in passive fire protection education, proper installations, and inspections, but all those things rely on each of us as members to keep pushing the cause within the industry. We hold the keys to the kingdom; we only need to get involved and work together.

Thank you, everyone, for your commitment to fire and life safety, as well as to the FCIA and NFCA. You are the future, get involved and see what happens!

Sincerely,

Alan Mcdurmon, 2024 FCIA Board President

Mathew Stephenson, 2024 NFCA Board President





FCIA & NFCA Committees are comprised of Member volunteers who work together on various pieces of Association business, from Codes and Standards development to Marketing outreach and more. This collaboration is how we gain industry consensus on issues related to the improvement of fire and life safety in buildings around the globe and how we create opportunities for the growth of our industry.

Consider volunteering your time and talents with one of the following Committees. Contact the Committee Chair(s), [cathyb@cmservices.com](mailto:cathyb@cmservices.com), or [lissetek@cmservices.com](mailto:lissetek@cmservices.com) for additional information or to inquire about joining a Committee.

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# WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA?

## PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

FCIA and NFCA partner this year for PasFiPro '24 Calgary, the FCIA-NFCA Passive Fire Protection Symposium & Exhibition Calgary. The educational Symposium provides education and networking opportunities for fire-resistance-rated structural and effective compartmentation - Passive Fire Protection - experts to enhance proficiency and make essential connections to set yourself as the true expert that you are.

## PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

### SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

#### PREMIER BALLROOM

All times listed are in MDT

- 7:30 am – 2:30 pm **PasFiPro '24 Calgary Registration Open**
- 7:30 am – 8:00 am **Welcome Breakfast with Exhibitors**
- 8:00 am – 8:15 am **Welcome Comments**  
*Alan Mcdurmon, 2024 FCIA Board President | Bill McHugh, FCIA & NFCA*
- 8:15 am - 8:45 am **FCIA & NFCA: The Visions, The Missions, The Associations**  
*Bill McHugh, FCIA & NFCA*
- 8:45 am - 9:45 am **Breaking Busy - Finding Purpose and Peace in the Chaos**  
*Linda Edgcombe, Learning Edge Resources*
- 9:45 am – 10:15 am **Networking Break with Exhibitors**  
*Sponsored by Adler Construction Services*
- 10:15 am – 11:00 am **Recent Fire-Resistance Code Changes**  
*André Laroche, Eng., National Research Council Canada*
- 11:00 am - 11:45 am **ULC Fire-Resistance Standards: What You Need to Know**  
*Don Falconer, P.Eng., Falconer Engineering and Testing*
- 11:45 am - 12:30 pm **Networking Luncheon with Exhibitors**  
*Sponsored by Beyond Thermal*
- 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm **Exhibitor Updates**
- 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm **Introducing ASTM E2307 - New Requirements in the 2025 National Building Code**  
*Tony Crimi, A.C. Consulting Solutions, Inc.*
- 2:00 pm - 2:15 pm **Networking Break with Exhibitors**  
*Sponsored by Hilti*
- 2:15 pm - 3:00 pm **Key Issues in Fireproofing in Canada**  
*Bob Casteel, Isolatak | Sean Donovan, GCP | Aaron French, Contego International Inc. | Donald Long, Isolatak | John Meadows, Carboline*

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- 3:00 pm - 3:15 pm**      **Networking Break with Exhibitors**  
*Sponsored by Hilti*
- 3:15 pm - 4:00 pm**      **Going for a Ride? An Exploration into Passive Fire Protection for Movement Joints**  
*Robert Belvin, PE, Construction Specialties*
- 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm**      **Understanding & Restoring STC Ratings Through Proper Firestopping**  
*Brad Gover, National Research Council Canada | Tim Mattox, Specified Technologies Inc.*

## **SEPTEMBER 12, 2024**

### **PREMIER BALLROOM**

All times listed are in MDT

- 7:30 am - 10:00 am**      **PasFiPro '24 Calgary Registration Open**
- 7:30 am - 8:00 am**      **Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors**
- 8:00 am - 9:00 am**      **Passive Fire Protection Accreditation Programs**  
*Brian Bray, UL Solutions | Bill McHugh, FCIA & NFCA*
- 9:00 am - 9:30 am**      **Networking Break with Exhibitors**  
*Sponsored by Adler Construction Services | Beyond Thermal | Hilti*
- 9:30 am - 10:30 am**      **Passive Fire Protection for Combustible Pipes**  
*Tim Mattox, Specified Technologies Inc. | Scott Milburn, Aquatherm | Matthew Winston, Hilti | Kevin Yong-Ping, P.Eng., IPEX Inc.*
- 10:30 am - 11:30 am**      **Maintaining Protection - Fire Codes Around the World**  
*Bill McHugh, FCIA & NFCA*
- 11:30 am**      **PasFiPro '24 Calgary Ends**

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# WHAT'S ON THE AGENDA?

## EDUCATION FOR THE FM & UL FIRESTOP EXAMS

FCIA's Education for the Firestop Exams helps prepare Specialty Firestop Installation Contractors and Special Inspectors to pass the FM or UL Firestop Exams. Passing the Exams is required for Firestop Contractors to attain and maintain FM 4991 Approved or UL Solutions Qualified Firestop DRI status and for Firestop Inspectors to prove competence to AHJ's or International Accreditation Services IAS AC 291 Special Inspection Agency responsible individual status.

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2024**

**PREMIER BALLROOM**

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12:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Firestop Exam Registration Open
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	Luncheon
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	FCIA Education for the FM & UL Firestop Exams <i>Bill McHugh, FCIA</i>
2:30 pm - 2:45 pm	Break
2:45 pm - 4:15 pm	FCIA Education for the FM & UL Firestop Exams (continued)
4:15 pm - 5:30 pm	Quality Management System Manual Development <i>Brian Bray, UL Solutions   Bill McHugh, FCIA</i>



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## FM & UL FIRESTOP EXAMS

The UL Firestop Exam is an OPEN BOOK exam. UL Exam Participants MUST provide their own electronic or hard copy of the FCIA Manual of Practice. Canadian Specialty Firestop Contractors must also take the Canadian Supplement to the UL Firestop Exam. The FM Firestop Exam DOES NOT allow use of the MOP during the exam.

### PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2024**

**WHITEHORN ROOM**

All times listed are in MDT

7:00 am - 7:30 am Continental Breakfast

7:30 am - 11:30 am FM & UL Firestop Exam for DRI Candidates & Inspection Personnel

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## SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

**8:15 am - 8:45 am**

**FCIA & NFCA: The Visions, The Missions, The Associations, and Canada**

*Bill McHugh, FCIA/NFCA*

You've heard of FCIA and NFCA, maybe you're even a new member, but what exactly do the Firestop Contractors International Association (FCIA) and National Fireproofing Contractors Association (NFCA) do?

In this session, you'll learn about the origins of the organizations, what the missions and guiding principles are, and how both groups advocate and work to further the fire and life safety industries in Canada.

**8:45 am - 9:45 am**

**Breaking Busy - Finding Purpose and Peace in the Chaos**

*Linda Edgcombe, Learning Edge Resources*

It's time to step off the treadmill and get back to purpose-focused workplaces!

The challenges most organizations face are staff burnout, distraction, and an ongoing feeling of overwhelm.

This session equips you with tools to reduce busyness, increase engagement, energy and productivity, and the inspiration to literally take your life back.

Presentation takeaways:

- Discover what the "being busy pace" is doing to our work and personal lives.
- Explore simple steps to move forward when you are in a state of overwhelm.
- Learn strategies and tools to change your busy mindset to a success-ful thrive mindset, including the clarity planning tool.
- Learn how to lead with curiosity, accountability, and positivity.
- Get instant energy from laughing throughout the presentation.

**10:15 am - 11:00 am**

**Recent Fire-Resistance Code Changes**  
*André Laroche, Eng., National Research Council Canada*

The National Research Council (NRC) of Canada is a world-renown organization in egress, fire-resistance, roofing, and many other construction disciplines.

This session focuses on the changes that were introduced with the 2020 edition of the National Model Codes and those proposals currently under review for the 2025 edition. It will provide a brief description of the problem and rationale why the changes were developed.

The presentation will also include a brief overview of the revised code development system under which the National Model Codes will be developed in the future, as well as any potential outstanding items related to Passive Fire Protection that may lead to further revisions.

**11:00 am - 11:45 am**

**ULC Fire-Resistance Standards: What You Need to Know**  
*Don Falconer, P.Eng., Falconer Engineering and Testing*

This session is an introduction and update on ULC Fire Test Standards for both structural fire-resistance AND effective compartmentation.

**1:00 pm - 2:00 pm**

**Introducing ASTM E2307 - New Requirements in the 2025 National Building Code**  
*Tony Crimi, A.C. Consulting Solutions Inc.*

The NBCC and provincial codes have always required continuity of fire separations from exterior wall to exterior wall. The challenge for traditional fire-resistant joint systems is that exterior walls are usually not fire-resistance-rated.

The 2025 edition of the NBCC will specifically

address joints located at the perimeter of buildings, between rated horizontal assemblies and unrated exterior wall and curtain walls assemblies.

This presentation introduces the CAN/ULC-S115/ASTM E2307 requirements for perimeter fire containment joints and identifies the NBCC limitations and exceptions to this new requirement.

## 2:15 pm - 3:00 pm

### Key Issues in Fireproofing in Canada

*Bob Casteel, Isolatak | Sean Donovan, GCP | Aaron French, Contego International Inc. | Donald Long, Isolatak | John Meadows, Carboline*

NFCA Manufacturer Member leaders provide insight - from their perspective - into Canadian fireproofing industry issues in an interactive panel discussion.

## 3:15 pm - 4:00 pm

### Going for a Ride? An Exploration into Passive Fire Protection for Movement Joints

*Robert Belvin, PE, Construction Specialties*

Come join us for a brief ride on the dynamic side of fire resistive joint systems. On this journey, you will learn about code requirements, test standards and the many types of Passive Fire Protection joints. Through the backstretch we will review a multitude of site issues and how to handle them from both the inspector and contractor perspectives.

## 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

### Understanding & Restoring STC Ratings Through Proper Firestopping

*Brad Gover, National Research Council Canada | Tim Mattox, Specified Technologies Inc.*

The primary purpose of firestopping is to contain fire and smoke. But before they are called to perform to their intended design, they may need to serve a dual purpose of reducing sound transmission.

In this course, we will start by explaining the fundamental nature of sound and how it travels as an energized wave through objects. From there we will discuss the differences between lab and field sound transmission testing, how compartment-to-compartment air leakage plays a critical role in sound transmission, and how proper firestopping is effective in solving both fire and sound requirements. We will finish by covering what types of materials and applications are most effective in reducing sound transmission and compare them with materials and applications that are better suited for situations where sound transmission is not critical.

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2024**

## 8:00 am - 9:00 am

### Passive Fire Protection Accreditation Programs

*Brian Bray, UL Solutions | Bill McHugh, FCIA/NFCA*

FCIA worked closely with UL to build the UL Qualified Firestop Contractor Program and FM Approvals for the FM 4991 Standard for the Approval of Firestop Contractors.

NFCA developed the NFCA Contractor Accreditation Program, which supports UL's Qualified SFRM Contractor Program.

Learn more about all three programs, including how to become accredited, how and why to Specify the programs, and more.

## 9:30 am - 10:30 am

### Passive Fire Protection for Combustible Pipes

*Tim Mattox, Specified Technologies Inc. | Scott Milburn, Aquatherm | Matthew Winston, Hilti | Kevin Yong-Ping, P.Eng., IPEX Inc.*

Combustible pipes are being used with increasing regularity in the construction



# SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

industry. But there are obvious limitations to properly firestopping these penetrations.

Hear from this manufacturer panel as they discuss proper firestop installation practices, problem situations, solutions, and more.

**10:30 am - 11:30 am**

## Maintaining Protection - Fire Codes Around the World

*Bill McHugh, FCIA/NFCA*

Detection & Alarms, Sprinklers, Egress Systems, need to have visual and or operational inspection testing and maintenance. Fire codes in Canada and around the world require fire-resistance-rated and smoke-resistive assemblies be ready when called upon by fire.

Learn what different countries state – and how to protect building owners and managers against liability through maintaining passive fire protection in Canada.

selection and analysis. These exams are used for contractor personnel to become FM 4991 Approved Contractor and UL Qualified Contractor Program DRIs.

For Special Inspectors, passing the exam proves firestopping competency to the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ), required by the IBC’s Chapter 17. Passing an exam is also a requirement in IAS AC 291 for the Inspector to become a Responsible Person.

The FCIA Education for the FM & UL Firestop Exam education sessions help prepare individuals and support individual preparation for these rigorous exams, further strengthening and developing firestopping knowledge.

*\*This program IS NO SUBSTITUTE for reading FCIA’s Firestop Manual of Practice and studying the FM & UL program guides and systems selection and analysis before the exams.*

## SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

**1:00 pm - 4:15 pm**

## FCIA Education for the FM & UL Firestop Exams

*Bill McHugh, FCIA*

The FM & UL Firestop Exams are based on FCIA’s Firestop Manual of Practice (MOP), the FM & UL program guides, and systems

**4:15 pm - 5:30 pm**

## Quality Management System Manual Development Education

*Joseph Nunes, FM Approvals | Mark St. Onge, UL Solutions | Rich Walke, CTI*

This session takes an in-depth look at the Quality Management System Manual requirements for the FM 4991 Approved, UL & ULC Qualified Firestop Contractor, and IAS AC 291 Accreditation programs. The session also provides tips and a framework for structuring and writing a comprehensive QMS Manual.



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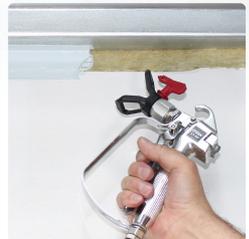
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