

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

December 14, Webinar 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm CST Join NFCA and the 2021 Award of Excellence **Low Rise** Building winners. Companies will share an indepth presentation about the scope and unique challenges of each project. Each presentation is 30 minutes which includes a live Q&A session.

- Low Rise Innovation: LEVEL 5 Inc Facebook MPK-22
- Low Rise Magnitude & Complexity: Rolling Plains Construction Google Bayview

December 21, Webinar 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm CST Join NFCA and the 2021 Award of Excellence **High Rise** Building winners.

- High Rise Industrial: Alfred Miller Contracting Cameron LNG Liquefaction
- High Rise Innovation: Wohl Diversified Services Metropolitan Opera Drive Rack
 Room
- High Rise Magnitude & Complexity: Rolling Plains Construction A Tale of Two Stadiums: SOFI Stadium LA Rams and Allegiant Field Las Vegas

WEBINAR REGISTRATION LINKS WILL BE available December 7th

NFCA IFRM & SFRM Education & Exams Don't miss this opportunity to learn about fireproofing and start the process to becoming a NFCA Designated Responsible Individual. Mark your calendar now for the week of January 12-14, 2022. Additional Details to follow in mid-December.

DID YOU KNOW...

- NFCA's new 2021/2022 Board of Directors was elected at NFCA's Week of Learning Annual Conference in New Orleans. We spent time with new Board Members Daniella Lopez from Nevell Brothers, Inc. and Neal Rivers of Easley and Rivers recently, and glad to welcome them and the <u>existing board</u> to the 2021/2022 NFCA season!
- NFCA's 100, 200, 300 and 400 Standards, the NFCA Contractor Accreditation Program and UL Qualified SFRM Contractor Programs (QCP) appear in specifications? Already NFCA Accredited? Thanks, and that's the first step to UL SFRM QCP Status. Got questions? Call or <u>Email NFCA's office</u> today about the programs.

NFCA Members on LinkedIn – It's great to connect with members

on LinkedIn and post NFCA & NFCA Member activities from time to time. Don't forget to promote your NFCA credentials when you post! NFCA's Contractor Accreditation Program is quite the accomplishment – as is the UL Qualified Fireproofing Contractor Program. Use it to your advantage!



UPDATES:

NFCA had a very successful 2024 International Building Code (IBC) Development Process – with key items approved.

- There now is a new term IFRM in the IBC, formerly known as Intumescent Coatings. We know IFRM's are fireproofing and need to be referred to as fireproofing with UL/ULC listings, installation instructions, and more required to get the installations done right the first time.
- When a roof is occupiable in a building that is at a level of 75' above lowest fire department access, the building would then be classified as a High-Rise Building, meaning additional safety measures are required. This means a fire-resistance-rated roof, just like the floor below.
- A proposal that would allow Performance Based Fire-Design was disapproved.
- Secondary attachments issue resolved. More on this later...
- Added Mezzanine's to Table 601's Footnote b, for better clarity.
- NFCA proposals adding that fireproofing needs to be tested 'with load applied in accordance with acceptance criteria in ASTM E119 and UL 263' were disapproved. The Committee stated, "This is already required by the IBC through standards referenced", which confirms what we thought all along.

NFCA commented on the DRAFT ASTM Standard for special inspection of boards and wrap materials, to be balloted likely before the next face to face meeting in 2022. Look for this standard to be introduced that can be specified immediately after publication. It will likely be ready in time for the development of the International Building Code.

NFCA participated in a ULCanada (ULC) Standards Technical Panel call to discuss the CAN ULC-S101 Fire Test Standards. NFCA is pleased to be involved in the process.

NFCA does a lot behind the scenes, advocating for fire and life safety through fireproofing manufactured, installed, inspected and maintained by those that respect the UL listings and manufacturers instructions. If you are a member, thanks. Without your dues, we can't do what we do at ICC, ASTM, UL, ULC, National Building Code of Canada, and much more. Not a member? <u>Join now</u> and invest in your industry.

SAFETY SECTION:

NFCA Reminder - OSHA 300 Logs Due Soon - The USA Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Form 300 covers injuries and illnesses that occurred during the year. The report, according to OSHA, needs to be filed before year's end. According to OSHA's website, the agency will begin collecting calendar year 2020 Form 300A data on Jan. 2, 2021. Employers must submit the form electronically by March 2, 2021. Electronic submissions are required by establishments with 250 or more employees currently required to keep OSHA injury and illness records, and establishments with 20-249 employees classified



in **<u>specific industries</u>** with historically high rates of occupational injuries and illnesses. Yes, construction is #3 on the list.

Information about the Injury Tracking Application Electronic Submission of Injury and Illness Records is located at the **FAQ page**.

NFCA MEMBER UPDATES:

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

- Welcome New Contractor Member: Caston, Inc. in San Bernardino, CA
- Welcome New Branch Contractor Member: <u>Red Lion (a Tru-Team Co.)</u> in Freehold, NJ

Not a Member Yet?

Membership in NFCA supports educational opportunities specific to fireproofing plus advocacy efforts on behalf of fire safety and the industry. You'll also get great member discounts and access to NFCA's member's only industry

information. JOIN NOW!