

NFCA® ENEWS LETTER

National Fireproofing Contractors Association

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

October 11-15, 2021 NFCA Week of Learning -

It's almost here and it's not too late to join us for an action packed week in New Orleans. For the full agenda and list of industry professional speakers, click [here](#) or Visit [NFCA's Events page](#) to get registered. **Hope to see you in New Orleans.**

**WEEK
OF LEARNING**

NFCA VIRTUAL Education & Exams – NFCA's summer [Education and Exam sessions](#) resulted in 21 people becoming eligible to become DRI's – and several new companies becoming NFCA SFRM or IFRM Accredited. The big accomplishment came when we administered the practical exam to a NFCA Member in India, proving we can expand our reach internationally. Look for another virtual program in late '21 or early '22.

NFCA Education on ASTM E119, UL 263 FREE & ONLINE – Do you have an architect, code official, new staff member to educate about ASTM E119 and UL 263? NFCA recorded a [ASTM E 119 and UL 263 Webinar](#) on key parts of the standards.

As a service to the industry, NFCA developed common 'misinformation' points that we hear from the field and key questions to ask for building code compliance for new construction and existing buildings. The program covers acceptance criteria for horizontal assemblies, beams and columns – when tested in accordance with ASTM E119 and or UL 263.

DID YOU KNOW...

Material Shortages, etc. – With the supply chain issues for various chemicals and insulation, we know NFCA Contractors have had a rough year so far. While on an industry 'town hall', we heard that the issues will be with us for a while. Again, friends at Hendrick Phillips wrote a great article to help you. [Check it out.](#)

NFCA's HAFK & IFRM Thicknesses – The NFCA Handbook of Accepted Fireproofing Knowledge (HAFK) has a section on Extrapolations in Chapter 4, section 4.4 and NFCA's Education for Fireproofing Exams also has a statement as well. If you are a AHJ's (code officials and fire marshals), specifiers with design firms or in independent practice, do you want a FREE PDF Copy of the NFCA HAFK? [Email us](#) and we'll get you a copy.

NFCA & UL's Qualified SFRM Contractor Program

- We've been working with UL's Ruben Sandoval and Mark St. Onge on this new program, launched June, 2020. We know that members are building a quality management system and preparing for audits, and we're excited to see what the future brings.



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Qualified SFRM
Contractor Program

The first step to get started as a UL Qualified SFRM Contractor is a person who has passed the NFCA Education & Exams, that your company appoints as a Designated Responsible Individual – DRI. Half the NFCA Contractor Membership that has been NFCA SFRM Accredited is eligible!

Don't miss out on this opportunity to add another credential to your company, separating

you from the competition – and providing better fire and life safety services. Save up to \$3,000 off the first year's program. Apply before October's NFCA Fireproofing Week October 11-15, 2021. Go to [UL Qualified Contractor](#) for full details. To start the UL Qualification process, contact ruben.sandovaljr@ul.com

NFCA Members on LinkedIn – It's great to connect with members on LinkedIn and post NFCA & NFCA Member activities from time to time. It's also really gratifying to see NFCA contractor members posting some very impressive work online. And, it's also awesome that manufacturer members GCP Applied Technologies, Isolatek, and others are recognizing the achievements of NFCA Members on LinkedIn. 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 @ ICC Code Development Process – NFCA travelled to Pittsburgh for ICC's Public Comment Hearings Sept. 22-24. NFCA's proposals that were APPROVED at the Committee Action Hearings went to the 'consent agenda', and will be part of the 2024 International Building Code. New requirements for - -



- **Secondary Attachments** does not include steel wire holding up ceiling grid.
- **NEW IFRM & SFRM Terms** – Aligned the codes with the NFCA Handbook of Accepted Fireproofing Knowledge – Intumescent Fire Resistive Materials (IFRM) and Sprayed Fire-Resistive Materials SFRM. IFRM was formerly known as 'Mastics'. Roofing has mastics, we have IFRM.
- **NEW High-Rise Definition** - Where an occupiable rooftop is used, it counts as a story for the calculation of a High-Rise building – protecting people as if they were on the floor below.
- **ICC Committee Confirms, "ASTM E119 and UL 263 for horizontal assemblies need testing – FULL SCALE, LOAD APPLIED**, using the acceptance criteria in the Standards".
- Much more...

These were just a few of the victories we had at the Code Development Hearings for the IBC and International Fire Code. Know that your NFCA continues to promote the importance fire-resistance in buildings. Watch for a full report at [NFCA's Week of Learning](#).

NFCA @ ASTM – NFCA participates at the ASTM E605 and ASTM E736 discussions at ASTM. We'll meet virtually in October to talk about new developments in inspecting SFRM and IFRM Fireproofing. Also, there is a new standard under development for Boards and Wraps that will be balloted soon.

NFCA @ UL & ULC STP – The UL 263 and ULC-S101 are both under the consensus of Standards Technical Panels. NFCA's Bill McHugh was appointed to both the UL 263 and the ULC-S-101 STP's recently. Virtual meetings are planned for this fall and winter. NFCA is working throughout the world to bring the field perspective to the standards development process at both UL and ASTM.

SAFETY SECTION:

US President Biden announced that the US Dept. of Labor will issue an Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) requiring employers with 100 or more employees to ensure their employees either get vaccinated against COVID-19 or undergo weekly testing. When published in the Federal Register, the ETS will become effective immediately in states under OSHA jurisdiction. The [22 states with State OSHA plans](#) will have 30 days to issue rules at least as effective as the federal ETS standard.

There are still questions outstanding – How is 100 calculated? is it 100 employees at any time or an average of 100 throughout the year?

NFCA's friends at [Hendrick Phillips](#) assembled a summary of this new mandate, from a construction lawyers perspective. Watch [OSHA's website](#) for details. Keep an eye on the [federal register](#), referenced in the President's Executive Order.



NFCA MEMBER UPDATES:

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

- **WELCOME NEW CONTRACTOR MEMBER** [Dale Construction, LLC](#)
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- **NEW PDE at UL** – We at NFCA wish Luke Woods well as the new Director, Science and Engineering Governance at UL – corporate wide. Kevin Hyland joins the team at UL as the new PDE, Principal Development Engineer for all the fire-resistance disciplines. Fireproofing, firestopping, fire-dampers, fire-rated glazing, rolling and swinging fire-doors are all part of his responsibility. We're looking forward to meeting Kevin virtually at [NFCA's Week of Learning](#).

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