



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

October 11-15, 2021 NFCA Week of Learning

is officially "in the books". Despite hurricanes and pandemics, NFCA managed to bring a quality in-person conference with a variety of industry specialists speaking on numerous topics. Survey's have already gone out AND the conference was rated "High/Very High" among 95% of attendees who responded. Additional comments included:

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- *"This is our most important conference of the year and it was a great success for the team. Fantastic job putting the conference together. I thought everything was top-notch and flowed very well."*
- *"It was nice seeing everyone and thank you all for your hard work, it was a great experience!"*

2022 Week of Learning will be announced in December. Look for additional details then---

NFCA IFRM & SFRM Education & Exams During the Week of Learning, NFCA held the IFRM & SFRM [Education and Exam sessions](#). We are please to announce that 17 people passed the exams and are accredited with eligibility to become DRI's. Look for another virtual program in late '21 or early '22.

Award of Excellence Winners Announced! Congratulations to the 2021 NFCA Award of Excellence winners:

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

In December, NFCA will host webinars to feature all of the winning projects. Dates will be posted on the NFCA website as soon as confirmed.

November 17, 2021 Webinar 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm CST Join NFCA and a representative from Hendrick, Phillips, Salzman & Siegel, P.C. to discuss material issues facing the construction industry, focusing on contract provisions for price escalation, uncertain material availability, delays and more! While the Fireproofing industry has been in good shape, we don't know when shortages or material price escalation will hit NFCA Members. Don't Miss this! Check out [NFCA's Resource Pages](#) for information provided last April. Additional Details will be posted on www.nfca-online.org in the following week.

DID YOU KNOW...

During the Week of Learning the attendees split up into 4 discussion groups to talk about the following important industry topics:

- Contractor Issues with Steve Winston as lead. Key items included GC's understanding what to buy, when purchasing fireproofing installations.
- Codes & Standards with Bill McHugh leading the group. Top questions/concerns included new definitions for SFRM & IFRM, what attachments are to be fireproofed and much more.
- Safety - lead by John Taglienti and Jon Wohl discussed concerns about safety and quickly decided to join the Contractor Issues group because this is a big Contractors concern.
- Education - spearheaded by NFCA's President Carl Fernald. Attendees expressed the need for a career path for workers entering, and those already participating in the fireproofing industry.

Watch for more as NFCA's Committees start work on 2022 goals.

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 – We are waiting to hear from ICC the results of the 'Online Governmental Consensus Vote (OGCV)' on a NFCA code proposal that provides safety for those on occupiable rooftops less than 'high-rise', occupied floor or occupied roof 75' above lowest fire department access. When the rooftop is occupiable, the building needs to be able to protect the people on top as if they were on the floor below. Several other proposals were approved, disapproved. Don't miss NFCA's webinar on the ICC 2024 Code Development Cycle after the OGCV is complete.



NFCA @ UL & ULC STP – NFCA's Bill McHugh was appointed to both the ULC 101 and UL 263 Standards Technical Panels. NFCA now participates as part of the development process for the standards working with manufacturers, consultants, academics and other stakeholders for safe fire-resistance standards. We look forward to participating, with input from the NFCA Technical Standards and Canada Committees.

SAFETY SECTION:

Silica continues to be a top concern around safety. At NFCA's Atlanta Conference, 2017, Hilarie Warren, CSP, a research specialist from Georgia Tech's Research Institute, presented about the 'new' silica exposure rules. Still getting questions on

Silica? Check out NFCA's MEMBERS ONLY Resources page and also the [OSHA](#) website silica sections. Presentations are still posted.



NFCA MEMBER UPDATES:

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

- **Congratulations to Carol Schary**, Nathan Kimmel Company Owner, nominated for LA Times Inspirational Woman Award! Full Press Release can be found [here](#).
- **Congratulations to Jonathan Humble**, Regional Director of AISI's Construction Technical Program, as Honorary Member of International Code Council. Full details found [here](#).

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