



NFCA Fireproofing Educational Virtual Conference Agenda
September 22, 23 & 24 – 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Central Daylight Time

Tuesday, September 22

- 10:30 – 10:50 Welcome & Association Update – Martin Rodriguez, NFCA President & Bill McHugh, NFCA Executive Director
- 10:50 – 11:00 NFCA Award of Excellence Announcement – Howard Towler, NFCA Director Emeritus
- 11:00 – 11:45 The Construction Economy – Ken Simonson, Chief Economist, The Associated General Contractors of America
- 11:45 – 12:15 NFCA Sponsors’ Forum – Nathan Kimmel, GCP Applied Technologies, Hy-Flex Corporation, Isolotek International and GRACO
- 12:15 – 12:25 Break
- 12:25 – 12:40 NFCA Award of Excellence Project Highlight
Keith Kennedy, President, Aries Contracting (Ottawa) Inc.
Dr. Georges L. Dumont University Hospital Energy Center, Moncton, NB, Canada
Winner—Innovation in Fireproofing Solutions, Low-Rise Buildings 2020
- 12:40 – 1:20 Project Management – Curt Baske, GCP Applied Technologies
With over 30-years experience in the field in a contractor, manufacturer environment, Curt has seen all kinds of fireproofing issues. Curt shares key experiences in fireproofing field operations providing Project Management tips all can use.
- 1:20 – 2:00 Codes Forward – What’s Coming in the International Building Code (IBC) 2021 or 2024?
National Building Code of Canada’s (NBCC) 2020 Code, Bill McHugh & Rich Walke

Wednesday, September 23

- 10:30 – 10:35 Welcome
- 10:35 – 10:50 NFCA Award of Excellence Project Highlight
Tareq Farouk ElSayed, Engineer, Isam Kabbani & Partners for Construction and Maintenance, CRES Division, Jazan Refinery & Marine Terminal Project, Jizan, Saudi Arabia
Winner—2020 Industrial Category
- 10:50 – 11:30 Potential Liability and How to Protect Your Business – Karen Layng, JD, M.A.I.T. Co.
This session asks you to look at your business liability, and make an assessment about your proposals, claims and contracts. Attorney Karen Layng, Esq., provides key insights into ‘spoilation’ and other topics to help you protect your business.

- 11:30 – 12:00 NFCA Sponsors’ Forum – PDQequipment, Carboline, Estimating Edge, Sherwin Williams and OPCMIA-ITF
- 12:00 – 12:10 Break
12:10 – 1:15 “Top 10” List from the Manufacturers – Sean Canfield, Isolatek; John Dalton, GCP Applied Technologies; George Guanci, Sherwin Williams; Ernst Toussaint, HILTI; and Sean Younger, Carboline Company
Hear top perspectives from the NFCA Member Manufacturer Perspectives about top questions and issues from fireproofing contractors.
- 1:15 – 1:45 Speed Core Buildings – Charlie Carter, President, AISC
The AISC’s CEO brings NFCA the AISC’s strategy to building steel structures faster and more economically, resulting in more steel buildings.
- 1:45 – 2:00 NFCA Award of Excellence Project Highlight
Julie Swartz, Project Manager, Performance Contracting, Inc.
Rainier Square Office Tower, Seattle, WA, Winner—2020 High-Rise Buildings

Thursday, September 24

- 10:30 – 10:35 Welcome
- 10:35 – 10:50 NFCA Award of Excellence Project Highlight
Tom Anderson, Senior Project Executive, Rolling Plains Construction, Inc.
Apple AC2—Apple Park, Cupertino, CA,
Winner—Magnitude and Complexity—Low-Rise Buildings 2020
- 10:50 – 11:30 UL Qualified SFRM Contractor Program – Ruben Sandoval, UL
NFCA and UL have relaunched the UL Qualified Contractor Program. UL’s Ruben Sandoval, will go through the benefits of this program for your company, the requirements and the step by step process for a contractor.
- 11:30 – 11:50 NFCA Sponsor’s Forum – Hilti, Strong Manufacturing and Albi Protective Coatings
- 11:50 – 12:00 Break
- 12:00 – 12:45 The Business Side of Contracting - Kevin Dougherty
Kevin’s programs are always action packed with tips for fireproofing contractors, manufacturers and equipment and suppliers. His real-world presentation style brings the construction industry business environment to us at NFCA.
- 12:45 – 1:30 Fire-Resistance & Safety, Performance Based Structural/Fire Building Design, Restrained & Unrestrained Ratings, and the future – Jose Torero
- 1:30 – 2:00 Closing