

NFCA® ENEWS LETTER

National Fireproofing Contractors Association

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

August 31, 2021 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

NFCA Webinar: The Silent Barrier: Testing and Certification for Structural Steel Fire Resistive Materials to ASTM E119 Carboline Company will lead this webinar with Sean Younger, *Fireproofing Sales & Technical Specialist*; and Stuart Bradbury, *Product Line Manager* | *Global Fireproofing*

REGISTER NOW

Aug. 31 – Sept. 2, 2021 UL's Building Innovation Summit 2021

This three-day virtual event will feature informative sessions given by UL safety experts on a range of topics impacting the built environment, safety, and security. Hear what industry experts have to say about:

- Enhancing safety and security in uncertain times
- Innovations for a brighter tomorrow
- Building strong foundations for a safer future

REGISTER NOW: <https://www.ul.com/events/building-innovation-summit-2021>

October 11-15, 2021 NFCA Week of Learning - Join us for an action packed week. The week kicks off with NFCA's Education for SFRM and IFRM Exams that starts the process to become an NFCA Accredited Contractor DRI. The week continues with the Annual Conference & Elections, including Award of Excellence winners, insights from LA State Fire Marshal Butch Browning; GC's perspective on fireproofing from Pepper Construction's Corey Zussman; Legal Issues with Karen Layng, Esq.; the top 10 questions on fireproofing, and much more. Visit [NFCA's Events page](#) for info and to get registered.

COVID & NFCA's Conference - We are watching the 'Delta variant' that's appearing in the USA and beyond. As to NFCA's Conference in October, we have a good turnout so far for registration. And, we know that there will be people who might travel in 60 days from now, and those that will not.

NFCA has been planning this to be a 'Hybrid' conference – with both in-person and virtual options. Rest assured, NFCA is watching this closely. Today's New Orleans "NOLA.gov" website shows that a meeting of our size is still possible. We will have to watch the situation as we get closer for regulations that might change this.

<https://ready.nola.gov/incident/coronavirus/safe-reopening/>

We hope to see you in New Orleans...or if not, virtually sometime soon.

NFCA went Virtual with it's IFRM & SFRM Education & Exams

We had a great Education and Exam Session in June/July with 23 people attending and IFRM practical exam given – all remotely. This new opportunity will be great for NFCA Members from Canada, Middle East, India, and the Far East expanding our reach globally. Look for the next virtual education and exams likely this winter.

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 @ NFPA Meetings The development of the 2024 version of NFPA 101, *The Life Safety Code*, and NFPA 5000, *Building, Construction and Safety Code*, is going full steam ahead. Committee meetings are taking place for the occupancy chapters, with results being recirculated for ballot. The Fireproofing Industry had no real issues to handle this cycle.

NFCA @ ASTM There have not been face to face meetings at the ASTM Standards Development Process since Oct. 2019. The upcoming October ASTM Meetings will bring the fireproofing industry together to discuss ASTM E605, ASTM E736, the new Inspection Standards and also inspection standards for Board and Wrap Fireproofing.

NFCA @ ICC The NFCA's spring code development cycle brought some victories though approved proposals. In late September, we'll be in Pittsburgh to defend our victories and watch for public comments on defeated proposals that don't seem



Special Inspection & Fireproofing – Fireproofing inspection – SFRM & IFRM has been in the International Building Code’s Chapter 17 requirements – by name – for decades. Boards and wraps are inferred to have special inspection in Chapter 17 also. NFCA’s Fireproofing Education & Exams is the perfect place to get educated and provide proof of competency required by the International Building Code’s Chapter 17 requirements.

Plus, we’re working at the National Building Code of Canada’s code development process to have fireproofing inspection mandated by the code as well.

NFCA Committees – At the Orlando NFCA Conference, Oct. 2019, NFCA’s Board set a goal to get committees more active at the association. Since then, we’ve had board and member participation in the Code, Accreditation, Education and Program Committee. Interested in the newly forming Membership Committee? Other committees? NFCA’s Board of Directors approves committee members for committees. Check them out [here](#), or email kriston@nfcs-online.org if you are interested.

SAFETY SECTION:

Even though we are at the end of summer in the North, it’s still hot in other parts of the world. This month’s focus on HEAT STRESS is timely as it can be life threatening. It is important that people recognize some of the signs of heat stress on the body.

Here are a few symptoms to watch for:

- cool moist skin with goose bumps when in the heat
- heavy sweating
- fatigue
- weak but rapid pulse
- low blood pressure upon standing
- muscle cramps
- nausea
- headache



For further information on heat stress, refer to one of the following websites:

1. <https://www.osha.gov/heat-exposure>
2. <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/index.html>
3. <https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/heat-exhaustion/diagnosis-treatment/drc-20373253>

NFCA MEMBER UPDATES:

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

- Best Wishes to Kurt Neff, Isolatek International's Vice President of Sales & Marketing, on his retirement after 42 years with the company. Kurt has been involved in the fireproofing industry for decades and his contributions to it and the NFCA were significant.

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!**

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