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NFCA® ENEWS LETTER

National Fireproofing Contractors Association

WHAT'S COMING UP...

NFCA's Webinar Series

Join **Bill McHugh** and a **Panel of NFCA Manufacturer Members** that will provide insight into the procedures for repairing Sprayed Fire-Resistive Materials (SFRM), Intumescent Fire-Resistive Materials (IFRM), Boards and Wraps used for fireproofing structural building elements and assemblies – in NEW and EXISTING BUILDINGS.



NFCA Webinar - September 8, 2022 (Thursday): 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm CDT
TOPIC: Fireproofing Repairs in New Construction & Existing Buildings

DID YOU KNOW...

Steel Lath Report - NFCA Member Chris Little, ClarkDietrich, notified us with an update on **Steel Industry Issues**. His comments are that with the recent uptick in interest rates, and Inflation surging...the demand on steel has dropped & consequently, the costs have flattened through the summer and decreased in last month.

For the rest of 2022, it seems demand & steel costs will likely be flat, with 2023 looking to be about the same. There will be lots of political speculation going into the 3 Quarter 2023, creating market volatility. The **Supply Chain Issues** should be reducing, and supply for metal lath should be good, with lead-times not greater than 30 days. However, he stated that "Stainless Steel Laths are in shorter supply, with costs still high and lead-times longer due to M....T....O... ??? (MTO) conditions".

Chris' recommendation is, "If you need to quote a substantial quantity of metal lath, = 1000 sheets = 18,000 SF – get with your local supplier and try to get price protection for as long as you may need it.

And, don't expect to get a longer quote than 100 days, so update quotes with suppliers along the way prior to buy-out. Consider buying lath needs strategically to control this part of the job cost.

NFCA is able to do what it does in the industry - by your company continuing on as a member by paying dues! NFCA Webinar Series, NFCA Week of Learning, LIVE and VIRTUAL Education & Exams for NFCA's Contractor Accreditation Program (CAP), NFCA Handbook of Accepted Fireproofing Knowledge, much more don't happen without your company being a member. So, thanks to existing members for your continued support and Welcome to NEW MEMBERS.

To continue NFCA's ability to serve protecting buildings through structural fire resistance, **NFCA's summer membership drive is underway**. We've had 3 new members in the last 2 weeks, and more in the pipeline. Do you know a company that's not a member that should be? Just forward their name to Kriston@NFCA-online.org.

NFCA CAP DRI is needed to get rolling in the UL Qualified SFRM Contractor Program? UL's Qualified SFRM Contractor Program is a great way to differentiate yourself from the competition. Create

your own luck – ‘We’re BOTH NFCA Accredited AND UL Qualified – what about the other contractor?? Need info? Reach out to Ruben.SandovalJR@ul.com to get your program started.

Does your company want to get SFRM and/or IFRM Accredited?- NFCA’s Contractor Accreditation Program starts with an individual passing the NFCA SFRM or IFRM Fireproofing Exam. Once the Contractor pays the fees and agrees to terms, the company can appoint the person a Designated Responsible Individual (DRI). The next NFCA Education for the SFRM and IFRM Fireproofing Exams is November 9-11, 2022. Start getting ready now by studying the NFCA HAFK.

Do you have a HAFK yet? The **NFCA Handbook of Fireproofing Knowledge (HAFK)** is an important resource tool for Fireproofing Contractors and Fireproofing Inspection agencies. It’s the study guide for the NFCA’s SFRM & IFRM Fireproofing Exams. NFCA Members receive a deep discount. Buy now to study for the Fall ‘22 VIRTUAL Spring ‘23 WEEK OF LEARNING Fireproofing Exams to become a Designated Responsible Individual (DRI) in the Contractor Accreditation Program or a UL Qualified SFRM Contractor DRI. Consider having multiple people take the exams – at all levels of your company. It adds value to your business. [CLICK HERE TO ORDER NOW](#)

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UPDATES:

NFCA’s Board of Directors meets Sept. 8 in Chicago to review current status, and plan for the future. The Volunteer Board of Directors meets in both VIRTUAL and LIVE setting to chart NFCA’s course for the future. When you see the Board at the next meeting, say thanks!

[2022 NFCA Board of Directors](#)

NFCA Heads to International Code Council Hearings in Louisville, KY Sept. 14 to participate in the ICC Public Comment Hearings. Issues such as Performance Based Structural Fire Design, Fire-Resistance and Fire-Safety, Occupiable Rooftops, will be debated during the hearings. **NFCA’s Code and Manufacturer Committee** are meeting virtually in early September to discuss these issues.

NFCA at ASTM – Coming up in Mid October, discussions about ASTM E605, *Standard Test Methods for Thickness and Density of Sprayed Fire-Resistive Material (SFRM) Applied to Structural Members*, ASTM E736, *Standard Test Method for Cohesion/Adhesion of Sprayed Fire-Resistive Materials to Structural Members*, along with several other standards. We look forward to seeing our friends at ASTM, and building better standards for consistent inspections.

**SAFETY
SECTION:**



When on jobsites, do you and your workers think about the two ways out of a building if you have to evacuate? No, that doesn’t include the exterior elevator. Evacuations are discussed in great detail in the US Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s website. Click Here-- [Evacuation Plans and Procedures eTool](#)

In Canada, the Canadian Centre for Occupational and Health Safety has several resources, including this [Canadian Emergency Management Checklist](#).

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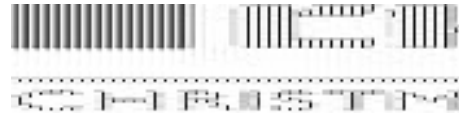
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NFCA MEMBER UPDATES:

Did your company promote someone? Retirement?
Exciting company news? Let us know! Email
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Welcome the following New NFCA Contractor Members:

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[Not a NFCA Member Yet?](#)

Membership in NFCA supports educational opportunities specific to fireproofing plus advocacy efforts on behalf of fireproofing - fire safety and the industry.

You'll also get great member discounts and access to NFCA's member's only industry information.

Three types of memberships available! For Detailed information [**Go HERE**](#) and [**JOIN NOW!**](#)



Don't forget to connect with members on LinkedIn and post NFCA & NFCA Member activities from time to time.

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