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ENEWS LETTER

WHAT'S HAPPENED, WHAT'S COMING UP...

NFCA has done a lot this year...

Technical Code – NFCA's participation at the International Code Council's Code Development Process has kept the structural fire-resistance concept front and center. We changed the terms Intumescent Mastic and Intumescent Coatings - yes two terms for the same thing – to Intumescent Fire-Resistive Materials (IFRM). Code officials commented, "This is not paint or coating, it's FIREPROOFING, with specific manufacturer's instructions and a listing that needs to be respected."

Technical Standards – A NFCA "Standard Practice for IFRM Finish" task group has been exchanging emails setting up for a virtual meeting in early '23. We've heard the call to define what finish level is expected for IFRM's, and NFCA Members will collaborate to get this done.

NFCA's Bill McHugh was appointed to UL/ULC's Standards Technical Panel for UL 263 and CAN/ULC-S101. We're honored to bring jobsite knowledge to the UL/ULC standards development process.

At ASTM, we work with our manufacturer partners to make the standards reflect real world project conditions.

Technical Education – We're retooling the Fireproofing Special Inspection education program, so it reflects today's requirements, and are adding a lot more pictures so the program comes alive. Look for work on the NFCA Education for Fireproofing Exams too as we review the program and add new content.

Program – NFCA's Program Committee met to recommend educational programs for the upcoming [NFCA Week of Learning](#) in Charlotte, NC, USA. Should be great.

NFCA's Board of Directors – Met in December to review 2022, and set some sights on 2023. We're Thankful for all the work the Board does to set strategic direction for NFCA.

What's Coming UP?

Thanks for being NFCA Members. It is your dues that make the actions above possible. NFCA can't represent the fireproofing industry at places it needs to be - International Code Council, National Building Code of Canada at the National Research Council of Canada, ASTM, UL/ULC, NFPA - and other organizations without your financial support of the association. NFCA's Office sent NFCA Membership Renewals recently. Tackle the envelope, and paying online makes it easy.

NFCA Week of Learning – March 27-31, 2023 Charlotte, NC (Registration & Sponsor Opportunities will be posted early January) Contractor Members get 1 free attendee. NOT a member? NOW is the perfect time to apply and get your 1 free attendee badge. See details below.

NFCA Award of Excellence (AOE) Call for Entries OPEN for NFCA Contractor Members

Deadline is January 31, 2023

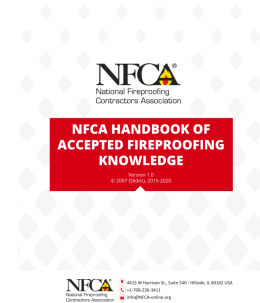
NEW FORMAT THIS YEAR– Each entry is judged by NFCA Contractor Member Companies and will be anonymous. Don't delay -- Get your entry in NOW before the Holiday rush!

- [NFCA AOE Rules](#)
- [NFCA Entry Form](#)
- NFCA Entry [Powerpoint Template](#) or [NFCA Word Template](#) (Please contact Kriston@nfca-

DID YOU KNOW...

Do you have a NFCA HAFK yet? The **NFCA Handbook of Fireproofing Knowledge (HAFK)** is the study guide for the NFCA's SFRM & IFRM Fireproofing Exams – the first step to NFCA Contractor Accreditation and UL Qualified Fireproofing Contractor status. Leading Fireproofing Contractors and Fireproofing Inspection Agencies keep this document as a 3rd party proof source to use during project related discussions when making a point.

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Got A Fireproofing Question? We don't promise to have all the answers, but do provide members with resources they can use to make decisions. Feel free to [email us](#) when you get stumped.

THANKS TO NFCA GOLD SUPPLIER MEMBERS:



SAFETY SECTION:

The US Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) section 1910.134(c) is the requirement dealing with a *Respiratory protection program*. It might seem apparent that if a respirator is not required, the employer has no responsibility to make employees aware of the standard.

Not so! Section 1910.134 (c) **Appendix D** as it relates to the voluntary use of dust masks and respirators does in fact set contractor employer's responsibility for making employees aware of the standard, and procedures for safe use of respiratory protection. Check out the what employers need to communicate, based on OSHA's standard, directed to the employee, below:

You should do the following:

- 1. Read and heed all instructions provided by the manufacturer on use, maintenance, cleaning and care, and warnings regarding the respirator's limitations.*
- 2. Choose respirators certified for use to protect against the contaminant of concern. NIOSH, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, certifies respirators. A label or statement of certification should appear on the respirator or respirator packaging. It will tell you what the respirator is designed for and how much it will protect you.*
- 3. Do not wear your respirator into atmospheres containing contaminants which your respirator is not designed to protect against. For example, a respirator designed to filter dust particles will not protect you against gases, vapors, or very small solid particles of fumes or smoke.*
- 4. Keep track of your respirator so that you do not mistakenly use someone else's respirator.*

[63 FR 1152, Jan. 8, 1998; 63 FR 20098, April 23, 1998]

For our friends in Canada, check out the Canadian Center for Occupational Health and Safety sections on [respiratory protection/respirator use and selection](#).

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

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