

NFCA® ENEWS LETTER

National Fireproofing Contractors Association

WHAT'S COMING UP...

CALL FOR ENTRIES - Deadline 2/26/22

2022 NFCA Award of Excellence Call for Entries

Running Late? Email [Kriston](#) for an extension

The NFCA Award of Excellence recognizes NFCA Contractor Members for an exceptional fireproofing project, new construction or existing building, that demonstrates innovation and safety, in the categories of Low-Rise and High-Rise Buildings.

- Project entries must have been completed between January 2020 - January, 2022.
- Only NFCA Contractor Members may submit entries.
- Winners will be announced at the 2022 NFCA Week of Learning Conference.



For additional information and Entry Form - [Click Here](#)

APRIL | TEMPE
18-22, 2022 **ARIZONA**

WEEK OF LEARNING



[The Westin Tempe](#)

Yes, spring will be here sooner than we know and there's a lot going on April 18-22 in Tempe, AZ. Don't miss some great educational sessions with opportunities to become NFCA and UL DRI's, or get a Fireproofing Achievement Certificate as an inspector.

Join NFCA at the Westin Tempe, an 'in-town' location, for NFCA's [IFRM and SFRM Fireproofing Education & Exams](#) April 18-20. After the exams, we will have industry updates, education, relationship building with new contacts with contractors, manufacturers, equipment suppliers and much more Weds. Afternoon April 20, through Friday Noontime April 21. Agenda to be posted soon!

Sponsorship/Tabletops are available to NFCA Manufacturer and Associate Members.

Go to [NFCA's Week of Learning Registration](#) for additional details.

NFCA FREE Webinar March 17 compares and contrasts several different Fire-Resistance and Reaction to Fire test standards. Learn the differences between UL 263 and ULC-S-101, ASTM E84 and UL723, UL 1709. The fire test standards are how manufacturers determine fire-resistance ratings, reaction to fire values, and more. [Register today](#).

DID YOU KNOW...

NFCA Members have access to all past webinar recordings? Do you have a code official, fire marshal, specifier or architect, general contractor that you want to educate about fireproofing? What about your office staff? NFCA's February 22 Webinar Recording, "ASTM E119 and UL263" – with Rich Walke as host, is now available at [NFCA's Member's Only Page](#). This webinar is the capstone of Fireproofing Education.

NFCA has a variety of [NFCA Committees](#) that members can join?

- **Accreditation Committee** – Works with NFCA's SFRM, IFRM Contractor Accreditation Program and also the UL Qualified SFRM Fireproofing Contractor Program.
- **Technical Code & Standards Committee** – This committee provides input to ASTM and UL, other standards developers inputting important field perspectives to the process.
- **Technical Education Committee** – This new committee is just getting started. The future education for project managers, estimators, workforce, are targets.
- **Program Committee** – NFCA's Conference topics and locations are decided by this committee, and NFCA's staff.

NFCA's Committees will be meeting during the NFCA Week of Learning.

Visit www.NFCA-online.org to learn about the committees, and sit in on a committee meeting where you might have interest.

NFCA Board – [NFCA's Board of Director](#) volunteers their time and talent to help steer the NFCA's direction. We have met virtually in December and February to review where we are, and look forward into '22's actions for the association, and the industry. When you see Board Members at the NFCA's Week of Learning Education Conference, thank them. Consider joining a committee, then maybe even running for the Board of Directors. Your investment in volunteer time pays dividends – personally and professionally.

NFCA's Standards – [NFCA 100, 200, 300, 400](#), were developed to provide 3rd party resources for contractors and others to use when educating staff? When proving a point to a customer or inspector? Check the standards out!

NFCA's Executive Director, Bill McHugh & NFCA Consultant, Rich Walke, have been advocating on behalf of the fireproofing industry this month. We submitted code proposals to the State of Florida's code development process – proposing that special inspection of fireproofing be part of the FL Building Code. We attended several ICC Fire Code Action Committee Meetings, to be sure ASTM E119 and UL 263 are the basis for fire-resistance design. Watch for more as activities unfold.

UPDATES:

NFCA VIRTUAL Education & Exams – NFCA conducted another successful VIRTUAL IFRM & SFRM Fireproofing Education and Exams with for 10 individuals – who passed and are now eligible to become NFCA and UL DRI's. We also had one special inspector who took the class and can now show competence through the NFCA's Certificate. The next **[NFCA IFRM & SFRM Education and Exams](#)** course offering in person during the Week of Learning April 18-20, 2022

NFCA @ ICC Code Development Process – The International Building Code Administrative and Structural Chapters are to be debated at ICC's Committee Action Hearings in Rochester, NY in Late March, early April. We'll attend and provide input in both chapters. Visit **www.ICCSafe.org** to watch the hearings LIVE March 28-April 11.

NFCA @ ASTM -NFCA provided input to the new ASTM Standard for Inspecting Boards and Wraps used for Fireproofing. A ballot is out currently for that standard, and two others on SFRM and IFRM. Watch for more on these standards as the year progresses.

NFCA @ UL/ULC STP – The ULC Standards Technical Panel met for the first time in several years. We were glad to participate, and look forward to working with the new Primary Development Engineer for Fire-Resistance, Kevin Hyland. Kevin will participate at NFCA's Week of Learning too.

SAFETY SECTION:

Fireproofing Hose Whip Restraints - If a hose connection is pressurized and its failure could cause a hazardous situation, it is required to have a "hose whip check". The requirements for these Hose Whips is found in **[OSHA 29CFR 1926.603](#)**. While the reference is for pile driving equipment, the standard can apply to fireproofing hoses under pressure as well. References can also be found in the **[US Army Corps of Engineers document 1.G.02 and 20.A.02](#)**.



The Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) makes reference to a **[mechanical means of securing hose connections](#)**.

As many fireproofing contractor pump pressures have increased in the past few years, checking these whip check devices on projects is a good way to ensure that the contractor is in compliance. Complying with many of these CCOHS and OSHA standards, or other documents, and also help to ensure the safety of our employees.

NFCA MEMBER UPDATES:

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

Many thanks to the contractors, manufacturers and associate members who have renewed dues for 2022. Your commitment to NFCA allows us to represent the industry at code development hearings, standards development, provide webinars, build chapters in the NFCA Handbook of Accepted Fireproofing Knowledge, provide NFCA and UL Accreditation Programs for Fireproofing Contractors, and much more. Your Membership at NFCA is appreciated.

Haven't renewed yet? Don't forget, you get one person admission at NFCA's Educational Conference April 20-22 in Tempe, AZ. All you need to do is get there, and pay for hotel. Renew now to support NFCA's efforts, and get some time in the sun at the same time.

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. **JOIN NOW!**

