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National Fireproofing Contractors Association

WHAT'S COMING UP...

NFCA's Webinar Series - Don't miss NFCA's webinars. They are always packed with information, and our Q&A sessions can go on for almost as long as the presentations--great real time interaction.

NFCA Webinar - Nov. 15, 2022 (Tuesday): 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Central Time
TOPIC: *NFCA Action Updates on the 2024 Code Development Process and More!*



This program will cover the details of what happened at the recent ICC Public Comment Hearings where the NFCA Team provided testimony which was successful at defending code provisions important to your industry. In addition, hear a recap of significant changes which have occurred throughout the current code cycle. Want to know what's coming for 2024's IBC? Don't miss this webinar! [Register NOW](#).

Mark Your Calendars now for December webinar
December 13 1:00 pm NFCA 2022 Wrap Up - What has NFCA done in'22? LOTS! We'll provide detail updates.

November 9-11, 2022 IFRM & SFRM EDUCATION & EXAMS

It's not too late to register for the NFCA IFRM and/or SFRM Virtual Education & Exams program. NFCA offers this Virtual option only twice a year. Don't wait. For detailed agenda click [HERE](#). or [Register NOW!](#)

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. [CLICK HERE TO ORDER NOW](#)

SAVE THE DATE! NFCA's Week of Learning will be March 28-31, 2023. Details will be posted on the website soon.

DID YOU KNOW...

NFCA's Education & Accreditation Programs have a great following. NFCA's contractor and inspection agency member companies are sending more staff through NFCA's Fireproofing Education, to separate their companies from others. Over half of NFCA's Membership is NFCA SFRM or IFRM Accredited, using this to make their companies better, and beat the competition. UL's Qualified Fireproofing Contractor Program provides even more opportunities to make your company stand out amongst many.

Last virtual program of the year November 9-11, 2022. There's still time to register. See details above.

UPDATES:

IFRM Finish Best Practice – NFCA’s Task Group for Intumescent Fire-Resistive Material Finish best practices formed last month. The Task Group, headed by Tom Anderson, Rolling Plains, has recruited the major IFRM manufacturers and contractors and already started sharing information. Looking forward to virtual meetings through the winter and recommendations as fast as they can assemble them. Thanks to all participating.

NFCA’s Board of Directors met September 9 at an in person meeting for the first time since 2019. It was great to be part of the environment – LIVE - that creates a productive Board of Directors. Your NFCA Board did well during COVID times, but is even more productive when meeting face to face. Thank the **board members** for their service to the industry. Interested in becoming a Board Member? Email bill@NFCA-online.org or give us a call.

ASTM Meetings - NFCA participated at ASTM Committee E06 Meetings week of Oct. 17 in New Orleans. Industry leaders came together to discuss updating 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*, in addition to upcoming standards for inspecting Boards and Wraps, Intumescent Fire-Resistive Materials. The Board and Wrap document will provide a standard inspection method for this type of fireproofing, much needed. Watch for more on this in an active 2023 ASTM season.

IBC Update - International Building Code (IBC) Development process is moving along as the Online Governmental Consensus Vote is going on now. After all code official e-Votes are tallied, the International Code Council (ICC) hears any challenges to proposals. Following, the Board of Directors then approve the document for publication. This likely is a mid '23 schedule. Performance based structural fire design proposals were disapproved, and will NOT be in the 2024 IBC. Don't miss NFCA's 'sneak peak' at the proposals that passed, and did not pass.

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.

SAFETY SECTION:



Respirators & OSHA Appendix D to 1910-134 - Respirators are an effective method of protection against designated hazards when properly selected and worn. Respirator use is encouraged, even when exposures are below the exposure limit, to provide an additional level of comfort and protection for workers. However, if a respirator is used improperly or not kept clean, the respirator itself can become a hazard to the worker.

Check out the rest of the story at OSHA's website [here](#).

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Exciting company news? Let us know! Email
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Congratulations to Carol Schary of Nathan Kimmel Company! Carol was honored with a Distinguished Service Award from AWC (Association of the Wall and Ceiling Industry). For more information go [HERE](#).

[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.

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