

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

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](#)

SAVE THE DATE - April 18-23, 2022

NFCA's "Week of Learning", with Education & Exams for DRI's in the NFCA Contractor Accreditation Program or Special Inspectors & Annual Conference has been booked at the Westin in Tempe, AZ.

WEEK OF LEARNING

Contractors, need to get Accredited? **Inspection Agencies**, does your personnel need to prove competence? The week kicks off with NFCA IFRM & SFRM Fireproofing Exams April 18-20 & ends with the NFCA Annual Conference, April 20-23.

Don't miss the opportunity to become a NFCA DRI (Designated Responsible Individual) in NFCA's Contractor Accreditation Program. It's the first step to becoming a UL Qualified SFRM Contractor.

March your calendar now. Additional information will be sent and posted Mid-February.

DID YOU KNOW...

The BEST Fireproofing Education - Contractors, inspection agencies, code officials, specifiers, fire inspectors, learn standards ASTM E119, UL 263 and CAN/ULC-S-101 - the basis of this industry. Testing products - in a full scale furnace with loads applied for horizontal assemblies - proves fire-resistance. Use this course to represent your company about the key elements of Fireproofing – that your competition might not know. [FIND OUT MORE HERE!](#)

Fireproofing Contractors, material prices are changing rapidly–

NFCA posted Hendrick, Phillips, Salzman and Seigel (HPSS) construction law firm **recommendations** in early May. Protect your company with these contract clauses. [contract clauses pdf](#)

NFCA Members on LinkedIn – It's great to connect with members on LinkedIn and post NFCA & NFCA Member activities from time to time. Don't forget to promote your NFCA CAP and/or UL Qualified SFRM Contractor 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! Don't forget to post your accomplishments to LinkedIn and share it widely to show credibility in fireproofing.



UPDATES:

NFCA Planning for 2024 Codes – The International Building Code and International Existing Building Code development process at the International Code Council kicked off Jan. 10 with proposal submissions. We've been following the process at the Fire Code Action Committee (FCAC) and Building Code Action Committee (BCAC), through participating in the discussions about section 104, Duties and Powers of the Building Official, and Alternative Methods. We're also watching the Structural Committee work as well. Hearings are in Rochester, NY March 27-April 4.

NFCA and ASTM Standards Development ASTM is planning its ASTM E06 Committee Meetings for April 24-27 in Seattle. NFCA is there to work on ASTM E605 and ASTM E736 with the manufacturers who attend the meetings. Thanks to John Dalton at GCP for chairing the E605 and E736 standards, and Isolatak's Phil Mancuso for chairing the new ASTM SFRM & IFRM Inspection Standards.

NFCA @ UL/ULC STP – The UL and UL Canada Standards Technical Panels are a consensus group that makes changes to the UL 263 *Standard Fire Tests for Building Materials* and ULC S-101 *Standard Methods of Fire Endurance Testes of Building Construction and Materials*. These test standards are critical to the fireproofing industry, NFCA provides important field input into the standards.

SAFETY SECTION:

NFCA was saddened to hear the news about the Brooklyn NY high rise apartment fire and sends condolences to the families who lost homes and loved ones.

To kick off the new year, NFCA wants to remind you of valuable agencies that provide safety standards and enforcement in the construction industry.

- OSHA: The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSHA) was passed by Congress to ensure a safer work environment for the American worker and placed in the Dept. of Labor. OSHA (www.osha.gov) 1-800-3216742
- The OSHA Winter Weather page that provides tips for a wide range of outdoor work activities. [click HERE](#)
- NIOSH: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. Their basic responsibility was to produce research that would enable OSHA to formulate safety and health standards among other educational responsibilities.



You can view a short history [HERE](#)

- ANSI: American National Standards Institute which is a private organization that develops standards which we most often encounter in our training and PPE (personal protection equipment) standards. www.ansi.org 1-212-642-4990

NFCA MEMBER UPDATES:

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

A big thank you to NFCA Member Contractors, Manufacturers and Associate Members who have renewed their membership at NFCA for '22. Without your dues, we can't do what we do advocating on behalf of the fireproofing industry at ICC, NFPA, CSI, CSC, ACBOA, while still providing NFCA Fireproofing Education & Exams, the NFCA Contractor Accreditation Program and UL Qualified SFRM Fireproofing Contractor Program, the NFCA Handbook of Fireproofing Knowledge, and monthly NFCA Webinars.



Be sure to check you snail mail get that NFCA invoice on top of the bill paying pile. The investment in your industry from NFCA means a lot for fire-resistance in buildings.

[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!](#)**