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# NFCA® ENEWS LETTER

National Fireproofing Contractors Association

## WHAT'S COMING UP...

### NFCA FREE WEBINAR

Tuesday, August 15, 2023 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Central Time

TOPIC: **Safety, EMR & Insurance**

*For Fireproofing Contractors, Safety is a big part of their operations. NFCA provides safety tips from the Occupational, Safety and Health Administration to help members implement procedures to keep a safe workplace, resulting in a low Experience Modification Rating (EMR). The EMR is a metric used by insurance carriers to gauge both the past cost of workers' compensation claims and the future probability of additional claim costs. In this webinar,*

- Learn key points to consider to keep EMR's low.
- Understand what insurance companies require.
- Learn from safety consultants key construction industry requirements.
- Get input on best practices resulting in lower EMR's.

Join NFCA and our featured speakers Frank Marino from [Safety Check Inc.](#) and Johnny Zitko from [Assured Partners](#).

For more information or to register, click [HERE](#)



### NFCA IFRM & SFRM VIRTUAL Education & Exams

August 21-23, 2023

This great program is being offered with you and your company in mind – and no travel too. Contractor personnel can become a Designated Responsible Individual. Inspection agency personnel can prove competence in fireproofing for AHJ approval for special inspection.

#### Agenda at a Glance:

Monday, August 21 - IFRM Education  
Tuesday, August 22 am - Joint Education Schedule for Both IFRM and SFRM  
Tuesday, August 22 pm - SFRM Education  
Weds, August 23 am - Exams

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- **COMPLETE AGENDA**
- **NFCA PRICING and REGISTRATION!** (Includes special discounted price on NFCA Handbook of Accepted Fireproofing Knowledge, HAFK)

### NFCA & FCIA Existing Building Fire-Resistance Symposium

September 20-22, 2023 (Register by August 18 for early bird discounts)

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This year, NFCA will join the Firestop Contractors International Association (FCIA) to bring highly anticipated fire-resistance education to Ontario this September. The **Existing Building Fire-Resistance Symposium Canada '23** - provides education about fire-resistance-rated and smoke-resistant assemblies for the building's life cycle.

Covering **topics** from the NBCC and NFCC Code requirements for fire-resistance to the proper Design, Installation, and Inspection to the requirements for Maintaining Protection, as well as a tour of the NRC Fire Test Facility, this is the can't-miss educational event of the year for those involved in fire and life safety in Canada.

## THANKS TO NFCA GOLD SUPPLIER MEMBERS:



### DID YOU KNOW...

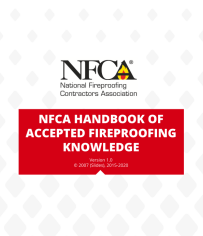
**NFCA @ NFPA** – NFCA was welcomed at the National Fire Protection Association's Expo in Las Vegas, mid-June. Thanks to the Firestop Contractors International Association who allowed NFCA to participate at their booth. Plus, NFCA's Bill McHugh spoke on fire-resistance importance in new construction and existing buildings. Special emphasis was added to heighten the importance of maintaining protection (including structural fireproofing) in existing buildings. We need to change the culture of the building owner to include fire-resistance like they would any other safety protection. Otherwise, it might not work when called upon by fire.

**NFCA & ABAA** – The NFCA was contacted by the Air Barrier Association of America about how Air Barrier materials and Fireproofing interact. We've had a few discussions with ABAA staff and their contractor committee about the issue. As with all fire-resistance, the proof of performance is in the fire-testing. More as discussions continue.

**NFCA & Attachments to Protected Structural Members & Assemblies** – NFCA has heard of contractors being required to install fireproofing on attachments based on a code change in the 2018 and 2021 IBC's section on structural attachments.

NFCA's Technical Standards Committee leadership has been researching the effect of all types of attachments on fire-resistance performance and the structure. The group is gathering research material from around the world and analyzing prior to taking action with solutions. This issue will take resources and time to get a resolution. We'll keep you up to date on this too.

**Do you have a NFCA HAFK yet?** The **NFCA Handbook of Fireproofing Knowledge (HAFK)** is *THE* industry text book. It's the study guide for the NFCA's SFRM & IFRM Fireproofing Exams – the first step to NFCA Contractor Accreditation and UL Qualified Fireproofing Contractor status. It's also a way to prove competence in fireproofing. Leading Fireproofing Contractors and Fireproofing Inspection Agencies keep this document as a 3<sup>rd</sup> party proof source when making a point about fire-resistance-rated building elements and assemblies.



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### SAFETY SECTION:

According to the US Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA), paying attention to [leading indicators](#) is vital in preventing worker fatalities, injuries and illnesses. It also strengthens safety and health outcomes in the workplace. "Visit [worker.gov](#) to get answers on workplace safety, fair pay and equal treatment."

Employers, does this mean OSHA (and your company) is also responsible for fair pay and treatment in addition to safety? Great question... register for the [NFCA August webinar: Safety, EMR & Insurance](#) AND answer that and any additional questions you may have.

### THANKS TO NFCA SILVER SUPPLIER MEMBERS:



### NFCA MEMBER UPDATES:

Did your company promote someone? Retirement? Exciting company news? Let us know! Email [kriston@nfca-online.org](mailto:kriston@nfca-online.org)

### WELCOME New Contractor Member:



**RITSEMA ASSOCIATES**  
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**Congratulations to Estefania Roa, CEO**  
**L.B.Hall Fireproofing**  
for being named 2023 Women worth watching by  
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**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.

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