



## Additional Resources & Web Sites

### **Alliance for Fire and Smoke Containment and Control**

[www.afscc.org/](http://www.afscc.org/)

**Mission:** The Alliance for Fire and Smoke Containment and Control was established in 1999 by building enforcement, construction, design, and manufacturing professionals in response to the need for a well-coordinated, educational effort to promote the value of a balanced fire protection design in the built environment. The charter members are companies, organizations, and individuals within the construction industry who share the following goals:

- To promote fire and smoke resistant construction as part of a “balanced design” approach to fire and smoke protection in the built environment;
- To promote property protection and public welfare as well as life safety;
- To educate and inform code officials and designers on fire and smoke protection issues;
- To promote fire fighter safety and facilitate fire fighting activities.

### **American Fire Sprinkler Association**

[www.sprinklernet.org/](http://www.sprinklernet.org/)

**Mission:** The American Fire Sprinkler Association is the voice of the merit shop automatic fire sprinkler contractor. In support of the merit shop objective, the American Fire Sprinkler Association promotes the development of educational and training programs to maintain the quality and effectiveness of automatic fire sprinklers, encourages an expanded role for automatic fire sprinklers in protecting lives and property, disseminates information on labor, technology and business, and provides programs to enhance business practices for the merit shop contractor.

### **Builders Hardware Manufacturing Association**

[www.buildershardware.com](http://www.buildershardware.com)

**Mission:**

1. To protect and secure the welfare, safety and common good of the general public.
2. To monitor significant actions by governmental authorities and code bodies which may impact upon the builders hardware industry.
3. To engage in technical and other cooperative efforts to improve industry products.
4. To work jointly with industry leaders involved in hardware, security, door and safety and continue leading the industry’s proactive actions.
5. To educate and promote the use of products of the builders hardware industry including ANSI/BHMA Standards and Products that have passed third party testing as per the BHMA Certified Product Directory.

## **Building and Fire Research Laboratory – NIST, National Institute of Standards and Technology**

[www.bfrl.nist.gov](http://www.bfrl.nist.gov)

**Mission:** The Building and Fire Research Laboratory studies building materials; computer-integrated construction practices; fire science and fire safety engineering; and structural, mechanical, and environmental engineering. Products of the laboratory's research include measurements and test methods, performance criteria, and technical data that supports innovations by industry and are incorporated into building and fire standards and codes.

## **Building Owners and Managers Association**

[www.boma.org/](http://www.boma.org/)

**Mission:** The mission of the Building Owners and Managers Association International is to enhance the human, intellectual and physical assets of the commercial real estate industry through advocacy, education, research, standards and information.

## **The Center for Campus Fire**

[www.campusfire.org/](http://www.campusfire.org/)

**Mission:** The Center for Campus Fire Safety (CCFS) was formed to provide a central focal point for the complex issues surrounding campus fire safety. The goal of the Center is to provide a place for those interested in campus fire safety to share ideas and learn from their peers.

## **Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat**

[www.ctbuh.org/](http://www.ctbuh.org/)

**Mission:** The Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat, an international non-profit organization sponsored by architectural, engineering, planning, and construction professionals, was established to facilitate professional exchanges among those involved in all aspects of the planning, design, construction and operation of tall buildings and the urban habitat.

## **Fire Chief**

<http://firechief.com>

**Mission:** Established in 1956, FIRE CHIEF is the magazine for "Every Department, Every Leader." The monthly "News & Trends" and our quarterly "Technology Update" aim to keep chiefs abreast of the developments that affect them and their communities at the local, state and federal levels.

## **Firestop Contractors International Association**

[www.fcia.org](http://www.fcia.org)

**Mission:** The FCIA's mission is for member organizations to be recognized throughout the construction industry as preferred quality contractors of life safety firestop systems. FCIA Member Contractors are committed to providing consistent, high quality firestop systems as a critical part of effective compartmentation.

### **International Association of Fire Fighters**

[www.iaff.org](http://www.iaff.org)

**Notes:** Harold A. Schaitberger is General President of the International Association of Fire Fighters, representing more than 267,000 professional fire fighters and emergency medical personnel in the United States and Canada. The first IAFF General President elected by acclamation in 2000, he is the ninth president in the IAFF's 86-year history. Schaitberger was re-elected to another four-year term in August 2004.

### **International Association for Fire Safety Science, The**

[www.iafss.org/index.htm](http://www.iafss.org/index.htm)

**Mission:** IAFSS was founded with the primary objective of encouraging research into the science of preventing and mitigating the adverse effects of fires and of providing a forum for presenting the results of such research. The International Association for Fire Safety Science perceives its role to lie in the scientific bases for achieving progress in unsolved fire problems. It will seek cooperation with other organizations, be they concerned with application or with the sciences that are fundamental to our interests in fire. It will seek to promote high standards, to encourage and stimulate scientists to address fire problems, to provide the necessary scientific foundations and means to facilitate applications aimed at reducing life and property loss.

### **International Code Council**

[www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org)

**Mission:** Providing the highest quality codes, standards, products, and services for all concerned with the safety and performance of the built environment.

### **National Association of State Fire Marshals**

[www.firemarshals.org](http://www.firemarshals.org)

**Mission:** NASFM'S mission is two-fold:

- To protect human life, property and the environment from fire.
- To improve the efficiency and effectiveness of State Fire Marshals' operations.

### **National Fire Academy Alumni Association**

[www.nfaalumni.org](http://www.nfaalumni.org)

**Mission:**

- To increase fire service educational opportunities through support of the National Fire Academy, as accomplished through timely information exchange and membership involvement.
- To improve firefighter safety and effectiveness through enhanced fire service training and education.
- To provide a clearinghouse for fire service educational opportunities and exchange of ideas.
- We believe we are, or will be, the largest all-encompassing fire and emergency services organization in the country, if not the world. With our numbers, (we're at about 14,000 now) we can have a voice at the N.F.A. and the U.S. Fire Administration and F.E.M.A.

### **National Fire Protection Association**

[www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)

**Mission:** The mission of the international nonprofit NFPA is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating scientifically-based consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education. NFPA membership totals more than 75,000 individuals from around the world and more than 80 national trade and professional organizations.

### **National Fire Protection Association – Research Foundation**

<http://www.nfpa.org/categoryList.asp?categoryID=242&URL=Research%20%20Reports/Fire%20Protection%20Research%20Foundation&cookie%5Ftest=1>

**Mission:** The Fire Protection Research Foundation is an independent nonprofit whose mission is to provide practical, usable data on fire and building safety. The Foundation brings premier fire research resources to experts in code, corporate, and government arenas through objective research documentation on today's crucial fire problems and new solutions.

### **National Fire Sprinkler Association**

[www.nfsa.org](http://www.nfsa.org)

**Mission:** To **create** a market for the widespread acceptance of competently installed automatic fire sprinkler systems in both new and existing construction, from homes to high-rise.

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### **NIST and the World Trade Center**

<http://wtc.nist.gov>

**Mission:** In response to the WTC tragedy, the National Institute of Standards and Technology conducted a 3-year building and fire safety investigation to study the factors contributing to the probable cause (or causes) of post-impact collapse of the WTC Towers (WTC 1 and 2) and WTC 7; expanded its research in areas of high-priority need such as prevention of progressive collapse, fire resistance design and retrofit of structures, and fire resistive coatings for structural steel; and is reaching out to the building and fire safety communities to pave the way for timely, expedited considerations of recommendations stemming from the investigation.

### **Society of Fire Protection Engineers**

[www.sfpe.org](http://www.sfpe.org)

**Mission:** The purpose of the Society is to advance the science and practice of fire protection engineering and its allied fields, to maintain a high ethical standard among its members and to foster fire protection engineering education.

The **Society of Fire Protection Engineers** was established in 1950 and incorporated as an independent organization in 1971. It is the professional society representing those practicing the field of [fire protection engineering](#). The Society has approximately 3500 members in the United States and abroad, and 51 [regional chapters](#), 10 of which are outside the US.

### **Underwriters Laboratories**

[www.ul.com](http://www.ul.com)

**Mission:** UL is the trusted source across the globe for product compliance. Benefiting a range of customers - from manufacturers and retailers to consumers and regulating bodies - we've tested products for public safety for more than a century.

### **U.S. Fire Administration**

[www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov)

**Mission:** As an entity of the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the mission of the USFA is to reduce life and economic losses due to fire and related emergencies, through leadership, advocacy, coordination, and support.