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IFC News & Updates

Message From Our Team

Greetings from the International Firestop Council,

As we enter the final quarter of 2026, the International Firestop Council (IFC) reflects on a year of meaningful progress, expanded educational outreach, and continued collaboration within the firestop industry. Throughout the year, we have remained focused on advancing firestop inspection practices, strengthening technical knowledge, and supporting the professionals responsible for verifying compliance with applicable building and fire safety codes. Through education, training, and industry engagement, IFC continues to promote the importance of effective fire and smoke containment in protecting lives, preserving property, and enhancing building safety.

Guided by our mission *"to promote the technology of fire and smoke containment in building construction through research, education, development of safety standards, testing, and code provisions,"* IFC continues to advance initiatives that strengthen industry knowledge, support code compliance, and improve the quality of fire and smoke compartmentation in buildings worldwide.

Education and professional development remain at the forefront of our efforts. Throughout 2026, IFC has continued expanding its Firestop Inspection and Plan Review Training for Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJs), reaching hundreds of building and fire code officials across the country. Our Firestop Special Inspector Certificate Program and manufacturer-supported training initiatives have also continued to grow, providing professionals with the technical knowledge and practical experience needed to evaluate firestop installations effectively. We encourage code officials and industry professionals to explore our training opportunities and available online educational resources.

A highlight of the third quarter was the success of our Firestop Special Inspector and Manufacturer Product Training held in Palm Beach, Florida. The event brought together more than 30 attendees and representatives from five firestop manufacturers for a comprehensive educational experience combining technical instruction with practical, product-specific training. Participants gained valuable insight into firestop systems, installation requirements, inspection procedures, and common field challenges, while engaging directly with manufacturers and industry experts. The strong participation and positive engagement reinforced the importance of combining independent technical education with hands-on product knowledge. We look forward to building on this successful program and expanding similar training opportunities in 2027.

Our recent Fall Membership Meeting in Ohio provided another valuable opportunity to strengthen partnerships, exchange technical knowledge, and establish priorities for the coming year. As we move through the remainder of 2026, IFC looks forward to continued engagement with members and industry stakeholders through conferences, training programs, committee activities, and code development initiatives.

Looking ahead to 2027, we remain committed to expanding educational opportunities, supporting quality firestop inspections, advancing codes and standards, and providing the technical resources our industry relies upon. None of these accomplishments would be possible without the dedication of our members, volunteers, industry partners, and the many professionals who share our commitment to building safety.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement.Together, we are strengthening fire and smoke containment, advancing the firestop industry, and helping create safer buildings for generations to come!



Lance Sutton

Training & Education Committee Chair

The International Firestop Council (IFC) is pleased to announce its new partnership as a Sponsoring Partner of the recently established **Tennessee Fire Marshals Association (TFMA)**, an organization dedicated to advancing fire prevention, professional education, and life safety throughout Tennessee. We are also proud to recognize Lance Sutton, IFC's Regional Firestop Training Coordinator for Tennessee, on his appointment as Chair of TFMA's Training & Education Committee. This partnership represents an exciting opportunity to expand firestop training and educational, strengthen relationships with fire marshals and code officials, and promote greater awareness of firestop inspection requirements and practices across the state.

We congratulate Lance on his new leadership role and look forward to supporting TFMA's mission!

To request free AHJ training in Tennessee, contact Lance at: Lance@Firestop.org

REQUEST A FREE AHJ SEMINAR

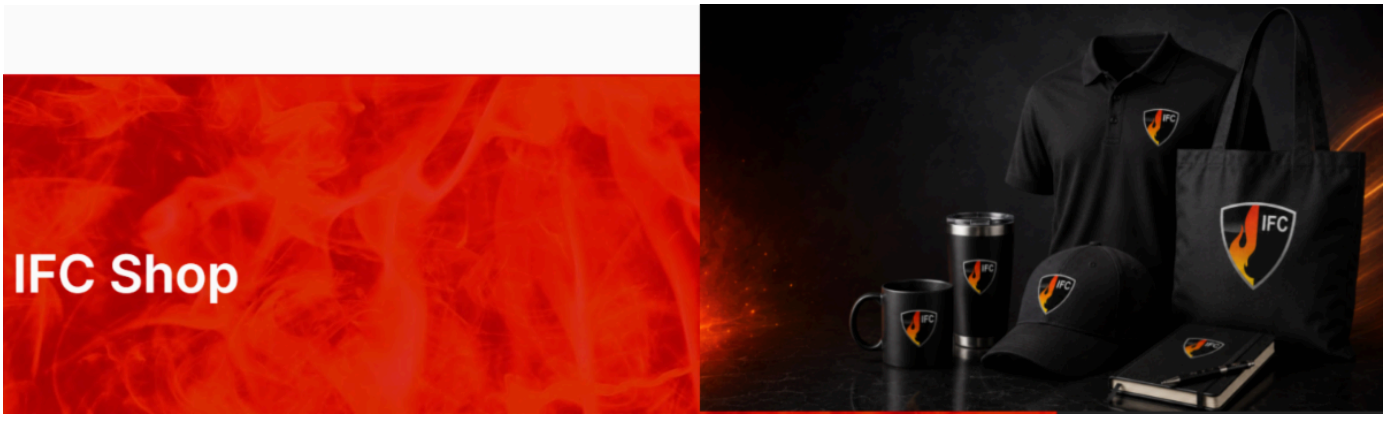
IFC provides 2, 4, 8 hour free, and in-person, AHJ Seminars. These seminars cover what code officials need to know about "Firestop Inspections and Plan Review".

Request a seminar now!

News You May Have Missed

Here are some updates, events, articles, and achievements you may have missed. Check out these headlines and share with your network.

- **IFC Will Be in Nashville at the ICC Annual Conference and Expo**
- **IFC Middle East Chapter Advance Firestop Across Region**
- **IFC Technical Director to be Panelist at Chicago Build Expo**
- **Product Training Strengthens Firestop Inspections**
- **City of Regina Issues Bulletin on Firestop Code Requirements** (top viewed post of 2026)



****Where will the IFC be?****
Opportunities for Training and Meet Ups

- ICC Conference and Expo 2026 (Nashville, TN) *Oct. 18-19*
- Tennessee Fire Safety Inspectors Association *Nov. 30*
- Educode International *March 1-5, 2027*
- IFC Spring Board Meeting *April 27-29, 2027*
- ICC Conference and Exp 2027 (Reno, NV) *Sept 12-15, 2027*
- IFC Fall Board Meeting *Sept. 27-30, 2027*
- A free, in-person, AHJ Seminar Near You *(check the ICC PPP Schedule)*



Firestopping Inspection Manual - Inspector Pocket Guide, 6th ed.

This new, updated, version is an essential field reference for construction professionals, inspectors, code officials, and engineers working to ensure life safety through compliant passive fire protection.

This latest edition reflects the most current building codes, fire safety standards, and industry best practices. It is designed to be a simple-to-apply, user-friendly resource that supports professionals in maintaining fire-resistance ratings in buildings—particularly where walls and floors are penetrated or joint systems are installed.

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