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## **IFC INSPECTOR TRAINING PROGRAM ACCREDITED IN NEW YORK STATE**

WESTFORD, Mass (Aug. 23, 2005) — The International Firestop Council's (IFC) Inspection of Firestop Systems training course has been accredited by the New York State Code Officials. The accreditation of the IFC program means the session will provide two of the required 24 hours of code enforcement in-service training that all building and fire inspectors in New York must earn.

Properly installed and inspected firestopping compartmentalizes flames, deadly gasses and smoke, reducing rapid spread during a fire. This enables building occupants to quickly exit the building and lessens the risk to fire fighters.

IFC education committee chair Phil Zanghi said the accreditation helps further IFC's mission of teaching inspectors about the importance of proper firestop installation, inspection and maintenance.

"Our partnership with the New York State Code Officials is a model for other organizations to follow," said Zanghi. "We hope that by providing New York's inspectors with the tools to better understand the importance of proper firestopping, we will enhance the safety of buildings and fire fighters throughout the state."

Founded in 1990, the International Firestop Council (IFC) is a nonprofit organization of industry experts committed to making buildings safer through passive fire containment. With membership composed of manufacturers, distributors, and users of passive fire protective materials and systems, IFC aims to promote passive fire containment through awareness, education and development of codes and standards. More information about the International Firestop Council is available at [www.firestop.org](http://www.firestop.org).

### **Editor's Note:**

Course Number: #49-5466

Course Name: Inspection of Firestop Systems

To learn more or sign up for IFC's Inspector Training Program or any of its other education opportunities, call 1-877-241-3769 or email [info@firestop.org](mailto:info@firestop.org). Literature and inspection manuals are also available through IFC's Web site, [www.firestop.org](http://www.firestop.org).

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