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Firestopping Walls And Floors Helps Stop Spread Of Fires

By Ron Nybo

Firestopping is the sealing of holes in fire-resistance-rated walls and floors to prevent the spread of fire, smoke and toxic gases. Firestopping of various penetrations such as pipes, ducts and raceways ensure that toxic gases, smoke and fire are contained - resulting in saving human lives and property.

Building codes require firestopping. Membrane and through penetrations must be protected by an approved system. A project designer should define firestopping requirements for a particular building. Contractors involved in the construction of buildings need to understand the requirements for approved systems.

All approved firestopping systems must be tested in accordance with ASTM-E-814 and have an "F" rating not less than the fire-resistance rating of the wall or floor-ceiling assembly being penetrated. The firestopping manufacturer will provide technical support. Also, the firestopping manufacturer will provide the necessary UL listed firestop assembly



Lower area of a sealed walkway

details. A third-party testing agency may be required to evaluate installation of a certain system. The firestopping manufacturer may also be required to provide engineering judgments.

All contractors - including general, plumbing, electrical, mechanical and dry-wall - need to know the firestopping requirements for their projects. For example, a tradesman using the wrong size hole for an item passing through a component could negate the approved listing of

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New Clark County HVAC Certification

By Dawn Rivard & Mike Giordano

Effective Oct.1, 2010, Clark County requires the employees of contractors, who work independently or in a supervisory position on the installation of HVAC systems, to obtain a Clark County Journeyman HVAC Mechanic certification. A Clark County-certified journeyman also must be on the job site while

work is being performed. The employee must display his certification card on his person for easy identification by Clark County's building inspectors.

Contractors who have C21 licenses ARE NOT required to obtain a journeyman card certification. If the licensed contractor works on job sites with his

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Across The Board

September 1-30, 2010

Investigations Division

Compliance Investigations

<i>Investigations Conducted</i>	190
<i>Investigations Closed</i>	201
<i>Licenses Revoked</i>	7
<i>Fines Assessed</i>	\$5,850
<i>Investigative Costs Assessed</i>	\$11,022
<i>Recovery Fund Claims Awarded</i>	\$134,733

Criminal Investigations

<i>Investigations Conducted</i>	95
<i>Investigations Closed</i>	92
<i>Felony Cases Filed</i>	0
<i>Criminal Complaints Filed with District Attorney</i>	10
<i>Citations Issued</i>	19
<i>Convictions</i>	14
<i>Restitution Ordered by Court</i>	\$19,500
<i>Fines Assessed by Court</i>	\$5,324

Licensing Division

<i>New License Applications Received</i>	131
<i>New Licenses Issued</i>	85
<i>License Change Applications Received</i>	265
<i>Licensed Nevada Contractors</i>	16,513

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The Nevada State Contractors Board is committed to promote the integrity and professionalism of the construction industry in Nevada.

The Nevada State Contractors Board has the responsibility to promote quality construction by Nevada licensed contractors through a regulatory licensing system designed to protect the health, welfare and safety of the public.

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Firestopping ...

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a particular system, thus causing a more costly solution to pass code.

As an example, during a recent inspection of a drain, waste and vent system being built at an assisted living facility in Boulder City, it was discovered that a non-listed system was being used for firestopping of through penetrations. The ABS pipes were exiting one rated assembly and entering another rated assembly with no more than a foam sealant in the space around the pipes. The general contractor overseeing the construction immediately notified the licensed fire stopping contractor of his evaluation.

Upon further investigation by the firestopping contractor and the manufacturer's representatives, it was discovered that the annular space between the framing and the pipes was insufficient. An engineer specializing in fire protection was consulted and worked with the general contractor, firestopping contractor and manufacturer's representatives to reach an acceptable alternate method.

Four weeks of time was lost during this process, which resulted in an additional \$10,000 expense. This could have been avoided, if the designer had clearly defined the required firestopping system, and the general contractor had informed his sub-

contractors of the system's requirements.

So, by doing your homework in advance, you can save time and money.

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HVAC Certification ...

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employees, the employees are not required to obtain Clark County certification.

The Journeyman HVAC Mechanic certification promotes an understanding of how heating and cooling equipment, air ducts, exhaust ducts and fireplaces must be installed, based on the Uniform Mechanical Code. Mechanical - as well as building, plumbing and electrical codes - are used to ensure the protection of life, health, property and the public welfare.

The Journeyman HVAC Mechanic certification examination was developed by a committee of local jurisdictions, local contractors, representatives from Sheet Metal Workers Union No. 88 and an administrator from the International Code Council. There are no prerequisites to take this exam. Every three years, the certification must be renewed, and 15 hours of continuing education is also required. Of this amount, 0.2 CEUs must cover local amendments to the current Uniform Mechanical Code.

In addition to the Journeyman HVAC

Mechanic Card, enforcement of Clark County's new Journeyman Wood Framing certification also went into effect on Oct. 1, 2010.

For more information on testing for the Clark County Journeyman HVAC certification, go to: www.iccsafe.org and http://dsnet.co.clark.nv.us/dsweb/journeyman_main.html, or call Michael Giordano, Clark County Development Services, at (702) 455-8388.

Clark County Development Services is hosting a town hall meeting from **4 to 6 p.m., Nov. 4, 2010**, in its offices at 4701 W. Russell Road, Las Vegas, NV. The department hopes to obtain feedback on areas in need of improvement and to share general information about permit and inspection services.

Discussion topics include:

- Russell Road Expansion - What Our Customers Can Expect.
- Copyright, Ownership of Plans.
- Expiration of Submitted Plans with No

Permit Obtained.

- 2008/2009 Code Adoption, Implementation & Effective Dates.
- Meet Kevin McOsker, Manager of Inspections.
- Open Discussion.

To download a PDF flyer on the town hall meeting, go to:

http://dsnet.co.clark.nv.us/dsweb/building_services/pdfs/INC114416_new%20announcement.pdf.

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Here's What's Happening at the Board

Contractors: Join The Fight Against Unlicensed Contracting

The Nevada State Contractors Board is inviting licensed contractors statewide to help fight unlicensed activity in their neighborhoods.

The Board, through its “Unlicensed Contractor Awareness Campaign,” is asking licensed contractors to help by displaying a poster and distributing brochures to educate homeowners about the dangers of hiring unlicensed



contractors.

Contact the Board for your informational packet that includes samples of brochures available online, an Unlicensed Contractor Hotline Card to report unlicensed contractors, handouts and a laminate “Unlicensed Contractor Awareness” poster.

Please e-mail your name, company name, license number, address and phone number to:

Ranya Botros, public information assistant at: rbotros@nscb.state.nv.us

Unlicensed Contractor Sting Houses Needed!

The Nevada State Contractors Board is asking contractors to become involved in helping to protect their neighborhoods from unlicensed contractors by volunteering their homes for one-day use by undercover NSCB investigators for sting operations.

To learn more on how you can help stop illegal unlicensed contractors from targeting your neighborhood, contact:

- Southern Nevada - Kenny Peppley, Supervisor of Criminal Investigations, (702) 486-1144.
- Northern Nevada (Carson City, Fallon, Elko and other outlying areas) – Fred Schoenfeldt, Investigations Supervisor, (775) 850-7884.

Residential Recovery Fund

The Residential Recovery Fund offers some remedy for Nevada owners of single-family residences who have been harmed by licensed contractors in the performance of construction, remodeling, repair or improvement.

Contractors are required by law (NRS 624.400 – 624.560) to provide information to a homeowner regarding the Residential Recovery Fund upon establishment of a residential contract with the homeowner.

Five Alleged Unlicensed Contractors Cited

Juan Marquez Sales, dba Marble & Granite, 3250 Sirius Ave, Las Vegas, NV, was recently contacted by a NSCB investigator over his Craigslist advertisement for the installation of kitchen countertops in which he stated, “We will go to your home... install it for a price affordable to you.”

When confronted by the investigator, posing as a customer, Sales gave him his business card and said he also did installations. When the investigator identified himself, Sales denied that he did installations and said he only fabricated kitchen countertops, shower walls, barbeque pits, fireplaces and bar tops. His shop, at the time, had approximately 20 employees working on various types of countertops. When the investigator showed Sales the advertisement, he confirmed it was his and was immediately issued a criminal citation for *advertising without a license*.

Javier Rodriguez of Reno bragged that he could do painting, wood floors, carpentry, pavers and concrete. He was so excited when a NSCB investigator, posing as a homeowner, called him that he showed up three hours early, but at the wrong home. The investigator had to wave Rodriguez to the right house, where he was issued a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*, after providing a painting bid for \$950, a \$700 bid to install wood floors and a paver patio bid for \$2,200.

Joseph Pinkerton, dba PDI, apparently didn't learn his lesson when he provided a \$2,826 painting bid to a NSCB investigator. The unlicensed Reno resident was cited on a prior instance of *contracting without a license*, and the investigator made note of Pinkerton's second offense.

Ofelio Ramos of Reno was advertising

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Board Disciplinary Actions: September 1-30, 2010

The Nevada State Contractors Board adjudicated the following cases from Sept. 1-30, 2010.

Cole Wilson, license number 54959 (Residential & Small Commercial), based out of Monrovia, CA, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to establish financial responsibility and failure to respond to a written request from the Board. The licensee was ordered to pay investigative costs.

Sierra Stucco, Inc., license number 55993 (Lathing & Plastering), based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to take appropriate corrective action; failure to respond to a written request from the Board; failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal; and failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$2,350; ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The license was revoked.

S. W. D. Enterprises, dba The Shotcrete Professionals, license number 53447 (Spraying Mix Containing Cement), based out of North Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$500 and ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The license was revoked.

J. G. Plastering, LLC., license number 55293 (Lathing & Plastering), based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to establish financial responsibility and failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit. The licensee was fined \$1,000 and ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The license was revoked.

Riggio Brothers Construction, Inc., license number 49783A (Carpentry), based out of Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to establish financial responsibility. The licensee was fined \$500 and ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The license was revoked.

Exotic Millworks, Inc., license number 71306 (Carpentry), based out of North Las Vegas, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to establish financial responsibility and failure to keep in force a bond or cash deposit. The licensee was fined \$1,000 and ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The license was revoked.

Smart Pools, Inc., license number 40768A (Commercial & Residential Pools) and **David L. Klohr, dba David L. Klohr General Contractor**, license number 40767 (Residential & Small Commercial), based out of Las Vegas, NV, were found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to comply with a written citation and for the partnership, corporation, firm or association participating in a prohibited act. The licensee was fined \$500 and ordered to pay investigative costs and make full restitution to all damaged parties and reimburse the Board for any monies paid out of the Residential Recovery Fund. The licenses were revoked.

Stuart Stout Roofing, Inc., dba Roof Tec, license number 67444 (Roofing), based out of St. George, Utah, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for substandard workmanship; failure to take appropriate corrective action; failure to include the Residential Recovery Fund information on a contract or proposal; and failure to include the monetary license limit and license number on a contract or proposal. The licensee was ordered to pay investigative costs and provide written monthly updates regarding workmanship at the homeowner's residence. The license limit was lowered to \$400,000.

****The Business Review Program is one in which a contractor's business practices and regulatory compliance is examined by NSCB investigative staff. The program is a part of NSCB's proactive investigative efforts.**

The Nevada State Contractors Board is committed to protecting the public's health, safety, and welfare through licensing and regulation of the construction industry. Under Nevada Revised Statutes, a licensee is subject to disciplinary action by the Board for failure to comply with the requirements of the laws or regulations governing contractors. Violations may result in Board action against the contractor's license. The State Contractors Board has the power to regulate contractors and discipline licensees who violate NRS 624. Disciplinary action may consist of a fine of up to \$10,000 per offense, order corrective action, suspension, revocation or other action.

UNLV Fall Protection Training Available

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) Construction Management Program, in conjunction with the School of Nursing, is offering **free** OSHA Fall Protection Training.

The five-hour Fall Protection Course is offered in English and Spanish. Individuals completing the course will receive a Certificate of Completion, a CD and paper copy of all presentations and a \$5 cash stipend to offset travel expenses.

The course is at the UNLV main campus, McDermott Physical Education (MPE) Building, Room A233.

Class size is limited to 40 students. The location of the building may be found on the

	Day	Time*	Location**	Training Mode	No. of Seats Available
10/16/2010	Saturday	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	MPE A233	Spanish	40
10/30/2010	Saturday	8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	MPE A233	English	40
11/06/2010	Saturday	8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	MPE A233	Spanish	40
11/20/2010	Saturday	8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	MPE A233	English	40
12/04/2010	Saturday	8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	MPE A233	Spanish	40
12/11/2010	Saturday	8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	MPE A233	English	40

*10 minutes break after two hours of class

** MPE: Paul McDermott Physical Education Building located in UNLV

interactive map at:
<http://maps.unlv.edu/map-main.html>

Additionally, individuals satisfactorily completing the Fall Protection Course are eligible to attend a free 10-hour OSHA training course and receive a 10-hour OSHA Card.

The 10-hour training is also offered in English and Spanish.

To enroll in the Fall Protection Course, call: (702) 895-3841 for English or (702) 895-1628 for Spanish.

Unlicensed Contractors ...

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on a business card that he could do pavers, concrete, sprinklers, fences, etc. He gave a NSCB investigator a \$3,100 bid to install patio pavers and was given a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*.

Tracy Atchison, dba Tracy's Painting, proudly said he had 40 years of painting experience. He submitted a \$1,700 painting bid to a NSCB investigator and was quickly issued a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*. When asked why, with so many years of experience, he never got his license, Atchison replied that his finances weren't so good. The citation just made his finances even worse.

"These stings should serve as a warning that the NSCB is serious about cracking down on unlicensed contractors," said

Margi Grein, Executive Officer for the Board. "Consumers should not be taken in by promises of cheap work performed by unlicensed contractors. In reality it may cost more, and the consumer is left

with little or no protection."

Report Unlicensed Contracting Activity

If you have witnessed or know of unlicensed contracting activities, please contact the Nevada State Contractors Board Criminal Investigations offices in Northern Nevada at: (775) 688-1141 or Southern Nevada at: (702) 486-1100 and ask to speak to a criminal investigator.

You can also fill out a criminal complaint form and send it to:

- Northern Nevada Office
9670 Gateway Drive, Suite 100
Reno, NV 89521
- Southern Nevada Office
2310 Corporate Circle, Suite 200
Henderson, NV 89074

You can find the criminal complaint forms at: www.nscb.state.nv.us

Criminal Cases Prosecuted: September 1-30, 2010

Code:

IC = Investigative Costs

F = Fine

R = Restitution

PB = Plea Bargain

** By Nevada law, the Nevada State Contractors Board has the authority to issue citations and pursue prosecution of individuals for violations ranging from contracting without a license to fraud. The following are the convictions and penalties imposed by the courts.*

Southern Nevada			
Copeland, Brent	IC	Bloom, Jason E.	PB; IC
McCoy, Shane Cameron	PB; IC	Jackson, Daniel Terrance	PB; IC
Northern Nevada			
Buckner, Michael P.	\$305 F; IC	Manabat, Diosdado Manlapaz	\$640 F; IC
Cardenas-Aguayo, Rigoberto J.	\$640 F; IC	Martinez, Joel Craig	\$522 F; \$19,500 R; IC
Coolbaugh, David Blaine	\$615 F	Noorda, Daniel Lee	\$637 F
Rask, Steven Veral	\$632 F	Serratos-Hurtado, Eduardo	\$640 F; IC
Tate, Mike R.	\$245 F; IC	Westover, Waring Eugene	\$198 F; IC

Administrative Citations Paid September 1-30, 2010 *(Investigative Costs Also Assessed)*

Contractor	License #	Fine
A R S	56197	\$3,000.00
Air Conditioning Heating and Home Appliances	67688	\$1,000.00
Barefoot Pool & Spa LLC.	60704	\$1,000.00
C & M Garage Door Services	62109	\$3,000.00
Draeger Construction LLC.	52128	\$500.00
Frontier Plumbing	23595	\$3,000.00
Gate Access Services	74995	\$250.00
J L Paint & Drywall	43159	\$2,050.00
Redesigning Surfaces, Inc.	47364	\$550.00
Rescue Rooter	52555	\$2,000.00
Schilling General Contractors	59898A	\$500.00
The Construction Company, LLC.	74028	\$500.00

Elko Has New Building Permit Fees

By Ted Schnoor

The City of Elko Building Department recently adopted Resolution No. 03-10, which established building valuations and amended building permit fees.

Following is a summary of the changes and impacts/benefits:

- Incorporate a Building Valuation Data Table from the International Code Council to estimate valuation based on square footage. This change will help maintain consistency of fee structures based on square footage. Contractors will be able to more easily calculate valuation of projects.
- Incorporate a Mechanical/Plumbing/Electrical cost-per-square-foot method to charge permit fees based on occupancy. Using this method, contractors will be able to calculate their own permitting fees without having to wait for plan review. Calculating permit fees will make project bidding easier. This change also means a significant time savings in plan review, allowing us to provide better customer service and plan turn-around time.
- Incorporate a minimum fee of \$43.50 for each permit issued, to coincide with currently adopted Table 3A— (1997 Administrative Code). This fee is comprised of a minimum permit fee of \$23.50 and a minimum processing fee of \$20. This change applies primarily to the permits issued for demolition and signs, which previously did not have a minimum permit or processing fee and were being issued for as little as zero dollars. This fee will assist in covering the basic operating costs of the Building Department, and will make these types of permits more consistent with the others.

For more information on the new fee structure, contact the Building Department at: (775) 777-7221.

Ted Schnoor is the Building Official for the City of Elko.

2010 Nevada State Contractors Board Meetings

The following 2010 Nevada State Contractors Board meetings will take place at: 2310 Corporate Circle, Suite 200, Henderson, NV 89074 and 9670 Gateway Drive, Suite 100, Reno, NV 89521 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

- January 28, 2010
- February 25, 2010
- March 25, 2010
- April 22, 2010
- May 20, 2010
- June 17, 2010
- July 29, 2010
- August 26, 2010
- September 23, 2010
- October 21, 2010
- **November 18, 2010**
- **December 16, 2010**

Agendas can be viewed on the website at: www.nscb.state.nv.us under “Agendas & Minutes,” three business days before each meeting. All dates are tentative and subject to change, until a meeting agenda has been officially posted.

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