

FLASH highlights the importance of garage doors

In March, the Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH) released their “Tornado Strong” report in order to promote awareness of the impact of weather on homes and disaster readiness. In the press release, FLASH highlighted the importance of garage doors in safe homes.

It reported that “A notable survey result underscores that 68% of respondents remain unaware of the pivotal role an intact garage door can play in maintaining a home’s structural integrity during extreme winds. For example, analysis by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), stemming from the aftermath of the 2011 Joplin, Mo. tornado outbreak, indicates that homes observed with intact garage doors are more likely to retain their roofs and walls adjacent to the garage even in wind speeds of up to EF-2 (135 mph).”

Communication between DASMA and FLASH will continue through 2024 and beyond in order to advance our common cause of robust and storm-ready garage doors. ■



Three West Coast trade shows scheduled for fall 2024

On Sept. 5-7, the West Coast Fence Show will take place at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino in Reno., Nev. The show is scheduled every three years and consists of exhibitors from the fencing, deck, railing, perimeter security, and access control industries.

On Sept. 10-11, the Fence Show & Security Expo will be held at the South Point Hotel, Casino, and Spa in Las Vegas. The annual fence show was founded a year ago by Brian T. Frederiksen with the primary goal of connecting businesses of all sizes.

On Oct. 16-17, the West Access Systems Association (WASA) Regional Trade Show will be held at the Pechanga Resort Casino in Temecula, Calif. The WASA event is designed for professionals in the door, gate, and access control industries. ■

R+T returns

R+T 2024, the world’s leading trade fair for roller shutters, doors, gates, and sun shading systems, was held on Feb. 19-23 at Messe Stuttgart in Germany. A total of 1,020 exhibitors from 43 countries presented their innovations at R+T 2024. 61,232 trade visitors from 146 countries attended the event.

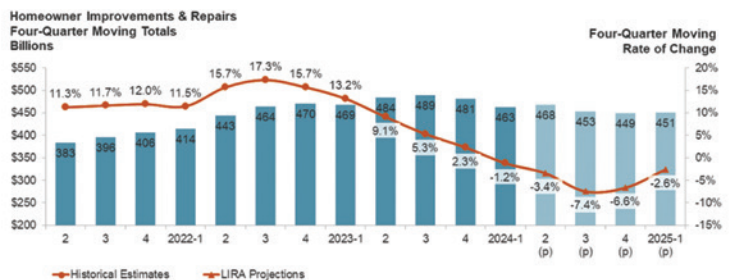
The R+T show is typically held in Stuttgart every three years, but due to COVID-19, it was the first R+T event held in Stuttgart since 2018. The next R+T Stuttgart will be held from Feb.15-19, 2027. ■

Home remodeling declines at a steady rate

In April, the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University reported that annual gains in home improvement and repair spending are projected to decrease by more than 7% through the third quarter, according to the Leading Indicator of Remodeling Activity (LIRA). The LIRA projects that year-over-year decline in expenditures will slow, decreasing by less than 3% by the first quarter of 2025.

Carlos Martín, project director of the Remodeling Futures Program at the Center, said that residential remodeling is expected to benefit from several factors, including the nation’s aging homes, the rebounding housing market, modernization, and the stabilization of material costs. ■

Leading Indicator of Remodeling Activity – First Quarter 2024



Notes: Improvements include remodels, replacements, additions, and structural alterations that increase the value of homes. Routine maintenance and repairs preserve the current quality of homes. Historical estimates since 2021 are produced using the LIRA model until American Housing Survey benchmark data become available.

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NFPA 80 “Trained Rolling Steel Fire Door Systems Technician” definition preserved

The rolling steel fire door industry received some good news. On April 17, the NFPA Standards Council denied a motion to remove the definition of “Trained Rolling Steel Fire Door Systems Technician” from the 2022 edition of the standard.

Hearings on the appeal were conducted in Austin, Texas. DASMA Technical Director Dave Monsour and Curtis Schroeder of Janus International, DASMA’s principal representative on the NFPA Technical Committee, attended the hearings representing DASMA.

Brian Schoolman, legal counsel for IDA, also attended representing IDA. Monsour said, “We are pleased with the result and look forward to working with all stakeholders to provide the best language in NFPA 80 going forward in order to raise the level of professionalism in our industry and the level of fire safety for our products.” ■



ICC Committee Action Hearings, Group A

In April, Committee Action Hearings, for Group A code change proposals for the 2027



cycle of the I-Codes, were held in Orlando, Fla. DASMA staff participated and monitored the approximately 1,200 code changes submitted for impact on DASMA-member product categories.

Sixteen proposals were flagged for special attention, including two in particular that DASMA provided testimony support for: WUI46-24 Battery Backup on Residential Garage Door Operators and WUI47-24 Garage Door Perimeter Gap. DASMA will continue to monitor the current cycle, which is scheduled to run through 2025. ■



Commercial door operator Task Group formed

In January, the Door Operator & Electronics Division voted to form a new CDO Entrapment Protection Task Group. The purpose of the Task Group is to review the UL 325 provisions for commercial door operators and to determine if any changes should be recommended.

The active and committed group has already held four meetings in 2024 — two in Dallas and two in the Chicago area. Three more meetings are scheduled for the second half of the year. David Bornemann of Chamberlain serves as Chair of the Task Group. ■



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