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Dear Paul,

Veterans Day

This Veterans Day we salute all those who have served our country, some of whom have paid the ultimate price and who remind us that freedom is not free.

Lots to talk about this month as NCCCO introduces its much-anticipated Boom Truck Operator certification program and passes the 100,000 mark of those who have been CCO-certified in one or more programs since national certification became available almost two decades ago. The past few weeks have also seen improvements in test delivery, particularly with NCCCO's Rigger program. Last but not least, we welcome new Commissioners to the Commission as well as newly enrolled employers in NCCCO's Employer Recognition Program. Happy Thanksgiving!

Extended Compliance Date for Operator Certification

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued a [final rule](#) extending the deadline for crane operator certification requirements in the [Cranes and Derricks in Construction final rule](#) published Aug. 9, 2010, by three years to Nov. 10, 2017. The rule also extends by three years the employer's responsibility to ensure that crane operators are competent to operate a crane safely. [Read More](#)



NCCCO Joins Coalition for Crane Operator Safety

NCCCO has joined nine other leading construction industry organizations to call on the Occupational Safety and Health



OSHA recently announced a postponement of its crane operator certification requirements (due to have taken effect this month) until 2017. Over the next three years, the Agency says, it will work to resolve the issues that industry has complained will create unnecessary burdens on employers for no additional safety benefit. What does that mean for employers during this time?

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Holiday Closure

In recognition of the Thanksgiving Holiday, all NCCCO offices will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28, and will reopen on Monday, December 1, 2013. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our readers a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Supporter Spotlight



The National

Administration (OSHA) to correct and reissue long-awaited crane operator certification requirements.

The ten organizations that now comprise the Coalition for Crane Operator Safety (CCOS), of which NCCCO is a charter member, are working with both Congress and OSHA to amend and finalize controversial aspects of the Crane & Derricks in Construction Standard. The goal is to ensure that crane operator certification requirements provide the highest degree of safety for the construction industry and the public. [Read More](#)

Boom Truck Operator Certification Program Launched



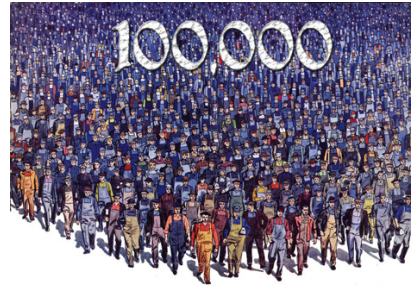
NCCCO has just made available a new CCO certification program specifically designed for boom truck operators. The new CCO Boom Truck-Fixed Cab (BTF) operator certification is a subcategory of the CCO Telescopic Boom-Fixed Cab (TSS) certification and was developed specifically for the industries that use these machines such as building supplies, HVAC, sign installation, and tree maintenance.

[Read More](#)

CCO Certified: 100,000 and Counting

CCO certification reached a historic milestone recently when the 100,000th person to be certified through the nationally accredited program since its launch in April 1996 received his certification card.

Because operators often hold certifications for more than one type of crane, as well as related programs such as rigger, signal person, and crane inspector, the actual number of certifications issued is much higher. In fact, the 75,000 individuals who are currently certified hold more than 240,000 certifications between them. And this equates to more than 850,000 written and practical exams administered over the 18 years NCCCO has been offering its CCO certifications. [Read More](#)



World Crane and Transport Summit



World Crane and Transport Summit comes to the US for the first time this month, and there's still time to register. Industry leaders will gather November 12-13 at the Biltmore Hotel, Miami to hear an extraordinary line-up of speakers on a wide range of crane safety and productivity-related topics. Due to NCCCO's status as an official supporter of this two-day event, delegates receive a 15% discount

Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators gratefully recognizes the generous support of its industry sponsors without whom this program would not be possible.

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when [registering](#) using the code WCTS15. NCCCO CEO, Graham Brent, will make a presentation on what two decades of testing has taught us about operators and certification. [Read more about the event.](#)

NCCCO Auditors Complete Annual Training

NCCCO Practical Exam Auditors recently completed their annual training as mandated by NCCCO's quality assurance program.

NCCCO's Practical Exam Auditor Program is designed to ensure that all certification examinations are delivered in a standardized manner that is fair to all candidates, while remaining psychometrically valid and reliable. [Read More](#)



Commissioner Spotlight: Danny Bishop



Danny Bishop, Corporate Director of Value Added Training, The Crosby Group (Tulsa, OK), who was elected to the NCCCO Commission earlier this year, brings more than 30 years' experience in the industry, where he has primarily focused on rigging, rigging products, and the proper use of Crosby's rigging products to maximize lifting safety. In his current position, he oversees Crosby's worldwide training efforts, including Crosby's global efforts to promote safe use and inspection of rigging equipment.

Mr. Bishop's direct involvement with the Commission has increased significantly over the past few years, but he has been indirectly involved with NCCCO since its early years. For example, he has required that Crosby trainers have at least CCO Rigger Level I certification since NCCCO first offered rigger certification. [Read More](#)

Visit NCCCO at World of Concrete

World of Concrete, the only annual international commercial construction trade show for the concrete and masonry industries, expects to attract more than 50,000 concrete & masonry professionals and showcase 1,300 leading suppliers in more than 600,000 square feet of exhibit space.

Be sure to stop by NCCCO's booth (N2468) at the show taking place in the Las Vegas Convention Center on February 3-6, and get up to speed on all the ANSI-accredited and OSHA-recognized personnel certification offered by NCCCO. [Read More and Register](#)



CCO Crane Inspector Certification Benefits Contractors



Crane Inspector certification continues to gather pace around the country as an increasing number of crane owners and general contractors recognize the benefit of having the skills and knowledge of the personnel inspecting their cranes independently evaluated by a third-party, nationally accredited certification organization. Accordingly, NCCCO has established an online directory of CCO-certified crane inspectors.

[Read More](#) [Find a Certified Inspector](#)

Rigger Level II Certification Made Easier

Rigger Level I certificants now have easier options for adding Rigger Level II certification. While Rigger



Level II certification can be obtained at any time, certificants who want to add Rigger Level II in the final year of Rigger Level I certification may take the Rigger Level II written exam in place of the Rigger Level I recertification exam. In order to achieve full Rigger Level II certification, the certificant must pass the practical exam within 12 months of passing the Rigger Level II written exam. Candidates taking advantage of this option are encouraged to take the Rigger Level II written and practical exams at the same time or take the Rigger Level II

practical exam first. For more details on the policy as well as outlines of the of Rigger Level I and Level II certifications, please review the [Candidate Handbook](#).

NCCCO Recognizes new "Committed" Employers

NCCCO congratulates the following companies recently enrolled in the Employer Recognition Program. All have demonstrated that they are Committed to Crane Safety by employing CCO Certified personnel. You can see the entire [directory of employers](#), or find out how to [apply for recognition](#) for your company.



- [Campbell Transportation Company, Inc.](#), Houston, PA
- [Crane Service Company, Inc.](#), Upper Marlboro, MD
- [Cudd Energy Services](#), Elk City, OK
- [Marks Crane & Rigging](#), Odessa, TX
- [Rossco Crane & Rigging, Inc.](#), Minot, ND
- [Shell Oil](#), Deer Park, TX

Certificant Misconduct Leads to Disciplinary Action

"It's gratifying to know that a national certification body such as NCCCO is prepared to stand behind its credential and conduct a thorough investigation whenever a case of misconduct is brought to its attention."

Unsafe operations, illicit drug use, forgery, and fraud are just four of the ways that CCO-certified crane operators who flout the rules can learn first-hand how the NCCCO disciplinary program works and how, for varying amounts of time-up to and including lifetime bans-they can be deprived of their certification. This can mean, in circumstances where CCO certification is mandated, their ability to work as a crane operator.

[Read More](#)

Lift Director Exam Management Committee Established

Following last October's launch of the CCO Lift Director certification, a new Lift Director Exam Management Committee has been formed to ensure that the program continues to meet the needs of industry. The new committee is chaired by NCCCO Commissioner William "Hank" Dutton, Technical Services Senior Specialist with Construction Risk Control at Travelers Insurance, and is made up of 12 additional industry experts. According to Dutton, "The task force spent a year and a half developing this new program, but the Lift Director Exam Management Committee's work has just begun." [Read More](#)



Billboard Leader Embraces CCO Certification



Reflecting the increasing growth and importance of the CCO Signalperson and Rigger certification programs, 16 employees of Lamar Advertising attended Signalperson and Rigger Level I practical examiner accreditation workshops in Pittsburgh, PA, in July. [Read More](#)

Commissioners Gather for 37th Biannual Meeting

Baltimore was once again the host city for the fall meeting of the NCCCO Commission and several of its exam management committees. More than 70 Commissioners and guests from all over the country participated in the nearly week-long event which featured news of the latest CCO certification program developments, the federal OSHA operator certification delay, and Committee recommendations. Generous support was provided by Gold Sponsors, Essex Crane Rental Corp., Buffalo Grove, IL, and



Lifting Solutions, Brooklyn, NY. The Crosby Group, Tulsa, OK was a Silver Sponsor. [Read More](#)

NCCCO Elects Commissioners

Among those taking up their seats on the NCCCO Commission for the first time at the 37th Biannual Meeting last month were: Bill Davis (Zurich Services Corp.) and Brian Haight (Washington State Department of Labor & Industries). Following the retirement of charter member, Ron Kohner (Landmark Engineering Services), Larry DeMark (ETS) was elected to fill his position in the Consultants category. Kohner, who stepped down from the NCCCO Commission after a remarkable 18 years of service, will remain as chairman of NCCCO's Ethics and Discipline Committee.

Re-elected for further five-year terms were Tim Arkilander (Cargotec USA); Beth O'Quinn (SC&RA); and Doug Stegeman (IUOE Local 139). John Hellums (Bishop Lifting Products) now serves as Alternate to Paul Mosley (Shell Oil).



Handy With a Camera? Send Us Your Photos!

You're onsite every day and see lifts that you know would look great in print. So, why not send them in to NCCCO? We're looking for some eye-catching photographs of cranes and those who operate and work around

them to illustrate our 20th Anniversary Celebrations next year. If we use one or more of yours you'll receive an NCCCO Thank-You Kit consisting of an NCCCO ball cap, T-Shirt, travel mug, log book and belt buckle. We'll also throw in a pack of Power Line Safety Cards. Email photos and your contact information to twhittington@nccco.org (be sure to get any appropriate site permissions before you do!).

This Month in Industry (and NCCCO) History.....

Coming just weeks after one of the biggest earthquakes ever recorded in northern California, the collapse of a tower crane during rush hour on November 28, 1989 in San Francisco's financial district felt to many like yet another tremblor. The accident, which claimed five lives and seriously injured many more, did in fact shake legislators out of their complacency and lend added momentum to a project, started by the Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association, for a national program of crane operator certification . . . leading to the establishment less than six years later of the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO).

Did You Know...

OSHA has requirements for Lift Directors?

OSHA's crane rule 29 CFR 1926 Subpart CC (see §1926.1432) requires a competent and qualified Lift Director for multi-crane lifts. OSHA defines qualified as a person, who by possession of a recognized degree, certificate, or professional standing, or who by extensive knowledge, training and experience, successfully demonstrated the

ability to solve/resolve problems relating to the subject matter, the work, or the project. OSHA has issued citations for non-compliance.

[Learn more](#) about CCO Lift Director certification.

Informational Bulletins Sent

As part of its policy of continuous improvement, NCCCO makes periodic changes to the way its accredited certification programs are administered. These changes are developed after exhaustive discussion in NCCCO committees and final review by NCCCO's Board of Directors. Changes affecting how exams are delivered are then distributed in the form of an Informational Bulletin. NCCCO recently sent important updates to all Practical Examiners and Test Site Coordinators. If you have any questions about NCCCO's bulletins please [email us](#).

Call for Volunteers

NCCCO has announced plans to develop a new certification program for operators of **pile driving rigs**. This equipment is used primarily in the construction industry for driving piles to provide foundation support for buildings or other structures.

[Read more and find out how to participate.](#)

NCCCO Wants to Hear From You!

What would you like to see in *CCOnline*? Would you like additional info available on the NCCCO website? NCCCO is interested in your feedback. Drop us an [email](#) with your thoughts.