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Labor Day and Office Closure



All NCCCO offices will be closed in observance of Labor Day on Monday, September 3, 2018. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 8:30am in their respective time zones. Labor Day, celebrated in both the US and Canada, is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. NCCCO hopes you have the opportunity to spend time with loved ones and reflect on your accomplishments and contributions in the workforce.

New Violation Hotline Created

In line with its policy of continuing improvement, NCCCO has announced major enhancements to its program integrity tools including the establishment of a Program Integrity Hotline and an Online Verification System for Practical Examiners. [Read More](#)

INTEGRITY HOTLINE:
1-833-30-NCCCO
programintegrity@nccco.org

OSHA Removes Capacity Requirement



OSHA published its long-awaited Proposed Rule on Crane Operator Certification earlier this summer and, as expected, removed the requirement for crane operators to be certified according to the capacity of the crane. [Read More](#)

OSHA's Certification Rule: 5 Things to Know

Read about the five key elements of the proposed revision to the operator certification requirements [here](#).

NCCCO's Comments on the Proposed Rule

Read the [complete text](#) of NCCCO's comments on the Proposed Rule.

Analysis of OSHA's Proposed Rule on Operator Certification



At the invitation of the Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association (SC&RA) NCCCO's Richard Thompson (far left), Technical Coordinator, and Matthew Shaw, Regulatory Affairs Coordinator conducted a webinar analyzing the newest proposal from OSHA on operator certification. Members of SC&RA can [login](#) here to hear the recording.

Restricted Telescopic Boom Certification Released

NCCCO has released a restricted CCO certification program specifically for operators of boom trucks with short booms, no attachments/extensions, and a basic load chart. The Telescopic Boom Crane - Swing Cab Restricted (TLL-R) and Telescopic Boom Crane - Fixed Cab Restricted (TSS-R) certifications were created specifically for operators of cranes used in industries such as precast concrete. [Read More](#)



NCCCO Elects Directors, Officers for 2018/2019



The Board of Directors of the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) has announced the industry leaders who will serve NCCCO during 2018-2019. Elected to the office of **President** for a one-year term is *J. Kerry Hulse*, Deep South Crane & Rigging, Houston, TX. Hulse, who has been a member of the Board since 2012, previously served as Vice President and, prior to that, Secretary/Treasurer. Before being elected to the Board, he served as Chairman, Commissioners for 15 years. [Read More](#)

ANSI Reaccredits CCO Certification

After a top-to-bottom review of NCCCO's certification programs and internal procedures, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) has reaffirmed the accreditation of all 11 CCO certification programs that NCCCO has submitted to ANSI for review. The decision of ANSI's Professional Certification Accreditation Committee (PCAC) to award accreditation for a further five years to 2022 came after rigorous onsite and field audits by ANSI assessors of NCCCO's management systems and psychometric procedures. [Read More](#)



Mark Your Calendar - Industry Forum



With OSHA's November crane operator certification deadline looming, there's never been a better time to discuss the certification, evaluation, and qualification of crane operators. And that's exactly what we'll be doing at NCCCO's **Third Annual Industry Forum on Personnel Qualifications**. Scheduled to coincide with NCCCO's Commissioners Fall Meetings Week, this year's Forum will once again bring together crane industry experts to discuss the latest topics and trends related to crane and rigging personnel qualifications. [Read More and Register to Attend](#)

CONEXPO 2020 Call for Papers

Yes, it's CONEXPO time again! 2020 may seem a long way off, but the CONEXPO Education Committee is already hard at work identifying topics for the highly popular seminar program. So, if you have an idea for a crane and rigging presentation, please email Education Committee Vice Chair, Graham Brent, at gbrent@nccco.org. Deadline for **completed** proposals to NCCCO is October 5, 2018, so don't delay!



Commissioner Spotlight: Gary Via

When an accident happens in the crane and rigging industry, it causes a ripple effect around all those who have any kind of connection with those involved. When Gary Via was just starting out as a crane operator, one such accident helped shape his career goal: to improve safety both on the ground and in the crane. [Read More](#)



Signs of a Younger Workforce Emerge



If preliminary CCO certification statistics for the first half of this year are any indication, there may be some reason to believe a new generation of crane operators could be beginning to emerge. That will be good news for employers who have long bemoaned the steadily aging population of crane operators. [Read More](#)

International Crane Experts Meet

The annual meeting of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) committee that oversees development and ongoing revision of the international crane standard took place in June in Helsinki, Finland. NCCCO participated in the meeting in its role as the Secretariat for one of the nine subcommittees that report to the main TC 96 Technical Committee, as an official representative of ANSI, and as a member of the U.S. delegation. [Read More](#)



Lift and Move USA Participates in National Conference



As part of its sponsorship of the Lift and Move USA program, NCCCO took the opportunity to attend the 55th National Skills USA National Leadership and Skills Conference held in Louisville, KY, June 23-29. The event welcomed more than 16,000 high school and college students, teachers, and business partners. Students competed in over 100 skills including Industrial and Engineering Technology, Diesel Equipment Technology, and Power Equipment Technology. NCCCO and Lift and Move USA was on hand to show how their skills can be transformed into a career in the crane and rigging industry. The next Lift and Move USA event will be held at NessCampbell in Portland, OR on October 11, 2018. [Learn more and register here.](#)

Rigger Candidate Videos Revised

NCCCO has recently released new Rigger Candidate Videos. Candidate videos are shown to candidates prior to them taking the practical exams and are intended to let candidates know what to expect on the exams. They are also a great tool for candidates preparing to take the practical exams. The new videos have been posted in the [Rigger Practical Exam](#) section of the NCCCO website.



NCCCO Team Members Certify

NCCCO not only administers exams, our staff also takes them! Matthew Shaw, Program Coordinator, Test Development, and Francesca Zinkovitch, Item Bank Coordinator, recently joined Yenny Caceres, Certification Exam Developer, in achieving the Credentialing Specialist certificate through the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE). This unique assessment-based certificate program covers the skills and knowledge needed to successfully research, develop, deliver, maintain and update professional certification programs. "NCCCO places great emphasis on not only recruiting highly qualified staff, but also on ensuring they maintain the highest

levels of best practices through continuing education," said Director of Certification Programs, Denny Smith. "We send our heartiest congratulations to the program development team members on their accomplishment!"

Gallivant of the Golf Course a Hit!



For the nineteenth year in a row, Buckner HeavyLift Cranes (Graham, NC) sponsored the annual CCO Fun Run at the Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association (SC&RA) Annual Conference in Boca Raton, Florida this past spring. This year's run/walk, entitled "Gallivant on the Golf Course," sent some 50 participants on early morning 5K circuits around the beautiful seaside Boca Raton Resort golf course and again raised funds to support NCCCO programs and initiatives.

Upcoming Practical Examiner Workshops

Are you interested in being able to administer CCO practical exams? Why not apply to become a NCCCO Practical Examiner by attending an upcoming Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshop?

Operator Refresher - October 8, Harrisburg, PA (open to all operator Practical Examiners needing re-accreditation)

Mobile Crane Operator - October 9-13, Harrisburg, PA

Tower Crane Operator - October 12 - 13, Harrisburg, PA



Employer Recognition Program

NCCCO congratulates the following companies that have just been enrolled in the Employer Recognition Program (ERP). All ERP member companies have demonstrated that they are committed to crane safety by employing CCO-certified personnel.

- **Bengal Crane and Rigging**, Geismar, LA
- **J. Kozel & Son, Inc.**, Rochester, NY
- **Porter Pipe & Supply**, Addison, IL
- **Prillaman's Crane & Rigging, Inc.**, Hampton, VA



See the entire [directory of employers](#), or find out how to [apply for recognition](#) for your company.

Did You Know?

Although the industry is still waiting for OSHA to release the final rule on crane operator requirements, that is no reason to delay certification or recertification. There is certainly going to be a certification requirement and, employers are required today to ensure operators have the knowledge and skill needed to operate cranes. See why industry experts advise operators to get certified *now*! [Read More](#)

Employer Quote of the Month



"CCO certification has had an overwhelmingly positive effect on our company. Our operators are some of the only CCO-certified articulating crane (with winch) operators in our region, which gives us an advantage over our competitors. We are excited to use CCO certification as a marketing tool with our customers, as many employers in the construction industry are becoming more and more safety conscious. We feel more confident in our operators' abilities and decision-making skills on sites because they have achieved certification." **Megan Sumner, J. Kozel & Son, Inc., Rochester, NY**

CCO By The Numbers

Number of years NCCCO has offered computer-based testing (CBT) exams. Today, nearly one-third of all written exams are administered via CBT.

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This Month in NCCCO History -- 2003

After rigorous scrutiny by insurance underwriters, CCO certification is recognized as being an effective risk mitigation tool, qualifying employers of CCO certified operators for premium discounts - an industry first. It is to be one of many incentives for participation in CCO programs that will lead to an ever-increasing preference by plants and project owners for professionally developed, independent - and therefore legally defensible - CCO certification.

NCCCO in the News

We're not the only ones who enjoy talking about CCO Certification! Industry media outlets are abuzz with news and commentary about the nation's first and leading certification program for crane operators and related activities. Here's a recent sampling:

[A Lesson in Jobsite Safety Management](#) - Experts, including an NCCCO-certified Lift Director, talk about what goes into a good lift plan and what it takes to be a good lift planner, *Crane Hotline, August 2018*

[Just What Does it Take to be a Qualified Crane Operator?](#) - What makes an individual "qualified" to operate a crane as required by OSHA? *Crane Hotline, August 2018*

[Drill Rig Operator Certification Task Force Meeting Part VII](#) - NCCCO Drill Rig Operator Certification Task Force, in Winston Salem, North Carolina, with practical testing at IDE's yard in nearby Rural Hall, *Foundation Drilling, July 2018*

[40 Under 40 Winners: Parrish, Patterson, Phillips, and Richards](#) - NCCCO-certified operator wins 40 Under 40 award at the 5th annual Inland Marine Expo (IMX), *The Waterways Journal Weekly, August 2018*

Cultivating Young Talent is Crucial for Labor Shortage - Lift & Move USA's mission is to promote careers in the crane and rigging industry through events throughout the nation, *American Cranes & Transport, July 6, 2018*

Lift & Move USA takes part in Skills USA National Championships - At the Lift & Move USA booth, attendees tried their hand at crane operation using a VR simulator and rigging and knot tying tasks similar to those in the NCCCO certification exam, *American Cranes & Transport, July 2018*

Project success starts from the ground up - The most important part of crane setup and operation is assuring proper ground stabilization. Industry experts about how they approach ground stabilization when it comes to crane mats, pads and cribbing for the various projects they perform, *American Cranes & Transport, July 2018*

Straightpoint Load Cell in tree felling application - An NCCCO-certified operator talks about use of a load cell on an articulating crane in a difficult tree felling application, *Cranes Today, June 2018*

Crane Board Names SEI's Mike Becker to PA State Board of Crane Operators - Stephenson Equipment trainer appointed to the PA Board of Crane Operators, *Construction Equipment Guide, May 2018*

OSHA Seeks to Change Crane Operator Certification Requirements - OSHA is proposing to remove the requirement for crane operators to be certified by capacity, *Crane Hotline, May 2018*

Modulift spreader beams lift 17 buildings - NCCCO-certified operators use Terex all-terrain crane to lift prefabricated buildings, *American Cranes & Transport, May 2018*

Supporter Spotlight

Founded in 1949 by the Cianchette Brothers, Cianbro is now one of the United States' largest, most diverse, successful, open shop, 100% employee-owned (30th largest in the United States) construction and construction services companies. Presently operating in more than 40 states, 5 markets, and employing over 4,000 team members, Cianbro manages and self-performs civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, instrumentation, fabrication, and coating.

The logo for Cianbro, featuring the word "CIANBRO" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font with a white outline and a slight drop shadow.

Did you enjoy reading this issue of *CCOnline*? We'd appreciate you [telling us what you think](#) and letting us have your suggestions for further improvements.

Sincerely,

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