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### NCCCCO Safety Conference Scheduled for CONEXPO Latin America



An international line-up of experts is being assembled by the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCCO) for the first-ever CCO Crane and Rigging Professional Safety Conference to be held in

conjunction with the inaugural CONEXPO Latin America (CELA) conference and exhibition, October 21-24, 2015, in Santiago, Chile. In addition to an extensive exhibit featuring all of NCCCCO's ANSI/ISO-accredited personnel certification programs, NCCCCO will be presenting the one-day crane and rigging safety conference where attendees will learn from top-level industry experts. [Read More](#)

### CCO-Certified Crane Inspectors Play Vital Role in Crane Safety

The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators' (NCCCCO) ANSI-accredited CCO Crane Inspector certification is proving to be a valuable tool for those responsible for maintaining the nation's fleets of cranes.





"We are seeing that our CCO Crane Inspector certification program is increasingly popular with owners and employers who understand the safety and cost benefits of a professionally developed assessment process and who recognize its place within a comprehensive risk management process," stated NCCCO Manager of Business Development, Matthew Eckstine.

[Read More](#)

## NCCCO Visits Chile to Support Certification in the Region

[Vial Equipment](#) which, though its CEOP subsidiary, has been providing training services throughout its native Chile for more than 13 years, recently inaugurated a brand new headquarters facility in Santiago, and NCCCO was there to join in the celebration. Vial's President, Jorge Vial (*pictured*), a long-serving NCCCO Commissioner who has sponsored several NCCCO Biannual Meetings, has focused his efforts on developing and implementing crane safety programs using the United States as a model. The event attracted major figures from the crane and rigging industry across Chile and other parts of Latin America. The topic of international operator certification remains a popular topic, which will be highlighted at the CONEXPO Latin America event (*see separate story*).



## Heavy Equipment Operators are #1 Labor Shortage

FMI

Industry Focus: Powerful Focus



CRAFT LABOR RECRUITING AND RETENTION  
2015 SURVEY REPORT

Top of the list of future craft shortages are heavy equipment operators, according to a report issued by research analysts, FMI. So severe is the skilled labor shortage predicted to be, says FMI, that 24% of contractors may be unable to bid more work and 32% may experience slow growth. Overall, an increase in skilled trade workers of more than 10% throughout the next three to 10 years is needed. Download "[Craft Labor Recruiting and Retention](#)".

See also story on crane and transportation career event [Lift & Move USA](#).

## IFCEE Attendees Interested in Upcoming Pile Driving Rig Certification

To highlight the development of the latest dedicated pile driving rig operator certification, the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) participated in the International Foundations Congress and



Equipment Expo (IFCEE) in San Antonio, TX from March 17-21. Held every three years, IFCEE is the world's largest show dedicated to the foundation industry and provided NCCCO with an



excellent opportunity to answer questions about the development of its latest certification being developed in partnership with the Pile Driving Contractors Association (PDCA). The CCO pile driving rig operator certification is scheduled for early 2016 launch. [Read More](#)

## Lift & Move USA Registration Still Open!

There's still time to [register](#) for this summer's #1 crane and transportation career event. The crane, rigging and specialized transportation industries are experiencing a shortage in skilled labor (see [FMI report](#)).

Companies across the country are looking to bolster their workforce with people interested in long, fulfilling careers with very competitive salaries. These jobs include everything associated with the



operation and maintenance of heavy equipment like cranes. Crane operators, riggers, mechanics, welders, IT specialists, salespeople, specialized transportation engineers and branch managers are all highly sought. Young adults will learn about careers in the industry, what they pay, network with company representatives, and experience what it's really like to operate a crane. [Read More](#)

## NCCCO Provides Certification Information to the Steel Erection Industry



More than 300 industry representatives from across the country attended the 43rd Steel Erectors Association of America ([SEAA](#)) National Convention and Trade Show. NCCCO was one of 40 exhibitors that participated in the event, held April 23-25 in Myrtle Beach, SC and also sponsored it in the capacity of a premier steel sponsor. Over the three day event, NCCCO provided information on its 25 CCO certifications, noting the growing interest in the CCO [Lift Director certification](#).

## On 20th Anniversary, NCCCO Recognizes SC&RA

In recognition of the 20th Anniversary of its founding by the Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association (SC&RA), NCCCO was proud to present a special award to SC&RA president, Alan Barnhart at the SC&RA Annual Conference held this spring in Carlsbad, CA. Speaking at the event's recognition gala, NCCCO CEO Graham Brent and Executive Board member Peter Juhren paid tribute to the vision and determination of the industry members who conceived the idea of a

national certification program more than two decades ago and who rallied the determination and financial support necessary to establish this groundbreaking safety initiative for the benefit of all who work with and around cranes.



Left to right: Graham Brent, NCCCO CEO; Alan Barnhart, President, Barnhart Cranes; Peter Juhren, Corporate Service Manager, Morrow Equipment and NCCCO Executive Board member.

## First Four-Star Recertificants Recognized!



NCCCO 4-Star certifiants are operators who have been continually certified since 1996, the first year that CCO certification became available. As we announced in the April issue of CCO*Online*, the first 20, 4-Star operators who recertify each month throughout the remainder of this year receive a special 20th Anniversary Recognition Package including a ball cap, lapel pin and commemorative decals. And we're delighted to announce that the very first group of recertificants has just qualified for this recognition! The group participated in NCCCO's very first test administrations held on the first day of testing, in Indiana, in April 1996. Congratulations to all on

your remarkable achievement and your commitment improving safety on job site!

## World Crane and Transport Summit Returns to Amsterdam

The World Crane and Transport Summit, now in its fifth year, returns to Amsterdam this year. The two-day conference (November 4-5) has firmly established itself as a key meeting place for users and buyers of cranes and transport equipment as well as manufacturers and distributors. The event regularly attracts in excess of 250 experts from all over the world, including many of the largest crane and transport equipment owning companies. As a supporting organization of the event, NCCCO is delighted to be able to offer CCO*Online* readers a **20% discount on registration**. **Click the flier** for more information and don't forget to use discount code WCTS-20 when registering!

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**SPEAKERS**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

- Jan Klips, Chief executive officer, Huisman
- Alexander-Jorge Vemaza, President, Hefaco
- Daniel Collett, Managing director, Collett & Son Ltd & president, ESTA
- Mark Benlik, Executive coaching
- Herbert van Schalk, Project specialist transport/cranes/ installations, Siemens Vitel Power
- Vincent Tan, Senior director and Steven Tan, health and safety manager, Sisk Song Logistics
- Tan Kijp, Managing director, Wigoberg Health & board director, ESTA
- Mark-Elmer Wilton, General manager of design, Lullstam-Work-Energie Group
- Natalja Benlik, Operational partner, BaOne Development
- Judy Gish, Senior consultant, Master Technology & Services Pvt Ltd
- Chris Wilson, Senior project manager - decommissioning, Selfield

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## Mobile Crane Operator and Signlperson Exams Updated

CCO Mobile Crane Operator and Signalperson certification exams have been revised to reflect the recent changes of American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) B30.5-2014. The exam outlines for [Mobile Crane Operator](#) and [Signalperson](#) programs can be reviewed now to see what candidates are tested on from the standard. The updated standard can be purchased through [ASME](#).

## New Certificants Receive Hard Hat Decals

As a way to recognize and congratulate new certificants, NCCCO sends a complimentary set of hard hat decals to each individual when they initially certify. Since 2013 over 35,000 newly certified operators, signalpersons, riggers, crane inspectors and lift directors have received a set of decals with their certification card allowing them to proudly display their accomplishment. Additional decals are available for [purchase](#).



## Buckner Cranes Sponsors NCCCO 20th Anniversary Recognition Run



For the 16th year in a row, Buckner HeavyLift Cranes (Graham, NC) sponsored the annual NCCCO Fun Run at the Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association (SC&RA) Annual

Conference on April 15, 2015, in Carlsbad, California. This year's event commemorated NCCCO's 20th anniversary and was appropriately titled the "20th Anniversary Recognition Run." [Read More](#)

## Upcoming Practical Examiner Workshops

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

### [Mobile Cranes](#)

July 22-24  
Phoenix, AZ

### [Rigger Level I](#)

July 30-31  
Phoenix, AZ

### [Tower Cranes](#)

July 27-28  
Phoenix, AZ

### [Signalperson](#)

September 1  
McDonough, GA

### [Signalperson](#)

July 29  
Phoenix, AZ

### [Rigger Level I](#)

September 2-3  
McDonough, GA



## NCCCO Employer Recognition Program

NCCCO congratulates the following companies that 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.

- [Beitzel Corporation](#), Grantsville, MD
- [Black Gold Logistics](#), Williston, ND
- [Constructive Sheet Metal](#), Grand Rapids, MI
- [Mason Construction](#), Beaumont, TX
- [Shinn Cranes](#), Lakewood, NJ

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CERTIFIED  
OPERATORS

## Training Providers - Do You Offer Training in Spanish?

Did you know that CCO mobile crane exams are now available in Spanish? As a result, more and more candidates are requesting training in Spanish. If your company is currently listed as a training provider and offers training for Mobile Crane Operators in Spanish please email [Tara Whittington](#) so we can update your listing. If your company isn't currently listed as a training provider but you would like to be, please [complete this form](#).

## This Month in CCO History . . . . 2000



West Virginia becomes the first state in the nation to require CCO certification. After a rash of fatal accidents in the late 1990s, the state begins a period of significant decline in crane-related deaths following implementation of the new rule. No state has subsequently introduced crane operator requirements without recognizing or adopting CCO certification.

## Did You Know?

Employers can easily offer practical exams in-house to their employees. While some employers opt to contract with [Practical Examiners for Hire](#), other employers choose to have staff become Accredited Practical Examiners (PE's). Having PE's on staff allows an employer to test new employees easily and quickly once the test site is established with reduced financial and logistical burdens. [Click here for more information](#) on the PE program.

## From the Seat: Operators Talk About CCO Certification

"Being CCO certified has made me a much better operator. It makes you think more when you go to the job site. I don't just drive in and set up. I am more observant on the site conditions, like overhead obstructions, ground conditions, tail swing obstructions, and I explain to the customer the signals for the crane. You would be amazed still how many people don't have a clue on what a signal chart is or what a crane can, and can't, do. CCO certification has given me a lot more knowledge than I thought I would ever need to operate a crane." **George E. Walker, Three-Star Recertificant, continuously certified since 1999.**



## Employer Quote of the Month



"It is reassuring to know that all of our operators, through experience, training,



education, and CCO certification, have the knowledge and skill set to deliver a safe and reliable crane service for all of our customers." **Bradley Baty, Safety Director**

## NCCCO's 20th Anniversary: What's Your Story?

It's 20 years since NCCCO was founded and we'd like you to help us tell our story. If CCO certification has had an impact on you or your company we'd like to know about it. To start, just tell us briefly [here](#) what you'd like to share, and if you'd like us to follow up with you about it. We'll be offering special, limited edition CCO merchandise for any stories we use.

## CCO By the Numbers

# 16,500

Total number of written paper/pencil test administrations conducted to date

## Supporter Spotlight

The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators gratefully recognizes the generous support of its industry sponsors.

The Specialized Carriers and Rigging Association (SC&RA) is an international trade association of nearly 1,300 member companies from 43 nations. Members are involved in specialized transportation, machinery moving and erecting, industrial maintenance, millwrighting, crane and rigging operations, manufacturing and rental.



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& Rigging  
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Did you notice? We recently redesigned CCOonline for greater readability! We'd appreciate you [telling us what you think](#) and letting us have your suggestions for further improvements.

Sincerely,

Tara Whittington  
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