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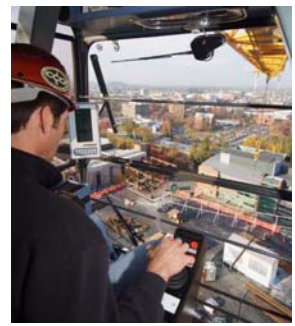
Memorial Day Office Closure



All NCCCO offices will be closed on Monday, May 28th in recognition of Memorial Day. Offices will reopen at 8:30 in their respective time zones on Tuesday, May 29th.

Memorial Day, which began in the years following the Civil War, is an opportunity to honor the men and women who have died while serving in the US military. We hope you enjoy time with your family and also remember those who have sacrificed for our country.

Federal OSHA may have delayed its crane operator certification requirement for another year, but that's no reason not to pursue training and certification. That's the stark message from the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO), the nation's leader in accredited certification for crane operators and other personnel who work with and around cranes, in two publications the organization has just released. [Read More](#)



Hear Industry Leaders Explain Why It's Not Worth the Wait to Get Certified



Federal OSHA has delayed its crane operator certification requirement for another year, but it's not worth the wait to get certified. View the videos below to hear industry leaders talk about the folly of waiting to certify. [View the Videos](#)

Safety Week 2018 - May 7-11



It's Safety Week this week, an annual event held in an effort to raise awareness of the construction industry's continuing commitment to eliminating worker injury. The industry wide education and awareness event is sponsored by the Construction Industry Safety Initiative (CISI) and the Incident & Injury-Free (IIF) Executive Forum. [Read More](#)

Philadelphia Requires CCO-Certified Crane Inspectors

Recent revisions to Chapter 9-3300 of The Philadelphia Code have added new requirements regarding the use and inspection of mobile cranes. The most significant of these revisions is a new requirement for mobile cranes to be inspected annually by CCO-certified crane inspectors; this requirements already applies to tower cranes. [Read More](#)



New CCO Foundation Drill Rig Operator Certification



Work is well underway on the new CCO certification program for Foundation Drill Rig Operators, which NCCCO is developing in conjunction with ADSC - The International Association of Foundation Drilling. The task force creating the program has achieved a consensus on the structure of the program and identified the test components. [Read More](#)

Investigation and Verification

NCCCO provides employers with key tools to preserve the integrity of the CCO certification process including an online tool to verify cardholders' current certification status. When NCCCO introduced its beefed-up ethics and discipline program several years ago, the sharp and direct tone was intentional: Break the rules and risk losing your certification.

[Read More](#)

NCCCO INVESTIGATIONS BY THE NUMBERS:

- 250 – Total number of cases investigated*
- 25 – Average new cases opened annually
- 12 – Average active cases

Candidate/Certificant Investigations

- 15% Substance abuse cases
- 25% Cheating
- 35% Fraud
- 10% Accident/Near miss/Unsafe act
- 15% Code of Ethics violation

*Since 2006

Knuckleboom Cranes Move into Second Place



Last year CCO Articulating Crane Operator certification became the second most popular CCO certification program (after mobile cranes), reflecting the increased market acceptance of "knucklebooms" (as they are often called) and loaders in the U.S. market. In fact, the number of CCO articulating crane operator (ACO) certifications has risen steadily from just over 800 in 2010 (the first year ACO certification was available) to nearly 13,000 today. In 2017 alone, more than 3,300 certifications were issued. [Read More](#)

44th Biannual Committee and Commissioners Meetings

More than 60 NCCCO Commissioners, Committee members and guests gathered at the Sun Prairie, Wisconsin training center of Associated Training Services (ATS) in April for a week-long series of meetings that focused on various aspects of exam development and management of several CCO certification programs. [Read More](#)



Lift Director Questions and Answers



Can a crane operator be the lift director? Can you be cited for not having a lift director on the job? Do you need a lift director when it's just a routine lift? If you don't know the answers to these questions, you might want to check out a presentation made at last year's ConExpo: "Lift Director: Qualifications and Requirements." Titled "Lift Director: Qualifications and Requirements," and presented by Hank Dutton, Travelers Insurance, it's a step-by-step walk through the duties and responsibilities of lift directors, why it's important to have one, and how to qualify someone as a lift director. [Read More](#)

World of Concrete a Success

NCCCO promoted its full line of crane personnel certification programs at the 43rd annual World of Concrete exhibition held this year January 22-26 at the Las Vegas Convention Center. CCO articulating crane operator, rigger, and signal-person certifications garnered a lot of interest at the only annual international event this year dedicated to the commercial concrete and masonry construction industries.



New Mobile Crane Sample Questions

NCCCO has developed new sample test questions for the Mobile Crane Operator Core Exam and posted them on the NCCCO website. Sample questions are intended to give candidates an idea of the style and content of the questions they may encounter on the exam (they are not actual test questions). Although NCCCO does not conduct training, these sample questions are a valuable tool for candidates preparing for the exam. The NCCCO website makes several such tools available, including exam outlines, reference material lists, and candidate videos. The new questions can be [found here](#).

Employer Recognition Program

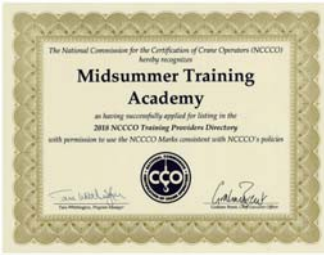
NCCCO congratulates the following companies that have just been enrolled in the Employer Recognition Program (ERP). All ERP member companies have demonstrated that they are committed to crane safety by employing CCO-certified personnel.

- [Crane Management](#), Jersey City, NJ
- [JJ Curran Crane Company](#), Detroit, MI
- [Stewart Construction, LLC](#), Harvey, LA



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

Training Providers to Complete Annual Listing Renewal



All Training Providers currently listed on the NCCCO website are reminded that it's time to renew and update their listing. All providers must resubmit the [Application for Listing as a Training Provider](#) and required documentation in order to continue being listed in 2018. A Certificate of Recognition for 2018 will be mailed to all renewing companies. Not yet applied to be listed on the NCCCO Training Providers website? [Apply here.](#)

Annual Renewal for the NCCCO Employer Recognition Program

It's time for all employers enrolled in NCCCO's *Committed to Crane Safety* Employer Recognition Program to renew for another year. As with initial enrollment, there is no fee for renewal. Companies that participate in the program and achieve recognition enhance their standing in the industry. In addition, they are nationally recognized for their commitment on the NCCCO website, the *CCOnline* newsletter, and in other industry media. NCCCO strongly encourages all eligible employers to apply for inclusion in the directory. All companies currently enrolled in the *Committed to Crane Safety* program should [re-apply for 2018 here.](#)



Companies that employ CCO-certified operators, riggers, and/or signalpersons wishing to be considered for inclusion, should [apply here.](#)

Did You Know? - Integrity Program

NCCCO has a robust integrity program. As well as having a complaints procedure that allows employers or others to notify NCCCO when a certificant is suspected of violating the [Code of Ethics](#) or [Substance Abuse](#) policy, NCCCO also audits practical exam administrations. This audit process was designed to ensure that each person obtaining certification across the country is taking the same practical exam and has the same opportunity to pass exams administered per NCCCO policy and procedure.

Employer Quote of the Month

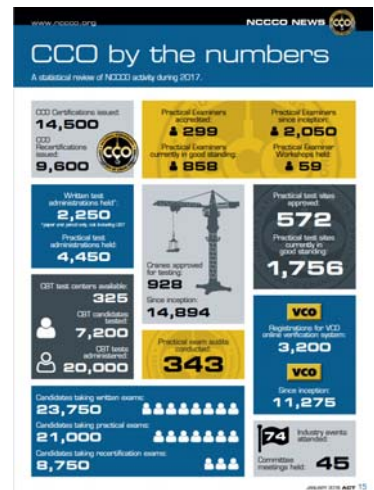


"Having CCO Certified operators has improved the caliber of personnel we employ, improved our safety record, and decreased some of our insurance premiums." **Matthew Reinhart, JJ Curran Crane Company**

CCO By the Numbers

Take a look at NCCCO's 2017 stats in this infographic from the January issue of *American Cranes & Transport*.

[Click here for a closer look!](#)



This Month in CCO History... 2002

The Associated General Contractors (AGC) and NCCCO sign a Cooperative Agreement to work together "to help ensure that a system of measuring the knowledge and skill of crane operators is available in an effective, efficient manner." It is the first in what will be more than a dozen partnerships and endorsements that will have a major impact on achieving the industry's crane safety goals nationwide.

NCCCO In The News

We're not the only ones who love 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 crafts. Take a look at what the press is saying:

[An impressive milestone](#) - A look back at SC&RA's 70-year history wouldn't be complete without mention of NCCCO's founding in 1995, *American Cranes & Transport*, January 2018

[NCCCO Driller Certification Task Force Meeting](#) - Tony Kraut, sales manager for Watson Drill Rigs, recounts his experience at the NCCCO Driller Certification Task Force Meeting, *Foundation Drilling*, January 2018

[High Speed Crossing in South Carolina](#) - Tandem lifts synchronized by CCO-Certified operators move some of the longest beams ever erected in SC, *Cranes Today*, February 12, 2018

[Experienced Operators Become Instructors](#) - NCCCO-certified operators with decades of experience has joined the ranks of Crane Tech, LLC., *Crane Hotline*, February 21, 2018

[Tree Service Answers Call For Tree Removal In High Hazard Zones](#) - A respected crane safety expert recommends NCCCO's services while breaking down a difficult tree removal project, *Construction Equipment Guide*, February 2018

Virtual Texas - CM Labs' Vortex simulator is helping to train operators at a Texas college, giving them much needed experience to prepare for NCCCO's exams, *Cranes Today*, February 2018

NCCCO Introduces 'It's Not Worth the Wait' Program - A breakdown of NCCCO's new, five-point briefing document that explains why waiting for certification should not be an option, *Construction Equipment Guide*, March 2018

NCCCO Says Don't Sit Out OSHA's One-Year Delay - OSHA's one-year delay in rulemaking is no reason to postpone certification, *Occupational Health & Safety*, March 2018

Working on the railroad - CCO-Certified operator maneuvers through difficult terrain at TEXRail site, *Cranes Today*, March 2018

TNT completes complex railroad bridge installation - Two CCO-Certified operators help to finish a job successfully and ahead of schedule, *American Cranes and Transport*, March 2018

Are you working on a cool project? Do you have neat, high quality photos of people in and around cranes? Working a large job where CCO Certification is required? **Let us know!** We'd love to write an article about your project or use your photos and if we do we'll send a token of our appreciation.

Sincerely,

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