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**Examiner
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Interested in becoming an NCCCO Accredited Practical Examiner? See if one of the upcoming workshops fits your schedule.

[Operator Refresher](#)
on September 30 in
Texarkana, AR

[Mobile/Overhead Crane](#)

on October 1-5 in
Texarkana, AR

[Rigger Level II](#)
on November 6-7 in
Knoxville, TN

Supporter Spotlight

Dear Tara,

This month's issue of *CCOnline* might almost be called the "show issue" since we bring advance details of NCCCO's plans for two major upcoming industry events: ICUEE, which will be held in Louisville, KY during the first few days of October, and CONEXPO, whose triennial appearance in Las Vegas next year is fast approaching. NCCCO will have a major presence at both, with outdoor demos, written and practical examinations and displays featuring most CCO certification programs. And with onsite scoring of exams at both events, you can have all your certification needs met at one location! By the way, it's not too late to attend ICUEE, and it's certainly not too early to lay plans for CONEXPO!

Have a great Labor Day weekend and . . . be safe!

NCCCO to Observe Labor Day on September 2

The NCCCO office will be closed on September 2 in observance of Labor Day. We wish you a safe and happy holiday.

Service Truck Crane Operator Certification Now Available

NCCCO has launched a new CCO certification program for service truck crane operators. Service truck cranes are widely used for propane delivery, mining, and heavy equipment assembly, repair, and service, as well as by local municipalities' service workers. Although relatively small, these cranes are still engaged in lifting operations covered by OSHA 1926 Subpart CC, which requires operators to be qualified if they are involved with material delivery at construction sites.



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NCCA Reaffirms CCO Certification Accreditation

The National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) has once again approved the annual report provided by NCCCO as part of OSHA's requirements for continuing accreditation by a nationally recognized accrediting body. CCO mobile crane certifications have been approved by NCCA since 1998, and the following year OSHA officially recognized CCO certification as meeting OSHA and ASME (ANSI)



requirements for crane operators. All of the CCO certification programs launched by NCCCO through last year's Certified Crane Inspector are accredited either by NCCA or ANSI, or both.

OSHA Recommits to Reopening Crane Operator Certification Rule

Speaking at the August 22 meeting of the Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health (ACCSH) in Washington, DC, Jim Maddux, Director of OSHA's Construction Directorate, reaffirmed OSHA's commitment to reopening the crane rule to address industry concerns about certifying by crane capacity, and the meaning of certification vs. qualification. The first Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that will extend the compliance date for the new crane operator certification requirement to November 10, 2017 should be published in the Federal Register by late September/early October, Maddux confirmed.

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[Click here](#) to visit NCCCO's OSHA Rule Reopening Resource Center.

Webinar: What's Up With OSHA's Crane Personnel Qualifications?

Specialized Carriers and Riggers Association (SC&RA) has scheduled Graham Brent, NCCCO Executive Director, to present an upcoming webinar, *What's Up With OSHA's Crane Personnel Qualifications?*, taking place on October 23 at 12pm ET.

[Find more information and register here.](#)

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Lift Safety Zone to Return at ICUEE 2013



NCCCO will reprise its popular Lift Safety Zone (LSZ) as part of its largest presence ever at this year's International Construction and Utility Equipment Exposition (ICUEE). ICUEE-also known as "The Demo Expo", reflecting its emphasis on hands-on demonstrations of construction and utility equipment-will be held October 1-3, 2013, in Louisville, KY.

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For the first time ever, ICUEE will also provide an opportunity for **training** for Service Truck Crane operators. Ventura Training Services (VTS) will offer attendees in-depth instruction on the knowledge and skills tested on the CCO exams. [Click here](#) to find out about training for CCO Service Truck Crane Operator Certification being offered at the show.

International Assessment Institute has Moved

The Florida offices of International Assessment Institute (IAI) have moved to:

1960 Bayshore Boulevard

Dunedin, FL 34698

IAI's phone and fax numbers as well as email addresses have not changed.

NCCCO Holds Largest Ever Commissioners Meeting

Nearly 60 Commissioners and guests traveled from across the country to the Baltimore area to attend the largest-ever spring Commissioners Meeting, earlier this summer. Held at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum Heights, MD, the Commissioners meeting capped a week of hectic program review and development among six of NCCCO's Exam Management Committees, including both Mobile Crane Committees (Written and Practical), as well as the Signalperson, Articulating Crane, Tower Crane, and Overhead Crane Committees.



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NCCCO Gears up for ConExpo Next Year in Las Vegas

NCCCO is once again planning a major presence at ConExpo, the 2014 edition of which will be held in Las Vegas, March 4-8. A highlight of the exhibit will be the reprise of the Lift Safety Zone (LSZ), which was such a hit at the 2011 event and which, once again, will be co-hosted by the International Powered Access Federation (IPAF) through its U.S.

subsidiary, American Work Platform Training (AWPT).

For 2014, the LSZ moves to a prominent new location a short walk from the North Hall Lobby. Here a further display will provide details about all CCO certification programs, including the new service truck crane and soon-to-be-launched boom truck certifications.

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Verify CCO Online System Attains Early Success

Less than six months after becoming available, the "Verify CCO Online" or "VCO" system has attracted more than 1,200 registrations from over

800 organizations. The VCO system allows the credentials of CCO-certified individuals to be instantly verified via the Internet and can be accessed at no cost from the NCCCO home page or using a special address, www.verifycco.org.



The VCO system has already proven to be invaluable, not only to major industrial and construction crane users, but also to federal, state and local government representatives, including OSHA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Users from 48 states and the District of Columbia have registered to use the VCO system.

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Commissioner Spotlight: Bill Smith

William ("Bill") Smith, Jr. brings to the NCCCO Commission more than 30 years of experience in the crane, rigging, and construction industry from labor, management, government, and insurance perspectives. Much of his career has been focused on safety issues and training on safe work practices. This well-rounded, 360-degree viewpoint makes him uniquely qualified to serve on the Commission, which he has done for more than 10 years.

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NCCCO Welcomes Three More "Committed" Employers

NCCCO congratulates the following companies that have been recently enrolled in the *Committed to Crane Safety* program:

- Burkhalter Rigging, Inc, Columbus, MS
- SENCO Construction, Robinson, IL
- Steenblock Erectors, Inc., Fremont, NE

NCCCO would also like to recognize those *Committed to Crane Safety* Employers who earned awards at the Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association Annual Conference in Scottsdale, AZ:

- AmQuip Crane Rental, Philadelphia, PA
- Barnhart Crane & Rigging, Memphis, TN
- Crane Rental Corporation, Orlando, FL
- Dawes Rigging & Crane Rental, Milwaukee, WI
- Deep South Crane & Rigging, Baton Rouge, LA
- Essex Crane Rental Corporation, Buffalo Grove, IL
- Sterett Crane & Rigging, Owensboro, KY
- TNT Crane & Rigging, Houston, TX

Companies that employ CCO-certified operators, riggers, and/or signalpersons that are actively engaged in their craft are eligible to apply for the *Committed to Crane Safety* program. For complete program information, including how to apply, [click here](#)



Written Test Administration Request Form Now Online

Test Site Coordinators (TSC's) are now able to submit the [Written Test Site Administration Request](#) Form online for all exams.

The same policies and procedures should be followed when completing this form as when the paper form is completed. Immediately after submitting your request you will receive an email that your request has been received. The request form will be processed within three business days and upon approval a confirmation email will be sent with a test administration number.

If you have any questions or feedback on the new form, please contact [Kim Qualls](#).

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.