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If you are interested in becoming accredited to conduct Mobile Crane Operator practical exams, please [click here](#) for additional information on the June 11-13 workshop scheduled in Meadville, PA.

Supporter Spotlight



The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators gratefully recognizes the generous support of **Buckner Heavylift**, sponsor of the

Dear Tara,

In this issue of CCOOnline you'll learn of recent industry efforts aimed at ensuring OSHA crane operator certification regulations truly reflect the intent of the C-DAC Committee that drafted them almost 10 years ago.

Among the experts who have been involved in efforts to enhance crane safety since NCCCO was established in 1995 is Commissioner Dennis Eckstine, who is profiled in this issue. And we welcome six more companies who have recently been inducted into the Committed to Crane Safety employer recognition program.

One of the most important events for NCCCO this year is the biennial ICUEE conference and exhibition, October 1-3 in Louisville, KY for which NCCCO will be reprising its popular Lift Safety Zone. Profiled at ICUEE will be a new CCO certification program for service truck operators. And to prove you can promote crane safety, while keeping fit and having fun all at the same time, we provide photographic evidence of the 14th Annual Fun Run/Walk sponsored by Buckner Heavylift at last month's SC&RA Annual Conference in Scottsdale, AZ.

Finally, please note that International Assessment Institute (IAI), the company that provides testing services to NCCCO, is moving next month. Full change of address details are provided in this issue.

OSHA Schedules Crane Operator Certification Meetings

The discontent that has been brewing in the industry during the past several months over OSHA's insistence that crane operators be certified according to the capacity of crane they test on came to a head last month as industry responded to the Agency's invitation to air their views in a series of public meetings at the Department of Labor in Washington, DC.

Speaker after speaker who participated in the three meetings, held April 2-3, testified to the belief that that certifying by capacity was neither meaningful nor useful and that, more importantly, it contributed

14th Annual Fun
Run/Walk.

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to crane safety. Contractors, crane rental, labor, manufacturers and the insurance industry were all well represented.

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New Address for International Assessment Institute

International Assessment Institute (IAI) is moving! Effective June 14th the Clearwater, FL office will be moving. The new address is:

International Assessment Institute
1960 Bayshore Boulevard
Dunedin, FL 34698

All correspondence and packages will need to be received at the new address beginning June 14, 2013. All phone and fax numbers as well as email addresses will remain the same.

While no down time is expected, if you experience difficulty reaching IAI at this time, please contact NCCCO offices at 703-560-2391.

IAI appreciates your patience and understanding during this transition.

Service Truck Crane Operator Certification Launches

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 certified or qualified if they are involved with material delivery at construction sites.

The service truck crane industry-including manufacturers, users, dealers, trainers, and labor-requested that NCCCO develop the new program tailored to the unique needs of service truck crane operators. Representatives from these industry sectors, as well as members of NCCCO's Written Exam and Practical Exam Management Committees, developed the new program over the last nine months.

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14th Annual CCO Fun Run Spotlights Crane Safety

Fifty-eight attendees of the SC&RA Annual Conference-held April 2-6, at the Westin Kierland, Scottsdale, AZ-came out at sunrise to show their support for CCO certification programs. The popular CCO Fun



Run/Walk-this year called the "Scottsdale Scramble" and sponsored for the 14th consecutive year by Buckner Heavylift,-is an enjoyable way of drawing attention to the importance of crane safety.

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Commissioner Spotlight: Dennis Eckstine

A charter member of the NCCCO Commission, Dennis Eckstine has been involved with the organization since its founding in 1995. With more than 40 years of experience in crane safety and heavy machinery manufacturing, he has maintained his involvement with NCCCO because he recognizes that the lifting industry needs thorough, independent assessments of knowledge and skills to enhance lifting equipment safety, to reduce workplace risk, and to give due recognition to the professionals who work in, with, and around cranes.



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NCCCO Welcomes More "Committed" Employers

NCCCO congratulates the following companies that have been recently admitted to the Committed to Crane Safety program:

- American Steel & Precast Erectors, Greenfield, NH
- Balfour Beatty Infrastructure-Southeast Region, Wilmington, NC
- Carson-Mitchell, Inc, Springfield, MO
- Essex Crane Rental Corp., Buffalo Grove, IL
- The Kelly Group, Decatur, IL
- Raven Crane & Equipment Company, LLC, Newport, DE

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, [click here](#).



Lift Safety Zone to Return at ICUEE

NCCCO will reprise its popular Lift Safety Zone (LSZ) as part of its largest presence ever at the 2013 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 in Louisville, KY.

The LSZ, positioned prominently in Area N, Booth N1053, will spotlight the CCO certification programs that have been designed specifically to meet the needs of the utility industry. These include Digger Derrick Operator (DDO), Articulating Crane Operator (ACO), and the brand new Service Truck Operator (STC) certification programs. Live demonstrations of CCO practical examinations for all these certifications will be featured throughout the show, along with the Rigger Level I and Level II practical exams.

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