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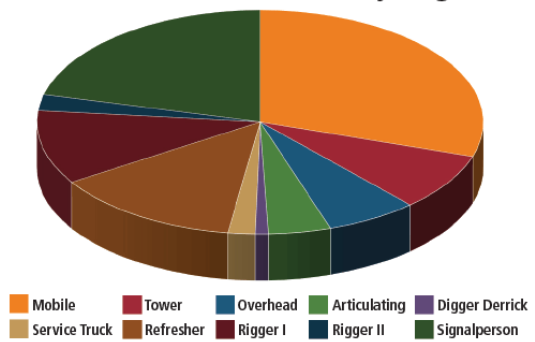
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NCCCO Hits Practical Examiner, Workshop Milestones

NCCCO reached two significant milestones recently when it accredited its 2,000th Practical Examiner and held its 400th Practical Examiner Accreditation Program (PEAP) workshop. Practical Examiners trained and accredited by NCCCO play a key role in the ability of CCO certification exams' ability to assess candidates' knowledge and skills fairly, reliably and accurately, anywhere in the country and even the world. [Read More](#)

NCCCO Practical Examiners by Program



Society of American Military Engineers and NCCCO Join Forces



As part of its ongoing efforts to facilitate veterans' transition to civilian life, the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) and NCCCO have joined forces to make CCO certification programs available to returning GIs. Founded in 1920, SAME unites public and private sector individuals and organizations from across the architecture, engineering, construction, and related disciplines in support of national security and, specifically, to identify and resolve national security infrastructure-related challenges. [Read More](#)

CCO Crane Inspectors Recertify



With the fifth anniversary of CCO crane inspector certification approaching, NCCCO is making recertification exams available through its more than 300 computer-based (CBT) test centers. The CBT recertification exams are identical to their paper-and-pencil counterparts and focus on aspects considered critical to accurate and comprehensive crane inspection. [Read More](#)

PA Clarifies that Practicals Must be Taken on "ASME B30.5 Cranes"

The Pennsylvania State Board of Crane Operators has announced that certificants applying for a license in Pennsylvania to operate telescopic boom mobile cranes with fixed or rotating controls must take them on "an ASME B30.5 crane." The ruling applies to applicants taking their practical exams on or after January 1, 2017. [Read More](#)



NCCCO Clarifies Physical Requirements

NCCCO has discontinued use of its Physical Examination Form and Physician's Instructions. In taking this action last month, the NCCCO Board of Directors recognized that, while use of the form has been voluntary for many years, it differed in several aspects from the B30 Physical Requirements. Since compliance with B30 Physical Requirements is a condition of certification, this had been the source of confusion among certain candidates and employers, and the form's complete removal is designed to remedy that. [Read More](#)

Special CONEXPO Registration Discounts

NCCCO is delighted to announce that, by special arrangement with AEM, the organizer of CONEXPO/CON-AGG, we are able to offer discounted rates of up to **\$100 in savings** for both Exhibition Registration *and* Education Sessions at CONEXPO 2017. [See Details and Register Here](#)

CONEXPO Education Highlight: Responsibilities of Onsite Personnel for Cranes



Join NCCCO President Thom Sickelsteel, for an enlightening and comprehensive guide to the roles of every member of an onsite crane operation and support team. Many employees and employers are unaware of their responsibilities as defined by ASME even though OSHA has been enforcing them. This session will cover the different responsibilities that have been identified, what the team's roles are on the job site, and what training and qualification is necessary to meet the requirements.

[Read More](#)

Pete Laux Elected to NCCCO Board of Directors

Pete Laux, Senior Equipment Manager with the Kiewit Companies, has been elected by the NCCCO Commission to the NCCCO Board of Directors. He took up office at the conclusion of the Board's meeting September 30, and will serve an initial term of three years. Continually employed by the Kiewit Companies since graduating from the Oregon Institute of Technology in 1980, Pete has held positions from mechanic to district equipment manager and has been involved in most all phases of equipment management. He currently also serves on NCCCO's Mobile Crane Written Exam Management Committee.



Lift Safety Zone to Take Center Stage at CONEXPO 2017

CONEXPO is just months away, and NCCCO is once again planning a major presence at the international construction exposition and conference, with expanded exhibit areas and a packed seminar program. A highlight of NCCCO's presence will once again be the Lift Safety Zone (LSZ), which has been a hit with visitors since debuting in 2011. It will provide an opportunity to interact with crane safety experts and NCCCO staff, and will feature practical demonstrations of CCO operator, rigger, and signalperson certification programs. [Read More](#)



Lift & Move Goes to CA



The next Lift & Move USA careers event will be held at the Bragg Companies' Long Beach, CA facility. As with previous events in this series, the program (scheduled for November 2) is aimed at high school students and former military personnel who are looking for career alternatives that don't require a four-year college degree.

[Learn More](#) or [Register for the Event](#)

Commissioner Spotlight: Hank Dutton



Hank Dutton has been in the construction industry for more than 25 years; his current position is Senior Technical Specialist, Construction Risk Control at Travelers. Mr. Dutton has been employed at Travelers for over 20 years and has had the opportunity to work with a diverse group of contractors covering most types of construction. [Read More](#)

WA State Gets Regularly Scheduled Exams

In order to assist crane certifiers in Washington State to maintain their credentials, the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) has established two standing test sites that will provide certificants and new candidates alike with regular opportunities to test. Exams will be held in East Wenatchee, WA and



Tumwater, WA in alternating months. [Read More](#)

Practical Examiner Workshops Scheduled

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?



[Operator Refresher](#) in Phoenix, AZ on November 14

[Overhead Crane](#) in Phoenix on November 15-16

[Operator Refresher](#) in Borger, TX on November 15

[Mobile Crane](#) in Borger, TX on November 16-18

[Rigger Level Refresher](#) in Phoenix, AZ on November 17

[Rigger Level II](#) in Phoenix, AZ on November 18-19

Did You Know?

With just a few clicks, you can instantly verify CCO Certification? The Verify CCO Online (VCO) system allows users from any device with internet capabilities to review all of an individual's certification designations and

expiration date. This resource has proved to be a powerful tool for employers hiring and tracking their employees' certification, contractors verifying certification of those on the site, and even certificants who may have misplaced their card. Registration for the VCO to quick, instant and free! Visit www.verifycco.org.



From the Seat



"The knowledge I gained about the rules, regulations, and equipment capabilities are a must for real world operations." **Greg Brewer, One-Star Recertificant**

Employer Quote of the Month

"CCO certification has helped us perpetuate our professional, competent business image and our reputation. When we show up on a construction site, the owners and generals that we work for know that we'll get the job done safely, on time and on budget." **Chris Burns, Hardman Construction**



CCO By the Numbers

334,000+ - NCCCO has issued more than 334,000 CCO certifications since testing began in 1996.

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This Month in CCO History... 2008

Cal-OSHA publishes its landmark six-year study revealing an 80% drop in crane-related fatalities following California's requirement for crane operators to be certified. The conclusive evidence demonstrating the evidence of accredited certification in saving lives and reducing the incident of injuries and accidents, help push the ailing federal rule closer to publication.

Supporter Spotlight

NCCCO gratefully recognizes the generous support of its industry sponsors.

Advancing equipment manufacturers in the global marketplace; AEM's passion is to not only see businesses succeed, but to create a community where the equipment industry can make positive and lasting change. AEM is 900+ members strong and growing, representing 200+ product lines.



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,

Tara Whittington
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