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NCCCO offices will be closed:

Dec. 23 (3pm) - December 26

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Supporter Spotlight



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

Dear Paul,

As 2013 draws to a close, NCCCO would like to wish everyone a safe and prosperous year to come. Although the advent of a New Year is a time for excitement at the new challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, it is also a perfect opportunity for us to reflect on the previous year's notable events. This past year was yet another highly successful and productive year for NCCCO and, just in case you missed any of the highlights, here's a summary for your review:

- CCO [Crane Inspector certification](#) earned ANSI accreditation.
- ANSI approved the appointment of NCCCO as the designated secretariat of the international crane standards committee, [ISO TC 96/SC8](#).
- The online certification [verification system "VCO"](#) was launched to overwhelming industry positive response.
- The number of CCO certification written exams administered passed the 400,000 mark, while the [computer-based testing option](#) continued its record-setting pace.
- [Service Truck Crane \(STC\)](#) operator certification was launched to accommodate operators of smaller service truck cranes.
- In response to OSHA's announcement of its intent to partially re-open the crane rule, NCCCO issued a ["Top Ten" list](#) of questions and answers to clarify the issue.
- The popular "Star Recognition Program" was expanded to One- and Two-Star recertificants, recognizing operators' continuing skills and knowledge.
- 37 meetings of NCCCO's exam management committees were held in 13 states across the nation, as well as 13 virtual online meetings.
- The [Lift Director certification](#) was launched in response to

sponsors without whom this program would not have been possible.

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response to requests from industry stakeholders including crane users, manufacturers, labor, and insurance companies.

- Annual [Auditor Training](#) was completed for NCCCO's specially trained national team of practical exam auditors.
- An improved version of the highly popular [Experience Log Book](#) was developed, issued free of charge to all newly certified operators.
- NCCCO's [Employer Recognition Program](#) was expanded to include additional employers committed to crane safety through certification.
- NCCCO participated in 45 exhibitions and conferences including the International Construction & Utility Equipment Exposition (ICUEE), reprised the [Lift Safety Zone](#), and laid plans for [CONEXPO](#) to be held in Las Vegas in March 2014.

We encourage you to let us know what you would like to see from NCCCO in the New Year by dropping us an [email](#) with your thoughts.

Digger Derrick Operator Earns ANSI Accreditation

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Personnel Certification

Accreditation Committee (PCAC) has announced that the scope of the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) ANSI accreditation has been extended to include the CCO Digger Derrick Operator certification program. This means that



the CCO Digger Derrick Operator certification program is now accredited by ANSI to the ISO/IEC 17024 International Standard. [Read More](#)

ANSI Grants NCCCO Continued Accreditation

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Personnel Certification Accreditation Committee has voted to grant the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) **continued accreditation for 2014**. Further, as part of its annual accreditation review, ANSI has issued a commendation to NCCCO for procedural excellence in regard to NCCCO's security procedures. [Read More](#)

Shuttlelift Load Chart Available January 2014

As part of NCCCO's goal of continuously improving its certification programs, NCCCO is adding a new load chart option for the CCO Telescopic Boom-Fixed Cab (TSS) specialty exam. The new load chart is based on a 25 ton Shuttlelift carry deck crane load chart, although it has been modified for testing purposes. The new load chart more accurately reflects the literature that accompanies cranes currently being manufactured and sold.

[Read More](#) [See the Load Chart](#) [Find Sample Items](#)

Visit CONEXPO - Get Certified *and* Accredited!



NCCCO has identified [many great reasons](#) to attend CONEXPO/CON- AGG at the Las Vegas Convention Center on March 4-8, 2014. In addition to CCO certification exam administrations, the Lift Safety Zone (G-1817 in Gold Lot), NCCCO's information exhibit in the Grand Lobby (GL-20000), and numerous educational seminars, CCO-certified personnel will have ample opportunities to be trained and authorized by NCCCO to administer CCO Practical Examinations. [Read More](#)

Changes to Signalperson Make Exams More Accessible

NCCCO has introduced a new Signalperson test administration model that allows Practical Examiners to administer practical tests separately from written exams and without requiring an IAI Chief Examiner to be present. [Read More](#)



Visit NCCCO at World of Concrete



get up to speed on all the ANSI-accredited and OSHA-recognized personnel certification offered by NCCCO.

[Read More](#)

Be sure to stop by NCCCO's booth (C6405) at the World of Concrete show at the Las Vegas Convention Center on January 21-24, 2014, and

Congratulations to Our Three-Star Winner!

Congratulations to our Three-Star CCO recertificant Virgil Jeffery of Hartsburg, MO who was randomly selected to win a Link-Belt RTC 80100 Series II scale model from among the respondents to the latest in a series of surveys sent out to CCO-certified operators who have recertified three times.

Thanks to Link-Belt Cranes for sponsoring the drawing as well as to all participants for their valuable input,



comments, and contributions to the CCO program.

CONEXPO Education Seminar Highlight

We've already reported in a previous CCOOnline that there are at least nine (9) outstanding reasons to sign up for the brand new CONEXPO Crane and Rigging Education Track developed by NCCCO at the request of CONEXPO, in concert with AEMP and SC&RA. They all take place over the first four (4) days of the show (Tuesday through Friday). All the sessions have been meticulously selected by the AEM Education Committee (of which NCCCO is a member) to provide attendees with world-class crane and rigging information from renowned international experts. On Day One (Tuesday, March 6) *alone*, CONEXPO seminars include:

[T13 2014 OSHA Requirements for Crane Operator Certification](#), presented by C-DAC members, Chip Pocock and Rob Weiss.

[T17 Reliability Measures for Effective Training](#), presented by crane and safety training specialist, Bo Collier.

[T36 What's New in Tower Crane Standards](#), presented by ANSI/ASME B30.3 Tower Crane Committee Chairman, Peter Juhren.

Future issues of CCOOnline will profile sessions scheduled for the following days, but don't wait! [Register today](#).

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NCCCO has signed up for social media! Follow us on Twitter: [@NCCCOorg](#) for all of the latest updates on CONEXPO activities and more.

This Month in CCO History in 1996

. . . NCCCO completed its first nine months of testing during which time just 800 crane operators were certified in mobile crane operation. Since that time, more than 150,000 nationally accredited CCO certifications have been issued, and the number of certification programs expanded to 20, with more in development. "Watch this space" for exciting news of a new program being readied for launch in the first quarter of next year!

Did You Know...

There are 2 Ways to Take Written Exams?

Nearly all CCO written exams are offered via [paper/pencil administration](#) as well as [computer based testing \(CBT\)](#). While the exam itself is the same regardless of administration format, there are different policies for registration and score reporting.

For **paper/pencil exams**, candidates locate a convenient test administration listed on the NCCCO website and send in their application two (2) weeks prior to the exam date. Scores are mailed no later than 12 business days following the exam.

For **CBT exams**, candidates make their application online, and then select a date/location from their choice of more than 300 sites

nationwide. CBT candidates receive their scores immediately, before even leaving the test facility.

For more information on written exam administrations please visit the FAQ or contact NCCCO's Customer Service Department, Makeda Evans, 703-560-2391 ext. 202 or via email at info@nccco.org.

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.