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CCO to Move Written Exams Into the Digital Age

CCO is excited to announce its technology initiative to move all written exams to the computer. Benefits include immediate score reporting, extended test availability windows, expanded network of areas where tests can be taken, and a much easier process to schedule or reschedule exams. [Read More](#)

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Understanding the OSHA Compliance Directive

The 2018 crane rule from OSHA provided a framework for establishing operator competency for the construction industry. The operator must be: Trained + Certified/Licensed + Evaluated = Qualified. How will compliance officers enforce the standard?. [Read More](#)



Deep Discounts on CONEXPO!

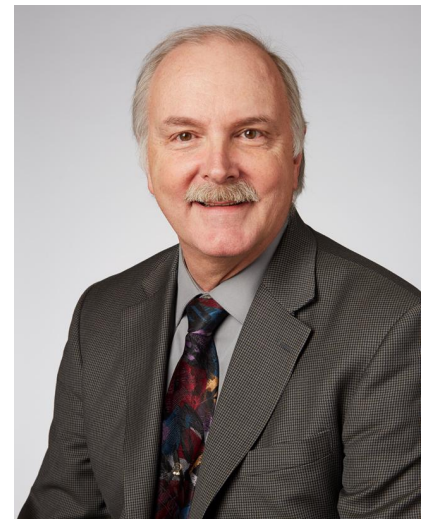


CCO is excited to announce that through a special arrangement with AEM--the organizers of CONEXPO--we are able to offer significant discounts on both registration and education! It isn't too early to register for what is bound to be another successful and exciting show. Through CCO's [special registration link](#), attendees can get up to 60% off attendance and more than 30% off education packages! Register today, prices increase on September 17th!

DISCOUNTED CONEXPO REGISTRATION

CCO Elects Directors, Officers for 2022/2023

The Board of Directors of the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (CCO) is pleased to announce the industry leaders who will serve CCO during 2022–2023. Elected to the office of President is **Pete Laux, Kiewit Corporation, Omaha, NE**, who has been a member of the Board since 2011 and previously served as Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. [Read more](#) and see the entire Board to serve for 2022/2023.



Save the Date(s)!



Want to learn more about Concrete Pump Operator Certification? Join CCO CEO, Thom Sickelsteel at the **American Concrete Pumping Association 2022 OSM Conference, September 17-18, 2022**, in Westminster, CO. Attendees will learn about the impact accredited third-party certification can make on the industry as well as how to become certified. Register for the event or find more info at www.concretepumpers.com/content/acpa-2022-osm-conference.

The **NCCCO Foundation** will host the **7th Annual Industry Forum** focusing on qualifications of crane operators and those working with and around lifting equipment. Scott Ketcham, Director of OSHA's Directorate of Construction, has been invited to provide the keynote address at the event, which will take place on the afternoon of **October 20, 2022**, in Phoenix, AZ. Registration for the event will open next month. [Read More](#)



Following the Industry Forum, the **53rd Biannual Meeting of the CCO Commission** will take place on **Friday, October 21, 2022**, in Phoenix, Arizona. Guests are welcome to attend, but advance registration will be required. The Commission will hear reports from Exam Management Committees meeting earlier in the week as well as discuss the management of CCO certification programs and policies and network. Registration to attend will be available in September at www.nccco.org/meetings.

The Road to Success is Paved with Safety

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Ask ten ordinary people what the key to a successful business is and you may get ten different answers. Ask ten highly successful business people and you will probably hear the word safety more than once. As a person involved in the construction related training industry, our business is safety. Over the past 30 years of being a part of these industries, I have learned that there are two types of business mindsets, one that prioritizes safety over everything else, and one that doesn't. It's been more than once that I've heard people say, "Well, you have to make a profit, right?", when talking about safety. [Read More](#)

Graham Brent Retires from the NCCCO Foundation



Graham Brent—CEO of the NCCCO Foundation and former CEO of CCO—retired, effective July 29, 2022. Brent led the non-profit certification body CCO virtually since the inception of CCO certification programs in 1996 until he stepped down three years ago to take up leadership of the recently formed NCCCO Foundation.

Looking back at CCO's history over the past 27 years, one can see Brent's handprints all over the organization and everything it has accomplished. Much of this success was the result of ideas generated by Graham's never-ceasing 24/7 drive to improve safety, reduce accidents, and get people home to their families safely at the end of the day. [Read More](#)

Kerry Hulse: The Quintessential Difference Maker

Kerry Hulse, who served CCO for 25 years, first as Chair of the Commission and then as a member of the Board of Directors, has stepped down from the Board as of June 30, 2022, when his term ended.

Those with long memories will find it difficult to recall a time when Kerry Hulse was not associated in some manner with CCO. Kerry's involvement with what became known as CCO certification actually predates the formation of the organization body. [Read More](#) about Kerry's impact to CCO and the stakeholders we serve.



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Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association

New CCO Certification for Concrete Pump Operators Now Available

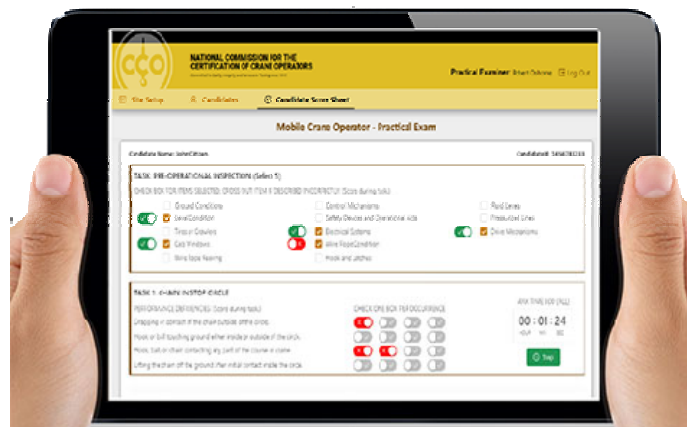
CCO has launched a new certification program for operators of concrete pumps. CCO developed this certification in response to numerous requests from industry so that users can garner the same increased safety benefits that users of other load handling equipment have seen through certification.

[Learn more](#) about the program or [apply now!](#)



Practical Examiners to Move to Tablet-Based Score Sheets

CCO is excited to announce that as part of its technology initiative to improve efficiencies, those who administer practical exams will record candidate performance via a tablet rather than on a paper score sheet. Those who administer practical exams will record candidate performance via a tablet rather than on a paper score sheet. This will result in exam results being available shortly after the exam is taken as well as heightened testing integrity. [Read More](#)



CCO Announces "CCO Cares" Initiative

CCO wants candidates and certificants to know that they are more than just a certification number. CCO understands that behind each program participant is a hard-working, safety-minded professional who cares deeply about the work they do. At the core, CCO knows that each certificant wants to be sure that everyone on the jobsite gets home safely to their families at the end of the day. [Read More](#)



CCO Cares

Congratulations to 2022 SC&RA Crane & Rigging Safety Award Recipients!

Congratulations to the **CCO certificants** and **Committed to Crane Safety Employer Recognition Program** participants who were recognized this year by Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association (SC&RA) for their dedication to safety. Each year, SC&RA awards Crane & Rigging Safety Awards to individuals and companies across the U.S. and Canada who practice crane and rigging safety and meet specific criteria.

Rigger Safety Awardees

- Mark Alaniz – Deep South Crane and Rigging, LLC (Baton Rouge, LA)
- Ronnie Boman, Jr. – Deep South Crane and Rigging, LLC (Baton Rouge, LA)
- John Kafka – Barnhart (Memphis, TN)
- Mark Meche – Deep South Crane and Rigging, LLC (Baton Rouge, LA)

Crane Operator Safety Awardees

- Gary Ayo Jr. – Deep South Crane and Rigging, LLC (Baton Rouge, Louisiana)
- Phillip Barraco – TNT Crane & Rigging, Inc. (Houston, Texas)
- Ernesto Barrera – Dutcher-Phipps Crane & Rigging Company (Monahans, Texas)
- Collin Campbell – JJ Curran Crane Company (Detroit, Michigan)
- Jason Cazenave – TNT Crane & Rigging, Inc. (Houston, Texas)
- Jason Chadwick – TNT Crane & Rigging, Inc. (Houston, Texas)
- Nick Chapman – Southway Crane & Rigging, LLC (Lexington, South Carolina)
- James Crafton – Central Rent-A-Crane, Inc. (Hammond, Indiana)
- Sabrina Crow – Deep South Crane and Rigging, LLC (Baton Rouge, Louisiana)
- Oscar Culbreth – TNT Crane & Rigging, Inc. (Houston, Texas)
- Pat Farr – JJ Curran Crane Company (Detroit, Michigan)
- David Fisher – PSC Crane & Rigging (Piqua, Ohio)
- Jerry Fowler – Deep South Crane and Rigging, LLC (Baton Rouge, Louisiana)
- Jimmie Gann, Jr. – Deep South Crane and Rigging, LLC (Baton Rouge, Louisiana)
- James Haggerty – BOSS Crane & Rigging (Longview, Texas)
- Pete Heintz – Barnhart (Memphis, Tennessee)
- Greg Hernandez – TNT Crane & Rigging, Inc. (Houston, Texas)
- Harrison Hogsten – Deep South Crane and Rigging, LLC (Baton Rouge, Louisiana)
- Colby Howell – Deep South Crane and Rigging, LLC (Baton Rouge, Louisiana)
- Lynn Johnson – Central Rent-A-Crane, Inc. (Hammond, Indiana)
- Jerry Knutson – Dawes Rigging & Crane Rental, Inc. (Milwaukee, Wisconsin)
- Joe Kolanek – Davis Crane Companies (Irving, Texas)
- Brian Lawhon – Central Rent-A-Crane, Inc. (Hammond, Indiana)
- Brandon Lozano – TNT Crane & Rigging, Inc. (Houston, Texas)
- Ben Lyda – Southway Crane & Rigging, LLC (Lexington, South Carolina)
- Calvin McCauley – TNT Crane & Rigging, Inc. (Houston, Texas)
- Robert McCloud – Deep South Crane and Rigging, LLC (Baton Rouge, Louisiana)
- Jake Mikas – RMS Cranes LLC (Denver, Ohio)
- Daniel Moyer – Central Rent-A-Crane, Inc. (Hammond, Indiana)

- Rigoberto Olivas – Dutcher-Phipps Crane & Rigging Company (Monahans, Texas)
- Jason Oncale – TNT Crane & Rigging, Inc. (Houston, Texas)
- Adam Pelicano – TNT Crane & Rigging, Inc. (Houston, Texas)
- Christopher Peterson – Davis Crane Companies (Irving, Texas)
- Justin Sanders – Deep South Crane and Rigging, LLC (Baton Rouge, Louisiana)
- Jeremy St. Pierre – TNT Crane & Rigging, Inc. (Houston, Texas)
- Jesse Sommers – Dawes Rigging & Crane Rental, Inc. (Milwaukee, Wisconsin)
- Fernando Valdez-Bermudez – TNT Crane & Rigging, Inc. (Houston, Texas)
- Jim Warrington – JJ Curran Crane Company (Detroit, Michigan)
- Paul Watkins – TNT Crane & Rigging, Inc. (Houston, Texas)
- Trever Weber – JJ Curran Crane Company (Detroit, Michigan)
- Ryan Werner – Dawes Rigging & Crane Rental, Inc. (Milwaukee, Wisconsin)
- Mike West – Central Rent-A-Crane, Inc. (Hammond, Indiana)

Crane & Rigging Zero Accident Awardee:

- Phoenix Crane Rental, Mableton, GA

Crane & Rigging Safety Improvement Awardees:

- Deep South Crane and Rigging, LLC (Baton Rouge, LA)
- Phoenix Crane Rental (Mableton, GA)

Crane & Rigging Safety Awardees:

- Barnhart (Memphis, TN)
- Buckner HeavyLift Cranes (Graham, NC)
- Deep South Crane and Rigging, LLC (Baton Rouge, LA)
- Maxim Crane Works, L.P. (Wilder, KY)
- Phoenix Crane Rental (Mableton, GA)



Next year, CCO cards will leverage QR code technology already in use and will rely on the **Verify CCO System** (VCO) to track card holders' certifications held and expiration dates. No more wondering if the card is current or valid! Cards will still contain the certification number that may also be typed into the VCO in the event an operator is at a remote site.

New Information on Score Reports

Effective this month, those taking practical exams on a Lattice Boom Friction machine will see such documented on their practical score reports.

This does not change the certification being granted (Lattice Boom Truck or Lattice Boom Crawler) when all requirements are complete. However, those that must document testing on a machine with friction controls may now do so more easily.

NCCCO Office Closure



In honor of Labor Day, CCO offices will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2022. We hope you are able to take this time to reflect on the many achievements and contributions your work has made to the strength and prosperity of the nation.

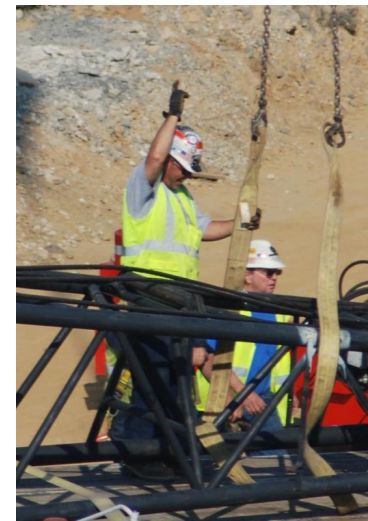
All offices will reopen at 8:30 a.m. in their respective time zones on **Tuesday, September 6, 2022.**

This Month in History...2010

OSHA publishes 29 CFR 1926, Subpart CC

Although often known as the Crane Rule, 29 CFR 1926 also had requirements for Signalpersons and Riggers which went into effect rather quickly.

Both Signalperson and Riggers are required to be qualified. But how to do so and document that has often been a question. In the end, **third-party accredited certification is the only solution that is defensible**. This is due to the process that CCO takes to build fair, valid, and reliable exams under ISO 17024 personnel certification standards.



Sponsorship Opportunities Still Available



CCO 2022 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Annual Corporate Sponsorships
- myCCO Mobile App
- Task Force, Committee, and Commission Meetings
- Meeting Breaks
- Wi-Fi/Audio-Visual
- Room Keys
- Training Providers Roundtables

CCO has increased the ways you can get your brand recognized in the industry for 2022.

This year there are two ways to participate: Annual Corporate Sponsorships and “À la Carte” Sponsorships of specific events. Corporate Sponsorships feature recognition throughout the year at all CCO events, on the CCO website, in the *CCOnline* newsletter, and in industry and social media. These annual Corporate Sponsorships give the best return on investment and keep your brand in front of the entire CCO and load handling equipment community on an ongoing basis. Various sponsorship levels are available to enable organizations of all sizes to participate. À la carte

sponsorships give your organization concentrated exposure to specific groups by sponsoring specific

events such as CCO Exam Management Committee and Task Force meetings, meeting breaks, or the Training Providers Roundtables.

Check out all of the opportunities and benefits of [Sponsorship](#). For more information, or to secure an opportunity, contact Tara Whittington at (703) 560-2391 ext 206 or twhittington@nccco.org.

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