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Dec. 10-12

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Las Vegas, NV

Feb. 28-March 1

Dear Paul,

If you are involved in crane operations at any level you will be only too aware that federal agencies play an active role in regulating those activities. Two of them, **Federal OSHA** and the **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**, addressed the NCCCO Commission last month at its 35th Biannual Meeting in Baltimore, MD; we provide summaries of their presentations in this issue. The **CCO Practical Exam Auditor Program** is a key component of NCCCO's Quality Assurance Program, and the final Auditor Training workshop—training that all NCCCO Auditors are required to attend each year—was held in Lincolnton, SC earlier this month. We take a look at how regular auditing of CCO practical exam sites keeps CCO certification tests valid, reliable and fair to all candidates. Also this month we take a sneak peak at the "big event" of 2014: the once-every-three-years **CONEXPO** where NCCCO will have a larger than ever presence and which this time around features a brand new series of not-to-be-missed crane and rigging seminars.

OSHA and Corps of Engineers Speakers Cap off 35th Biannual Meeting

Presentations by Jim Maddux, Director of OSHA's Construction Directorate, and Jerry Balcom, Loss Control Program Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers capped a week-long series of exam management committees as well as the 35th Biannual Meeting of the NCCCO Commission in October. More than 70 Commissioners and guests gathered in Baltimore, MD, for the biannual meeting.

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Annual NCCCO Auditor Training Wraps Up

An NCCCO Auditor Training Workshop held in Lincolnton, SC earlier this month was the latest workshop held this year as part of NCCCO's

[Articulating Boom Crane \(and Refresher\)](#)

Las Vegas, NV
Feb. 28-March 1

[Signalperson, Rigger Level I and Level II](#)

Las Vegas, NV
March 8 - 12

[Mobile Crane Refresher](#)

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March 8

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mandatory annual training program for NCCCO Auditors. The CCO Practical Exam Auditor Program is a key component of NCCCO's Quality Assurance Program designed to ensure that all certification examinations are delivered in a standardized manner that is fair to all candidates while remaining psychometrically valid and reliable in line with ANSI accreditation protocols. [Read More](#)



NCCCO Introduces Lift Director Certification

Those whose responsibility it is to plan and direct lifting operations now have a way to test the practical application of their knowledge with the newly launched [CCO Lift Director](#) certification program.

Developed over the past year-and-a-half by an 18-member Lift Director Task Force made up of industry veterans and subject-matter experts, as well as psychometricians from International Assessment Institute (IAI), this new multidisciplinary certification is fully compliant with OSHA regulations and the soon-to-be-published ASME standard. [Read More](#)

Have you Registered for CONEXPO 2014?

With registration now open, it's time to make plans to attend the once-every-three-years equipment showcase and conference to be held March 4-8, 2014 in Las Vegas. Here are five great reasons to book your ticket now!



1. **Lift Safety Zone (G-1817)**—dead center of the Gold Lot, with live CCO practical exam demonstrations, crane and aerial lift safety tips, and a "try-your-hand" crane simulator.
2. **Information Booth (GL-3000)**—located in the North Hall Lobby, just across from the Gold Lot, with full information about all CCO certification programs and all of NCCCO's activities around the exposition.
3. **Certification Examinations**—CCO written, practical, and recertification exam administrations. *Come to CONEXPO-Leave CCO Certified!*
4. **Practical Examiner Accreditation**—workshops for most CCO programs before and after the main exposition.
5. **Educational Seminars**—seminars delivered by internationally renowned experts delivering solid advice for best practices in crane and rigging safety.

Full details of NCCCO's largest-ever participation at CONEXPO can be found at www.nccco.org/conexpo2014.

Think CONEXPO-Think....Education

While dramatic displays of gleaming new cranes dominating the Las Vegas skyline might be the first image that comes to mind when thoughts of CONEXPO arise, it will also pay to check out the brand

seminars on key crane and rigging issues that will be a major feature of the next event scheduled for March 4-8, 2014. [Read More](#)

NCCCO Welcomes New Commissioners

Three Commissioners in three distinct industry sectors were elected to new five year terms at the 35th Biannual Meeting in October: **Walter Brumley** of Shell Oil (Deer Park, TX); **William "Hank" Dutton** of Travelers (Oxford, GA); and **John Hartwell** of IUOE Local 324 (Howell, MI). Brumley and Dutton have previously served the NCCCO Commission in this capacity. Meanwhile, Commissioners **Scott Lamb** of IUOE Local 324 and **Doug Sidelinger** of Cianbro Corp. both retired from the Commission after many years of service. NCCCO thanks all of these industry representatives for their dedication and commitment to NCCCO and its mission to promote crane safety. [Read More](#)

Articulating Crane Operator Recertification Exams Available

Because all operator certifications for CCO cardholders' share the same expiration date, those who are CCO-certified to operate articulating boom cranes and loaders will soon need to complete their recertification requirements. [Read More](#)

Florida Crane Owners' Council, Inc. Awards Scholarships

The Florida Crane Owners' Council, Inc. awarded a full crane operator certification scholarship at a recent membership meeting on September 13, 2013 in Orlando. This year's winner is **Dustin Cleghorn** of DC Crane Service, Inc., W. Palm Beach, Florida.

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Improved Log Books Issued

A revised and improved Crane Operator Experience Log book is now being issued to all newly CCO-certified crane operators by NCCCO.

[Read More](#) [Log Book Order Form](#)

Lift Safety Zone a Big Hit at ICUEE 2013



NCCCO reprised its popular Lift Safety Zone (LSZ) as part of its largest presence ever at this year's International Construction and Utility Equipment Exposition (ICUEE), held October 1-3, 2013, in Louisville, KY, and attended by more than 16,000 utility industry representatives.

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What's up with OSHA's Crane Personnel Qualifications?

NCCCO's Graham Brent and Joel Oliva were recently invited by the Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association to conduct a webinar to

discuss the legal responsibilities for qualifying employees who work with and around cranes. Among the topics covered were two central issues--certifying by crane capacity and whether certification is equivalent to qualification--that prompted OSHA to announce its intention to reopen the crane rule. [View the webinar.](#)

CCO Certification Available to Military Personnel

CCO certification examinations will continue to be administered through military bases worldwide following an announcement by DANTES (the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support) that it has been granted funding for exams in fiscal year 2014. NCCCO is approved by DANTES as a provider of certification programs for serving U.S. military personnel and has provided certification exams for serving military as far afield as [Bagram Air Base](#) in Afghanistan. For additional information visit the [DANTES website](#) or [press release](#).

At This Time in...1998

OSHA's Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health (ACCSH) met to discuss updating the cranes and derricks standard that had remained largely unchanged since its introduction in 1972. Although unusual for industry to ask government for more regulation, it was a step that many felt necessary to make the standard more relevant and that would, ultimately, make the construction site a safer place. It ultimately led to the formation of the Cranes and Derricks Advisory Committee (C-DAC) and to the publication, almost 12 years later, of the completely revised and expanded crane rule, 1926 CFR Subpart CC.

Also at this time in 1998, NCCCO recorded its 5,000th crane operator candidate tested. To date, more than 150,000 nationally accredited CCO certifications in 20 categories have been issued.

Holiday Closing

In recognition of the Thanksgiving Holiday, all NCCCO offices will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29, and will reopen on Monday, December 2, 2013. We wish all our readers a very Happy Thanksgiving!

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.