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### Happy Holidays

NCCCO wishes you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May peace, prosperity, and happiness be yours throughout the holidays and new year. The NCCCO offices will be closed on Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26, as well as Monday, January 1.





Federal OSHA has delayed its crane operator certification requirement for another year. It's not the first time the industry has had to come to terms with an extension of this rule, but, in the minds of most safety-conscious professionals, it certainly needs to be the last. Why? Because every day that goes by without the rule in place means another day where those working around cranes-and even the general public who daily navigate around construction sites in city after city across the country-are being put at greater

risk of a crane incident that need not have happened. [Read More](#)

## VA Re-Approves CCO Certification

The Department of Veterans Affairs has again approved NCCCO's certification exams as eligible for reimbursement through the VA for those who qualify. All 37 exam options have been approved. NCCCO originally gained approval through the VA in 2001. [Read More](#)



## NYC Recognizes CCO Lift Director Certification



New York City is in the process of enacting new qualification requirements for lift directors during lifting operations and other crane-related activities. The Bill, 1431-2017, which amends the city's Administrative Code, has been approved by the City Council and has been sent to Mayor Bill de Blasio. [Read More](#)

## OSHA Excludes Monorail Hoists

OSHA has issued special guidance regarding monorail hoists and the applicability of the crane standards found in 1926 Subpart CC. In its [memorandum](#) to all OSHA regional and state plans administrators, OSHA announced that it would not apply Subpart CC to these types of machines. Instead, other OSHA regulations, such as 1926.554 and 1926.21 would be applicable. [Read More](#)



## NCCCO Participates in World Standards Week



NCCCO CEO Graham Brent addressed delegates at two conferences in October in conjunction with World Standards Week 2017. Held two weeks apart in Washington, DC and in Singapore, the conferences were designed to highlight the manner in which properly developed standards could reduce risk in the workplace while at the same time promoting innovation. Brent's presentation, *Construction Risk Mitigation Through Conformity Assessment* focused on the impact CCO certification had had on reducing crane accidents and improving risk mitigation. "It was a privilege and an honor to be representing the certification community at this prestigious international event," said Brent. "Developed correctly, and implemented appropriately, standards can both save lives and change lives for the better. In a nutshell, that is NCCCO's 20-year story."

## Credential Engine Promotes Transparency

A new nationwide initiative, Credential Engine, unveiled tools and services last week that it is hoped will pave the way to a new level of transparency for educators, employers, students, and workers looking to navigate the postsecondary credentialing system. [Read More](#)



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## International Event Focuses on Workforce Development



NCCCO participated in the sixth World Crane and Transport Summit (WCTS) in Amsterdam in November. NCCCO is an official supporter of the event along with several international crane and transport associations. The two-day summit attracted more than 250 industry professionals and experts from around the world. Workforce development and credentialing were major topics as presentations from different initiatives in the United States, Europe, and Australia.

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## NCCCO Commission's 43rd Bi-Annual Meeting

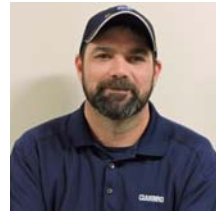


Hosted by Samson Rope Technologies, NCCCO Commissioners, 43rd Biannual Meeting was held in October at Samson's headquarters in Bellingham, WA. The Commissioners Meeting was preceded by four (4) days of Committee meetings co-hosted by Lifting Solutions and Stephenson Equipment. The meetings were attended by more than 60 NCCCO Commissioners, committee members and guests.

## NCCCO Elects New Commissioners

The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) elected two new Commissioners at its 43rd Biannual Meeting in Bellingham, WA in October.

Elected to terms on the Commission were David Doherty (pictured right), Crane Training Coordinator, Cianbro Equipment; and James Strobush (pictured far right), Product Manager - Crawler Cranes, Liebherr. [Read More](#)



## Liebherr USA Continues Calculator Sponsorship



For the second year running, Liebherr USA has agreed to sponsor the calculators used on CCO certification exams. For security reasons, candidates are not permitted to bring their own calculators into the testing room, and so they are provided with basic four-function calculators at no cost when taking certain paper-and-pencil specialty written exams. Managing Director of Liebherr USA, Daniel Pitzer, said he was delighted to be able to extend his company's commitment for a further term. "It is a privilege to be able to support the efforts of NCCCO by providing these calculators for use by candidates on CCO written exams," he said. [Read More](#)

## Singapore Ministry of Manpower Hosts NCCCO Visit

Crane safety and operator qualifications were high on the agenda at a meeting of senior personnel from NCCCO and Singapore's Ministry of Manpower (MoM) in November. Through its Workplace Safety and Health Council, MoM has been highly proactive in recent years identifying areas of greatest risk for Singapore's crane-using industries and in developing measures to mitigate that exposure. The large number of articulating cranes in use in the island nation have led the Council to



*Pictured at the joint meeting of NCCCO and Singapore's Ministry of Manpower in November are Er. Mohd Ismadi, Director, Occupational Safety and Health Division, Ministry of Manpower (center); Graham Brent, CEO, NCCCO (center left); and members of Singapore's Ministry of Manpower and the Workplace Safety and Health Council (WSHC) with particular responsibility for crane safety.*

focus in particular on this type of equipment. [Read More](#)

## NCCCO Provides Certification Perspective at IAF meeting



NCCCO participated in the annual meeting of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) held in Vancouver, British Columbia in October. The meeting, which attracted representatives of standards and accrediting bodies from all over the world, featured two important sessions on compliance with ISO 17024, the international standard that NCCCO is accredited to through ANSI. [Read More](#)

## Visit NCCCO at The Work Truck Show for Free!

Visit NCCCO at The Work Truck Show being held **March 6-9, 2018** in **Indianapolis, IN**. The Work Truck Show is a once-a-year chance to see all of the newest industry products, choose from dozens of industry-focused training courses, and gain access to technical engineering representatives from hundreds of exhibiting companies.

Attendees can interact with thousands of industry professionals; set up meetings with current suppliers or customers; find solutions to resolve technical issues; and talk shop with industry peers at special events and receptions. Learn more [about the show](#) and register for a **free pass and one education session** using [this form](#).

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## Grants for CCO Certification



Since partnering with the SC&R Foundation earlier this year, NCCCO has awarded two (2) \$300 grants for CCO Certification. Most recently, Logan Goddard was able to benefit from the award. Logan currently works with Taylor Crane and Rigging and is looking to advance himself within the industry by becoming CCO Certified. We congratulate Logan on his efforts.

## Did You Know? CBT Registration is Simple

All of NCCCO initial written as well as recertification exams are available to take via computer based testing (CBT). To apply for a CBT exam just go to [www.nccco.org/CBTapp](http://www.nccco.org/CBTapp). When you apply you will provide your contact information, what exams you would like to take, and payment. In 24-48 hours, applicants will receive an email with instructions on setting up the day, time, and location of the exam either online, or via phone.

Still have questions about registration? Contact the NCCCO Customer Service Department at 703-560-2391.

## CCO By the Numbers

# 343

Number of Practical Exam Audits  
Conducted in 2017

## This Month in History... 2007

NCCCO introduces a completely overhauled ethics and discipline program. Violators of the NCCCO Code of Ethics and/or Substance Abuse Policy are subject to discipline up to and including permanent revocation of their certification. Within ten years the number of cases investigated by NCCCO's Program Integrity Team have passed the 350 mark.

## NCCCO In The News

It's not just us that talks about CCO Certification! The industry press is abuzz with news and commentary about the nation's first and leading certification program for crane operators and related crafts. Here's a recent sampling:

[OSHA Delays Crane Operator Certification Requirements Until 2018](#), *Safety and Health Magazine*, Nov. 2017

[Deep South and Berard host 650 in Baton Rouge](#), *American Cranes and Transport*, Nov. 20 2017

[OSHA Extends Operator Certification](#), *Wire Rope Exchange*, November-December 2017, pg. 9

[Bechtel Collaborates with ITI to Broaden Workforce Development Opportunities](#), *Wire Rope Exchange*, November-December 2017, pg. 11

[CICB Partners with SC&R Foundation](#), *Wire Rope Exchange*, November-December 2017, pg. 14

[Providing Tools to Empower Success](#), *Wire Rope Exchange*, November-December 2017, pg. 20

## Supporter Spotlight

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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,

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