

was born almost 30 years prior - a bold action to counteract a rising fatality rate on construction sites across the country. [Read More](#)

Washington State Extends Contract with NCCCO

The Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) for the State of Washington has extended its contract with NCCCO for the development and maintenance of written exams for the state's crane certifier program. The Department first contracted NCCCO in 2008, and since then, more than 330 crane certifier exams have been taken. The new partnership will extend through 2017. [Read More](#)



FTI Commits to CCO Signalperson and Rigger Certifications



The Finishing Trades Institute (FTI) - the education department of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT), and the Finishing Contractors Association (FCA) - is now working with NCCCO to offer members training and testing services that lead to CCO Signalperson and Rigger Level I certifications. The partnership will see certifications expand for commercial painters, drywall finishers, wall coverers, glaziers, glass workers, floor covering installers, sign makers, display workers, and convention and show decorators.

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Lift Safety Zone to Take Center Stage at CONEXPO 2017

CONEXPO is just a few 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, as well as an opportunity to get certified. [Read More](#)



Commissioner Spotlight: Dave Judy



David ("Dave") Judy has been an NCCCO Commissioner since 2012, holding a seat in the labor category, representing the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) through Local 18, Ohio Operating Engineers. As a crane operator with decades of field experience, he has been involved with NCCCO since its inception, earning his CCO mobile crane operator certification the first year it was available, in July 1996. At that point he'd already been in the construction industry and working with the Operating Engineers for more than 20 years. By 1996 he knew that certification or licensing would be coming to the crane industry, so he became certified to stay in the forefront of safety issues and enhance his training.

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Lift & Move USA Heads to California

Lift & Move USA - the series of events that has generated enormous interest among local high schools and career placement groups in the opportunities that professional certification can provide in the crane, rigging, and specialized transport industries - is coming to Long Beach, California, on Nov 2. Several employers are already pledging support for the upcoming event, as they seek to identify the next generation of operators, engineers, riggers, mechanics, and sales staff. The Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association (SC&RA) and industry publisher KHL, along with NCCCO will again be partners in hosting the event. [Register Here](#)



NCCCO Catches Up and Recognizes its First President

The 20th anniversary of the founding of NCCCO has provided an opportunity to recognize those who shaped and nurtured the vision of a national program for the certification of crane operators. NCCCO CEO, Graham Brent, recently presented a recognition award to the organization's first President of the Board, Earl Johnson, Jr., at the annual conference of the SC&RA.

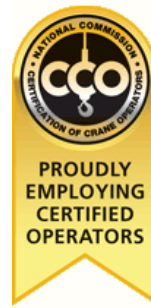
"Without the vision and determination of NCCCO's 'founding fathers,' few, if any, of the safety benefits that we have come to associate with independent, third-party certification would have occurred," Brent said. "It is a delight and privilege to honor those, like Mr. Johnson, to whom the industry owes so much."



Employer Recognition Program

NCCCO congratulates the following companies

that have been recently enrolled in the Employer Recognition Program (ERP). All ERP Companies have demonstrated that they are committed to crane safety by employing CCO-certified personnel. You can see the entire [directory of employers](#), or find out how to [apply for recognition](#) for your company.



- [Crowther Roofing & Sheet Metal of Florida, Inc.](#), Fort Meyers, FL
- [Island Piling, Inc.](#), Naples, FL
- [Pro Crane Services, LLC.](#), Norfolk, NE

Last Call! Training Providers Annual Listing Renewal



All Training Providers currently listed on the NCCCO website must resubmit the [Application for Listing as a Training Provider](#) and required documentation in order to continue being listed in 2016. A Certificate of Recognition for 2016 will be mailed to all renewing companies. Not yet applied to be listed on the NCCCO Training Providers website? [Apply here](#)

Did You Know?

Just like certification exams, Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshops can be hosted at nearly any location. This allows companies and organizations that wish to bring the certification process completely in house to get multiple employees accredited to administer exams on a schedule that works for them. Benefits of scheduling a workshop include a free attendee, you set the dates, and no travel expenses to send your employees elsewhere. To learn more about holding a workshop at your location and request additional information [click here](#).

John N. Zarian Appointed as General Counsel/Director of Administration



John N. Zarian recently joined NCCCO in the newly created position of General Counsel/Director of Administration. John is based primarily out of NCCCO's Western Regional Office in Salt Lake City, Utah. He is now responsible for all NCCCO matters that require legal review, as well as selected administrative and organizational activities. John has practiced law for 27 years and earned his law degree from the University of Southern California. [Read More](#)

NCCCO Celebrates 17th Annual Fun Run

NCCCO thanks all the participants of this year's Fun Run! For the 17th year in a row, Buckner HeavyLift Cranes (Graham, North Carolina) sponsored the annual event, which took place at the Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek on April 27, 2016, in Orlando, Florida. The event once again raised funds to support NCCCO programs and initiatives, and participants received T-shirts and stickers to put on their SC&RA name badges to show support for NCCCO's core mission.



From the Seat



"Certification has helped me be more alert and to take my job more seriously. Always thinking about safety most definitely makes the job better. Not just for myself, but also for my co-workers."

Paul Jaramillo, Two-Star Recertificant

Employer Quote of the Month

"We feel that with certified cranes and certified operators, we show our customers that safety and education matter most to us."

Kena Yoke, Island Piling, Inc.



CCO by the Numbers

The number of people who certified when the CCO program first began testing in 1996 and have been continuously certified through today.

137

This Month in CCO History... 1998

NCCCO was independently accredited for the first time by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA), and since 2007, by the American National Standards

Institute (ANSI) to the international standard ISO 17024. CCO Certification Programs have been awarded no less than seven highly prized ANSI commendations, recognizing NCCCO program design, quality assurance, stakeholder input and data security.

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:

The Tip of the Licensing Iceberg -- Certification applications increase ahead of OSHA certification requirements, *Crane Hot Line, May 2016, p. 22.*

The Letter of the Law -- Rules and regulations dictate crane transport operations, *Crane Hot Line, May 2016, p. 22.*

Positive Practices -- NCCCO certification in Charleston, S.C., *Crane Hot Line, May 2016, p. 8.*

Rigging News -- New training center in in Cleveland, Ohio. *Crane Hot Line, May 2016, p. 20.*

Inspector Credentials -- NCCCO brings knowledge and experience to inspector certifications, *Crane Hot Line, July, p. 26.*

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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,

Tara Whittington
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