

February 2022 Issue Highlights

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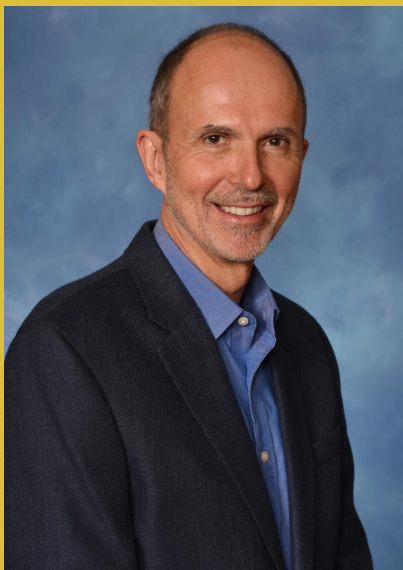
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Graham Brent to Retire from NCCCO Foundation



Graham Brent, Chief Executive Officer of the NCCCO Foundation, will retire July 29, 2022, bringing to a close a 26-year career with the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators.

Brent has led the NCCCO Foundation since 2019 when he stepped down after 23 years as CEO of the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators. In that time, the Foundation has achieved industry-wide recognition for its ground-breaking studies on crane operator evaluation and virtual reality; its authoritative accreditation and operator certification reference directories; and its advocacy for the crane and rigging industries in outreach to youth and veterans. [Read More](#)

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Court Awards Judgement for Infringement



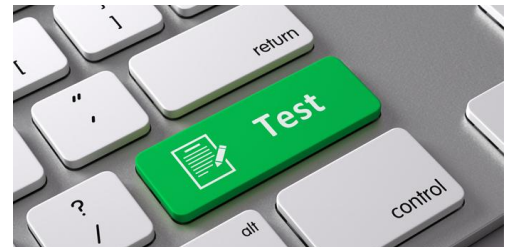
A federal judge in Alabama has awarded CCO a nearly \$1 million judgment for copyright infringement, as well as a permanent injunction against the two defendants involved in the misconduct.

On December 13, 2021, U.S. District Judge Terry F. Moorer of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Alabama, entered a judgment against Donald Childers ("Childers") and his company, Alabama-based Nationwide Equipment Training, LLC ("Nationwide"), in favor of CCO. (The defendant is not related to Nationwide Crane

Training, based in Nevada.) The court found the defendants liable for "willful" copyright infringement of certain CCO written examinations. [Read More](#)

CCO Revises Recertification Testing

To improve fairness across all exams and candidates, the majority of CCO Exam Management Committees have elected to migrate away from shortened recertification exams, replacing them with the initial (longer) certification written exams to be taken by all candidates, whether for initial certification or to recertify as required every five years.



After careful study and analysis, CCO determined that the shorter recertification exams do not provide the same high level of reliability and validity that is demonstrated by the longer initial certification exams. All candidates, regardless of certification status, must be assessed on the same examination content as established by the Exam Management Committee. By using the same

exam for all candidates, this change levels the playing field and ensures that all candidates are tested equally. [Read More](#)

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Accredited Safety Solutions (Indianapolis, IN) is the new exclusive Platinum Sponsor for the myCCO smartphone app, available for Apple and Android devices. As such, the app now features a link to the company's website (www.accredited-safety.com). The free app is the fastest way to see exam results, and has been enhanced so that users can now see upcoming exams (including

authorization codes) and recent exam history (including exam results). Get the app at www.nccco.org/myCCO.

Join Us for Commissioner Week

CCO is gearing up for it's bi-annual meetings to be held in person in Orlando, FL beginning April 19. Multiple Exam Management Committees will meet during the week followed by a meeting of the CCO Commission. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

See the full schedule of meetings being held, get information about hotel booking, airline information, and other travel details, and register for meetings at www.nccco.org/meetings. ***You must register for meetings no later than Sunday, April 17, 2022.***



2022 Sponsorship Opportunities Available



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

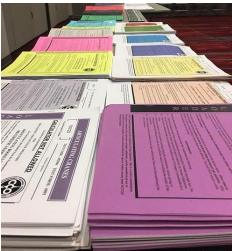
CCO has increased the ways you can get your brand recognized in the industry for 2022.

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 CCOOnline 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.

Protecting CCO Exams

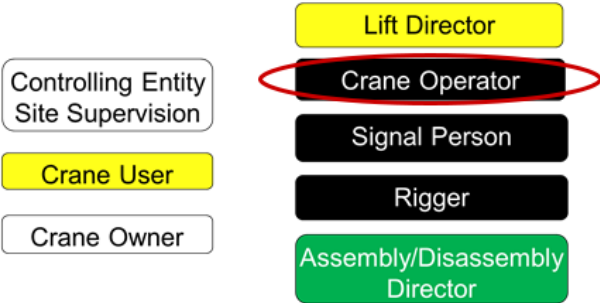


One of the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators' ("CCO") most valuable assets is its intellectual property. In order to protect its intellectual property, CCO registers and enforces the copyrights it holds for secure examinations, score sheets, handbooks, and other examination materials. CCO currently holds a portfolio of more than 400 registered copyrights, in both secure examinations and non-secure examination material. [Read More](#)

Crane Operator Responsibilities and Requirements

Fourth in a series of related articles reviewing the roles that have been identified when working with cranes, explaining the responsibilities, defining the training requirements, as well as outlining the documentation requirements.

As stated in our previous articles, the roles on the left side of the graphic are roles that do not have any requirements listed for qualifications (e.g. competent, certified, or qualified). The roles on the right side, however, do have prescribed qualifications and responsibilities.



The Crane Operator plays a critical role in the operation of the crane. Many believe that the Crane Operator is the captain of the ship and is responsible for all crane-related things. While this isn't anywhere near the truth, the Crane Operator does have significant responsibilities and qualification requirements. [Read More](#)

CCO Directors Earn I.C.E. Credentialing Certification

Join us in congratulating **Bob Mahlman** (left), CCO Director of Certification & Credentialing, and **Joel Oliva** (right), CCO Senior Director of Innovation, who recently earned the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (I.C.E.) new Certified Credentialing Professional (ICE-CCP) certification. The ICE-CCP credential enables credentialing professionals to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and abilities in governance, program operations, and assessment development, and validation. Although certificants may be focused in other specific functions in their day-to-day activities, they have demonstrated knowledge across all credentialing activities and understand the interplay among functions. As the professional home for credentialing organizations and individuals, I.C.E. serves as the primary resource for best practices and is uniquely qualified to develop this certification opportunity for credentialing professionals.



CCO 25th Anniversary Gala a Great Success



25th Anniversary
GALA

CCO held its first in-person meetings in nearly two years during the week of November 8-12, 2021 in Arlington, VA. While 2020 marked the 25th Anniversary of the founding of CCO, 2021 marked the 25th Anniversary of when CCO certification first became available.

The black-tie 25th Anniversary Gala took place the evening of Thursday, November 11, after several days of exam management committee meetings and the Sixth Annual Industry Forum on Personnel Qualifications presented by the NCCCO Foundation. Everyone in attendance enjoyed seeing so many familiar faces after the past year of relative isolation.

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The 25th Anniversary Gala was a success in large part due to the generous contributions of the below industry partners.



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Sixth Annual Industry Forum on Personnel Qualifications Rated Highly



The *Sixth Annual Industry Forum on Personnel Qualifications*, held in conjunction with NCCCO's fall 2021 meetings and presented by the NCCCO Foundation, was a major success as judged by those who attended. In a post-event poll, fully 95% stated that the *Forum* "met or exceeded" their expectations. And 90% would "definitely" attend another.

The four-hour hybrid conference, held both in person in Arlington, Virginia, and via Zoom, attracted record registrations of almost 500 safety professionals from 45 states, setting yet another record for the event. [Read More](#)

Practical Examiner Accreditation Workshops

Learn to administer CCO practical exams! Being able to administer practical exams either in-house, or to the public makes you an asset not just to your company, but to the safety of the industry.

[Mobile Crane Workshop](#) - March 8-10 - Converse, TX

[Virtual Refresher](#) (for those already accredited) - March 16-18

[Signalperson, Rigger Level I and Rigger Level II](#) - March 21-25, Converse, TX



CCO is Hiring!

Employment opportunities exist for dedicated professionals interested in furthering the mission of the nation's leading nonprofit load handling equipment personnel certification organization, CCO. If you have a passion for safety and seek a rewarding career in supporting the effort to reduce injuries and fatalities through accredited CCO certification, we'd like to hear from you.

CCO is hiring for several positions in our Florida, and Utah locations. To get more information and to see what positions are available, visit [CCO Employment Opportunities](#).

This Month in History.....2007



In February 2007 CCO unveiled plans to develop it's first non-operator certification program, the Signalperson program. Aimed at helping to close the gap on workplace safety, the program launched the following year.

Today, 15 years later, employers, contractors, and those in the field rely on CCO certification of Signalpersons to help document that an individual has the knowledge and skill to perform their duties. Signalperson certification assists employers in meeting OSHA requirements, and has helped nearly **29,500 certificants** to be gainfully employed.

Learn more about how to become a [certified Signalperson](#).

CCO in the News

We're not the only ones who love talking about CCO Certification! Industry media outlets are abuzz with news and commentary about the nation's first and leading certification program for crane operators and related crafts. Take a look at what the press is saying:

[NCCCO Foundation recognizes top-performing veterans](#) - The NCCCO Foundation and Heavy Equipment Colleges of America (HEC) announced the launch of a new program designed to recognize top-performing veterans. *American Cranes & Transport, November 2021*

[Never a better time to become a crane operator](#) - What we already know, crane operation is a great career. Find out who some are seeking to fill the skilled operator shortage, the skills they are building on for these new operators, and growth potential for those entering the industry. *Crane Hotline, November 2021*

[OSHA Director keynotes at the NCCCO Foundation's Industry Forum](#) - Read details on what directorate of construction, Scott Ketcham, reported at the fall Industry Forum including OSHA's focus. *Construction Equipment Guide, December 2021*

CCO By The Numbers

Total number of exams administered in 2021! That's 65 exams every business hour.

This is a record achievement and surpasses the number of exams administered in 2019, which was the last record-setting year.

134,622

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