Dear Tara,

NCCCO offices have been stirring with activity. In this issue of CCOonline we update you on new programs and corresponding Practical Examiner training that have launched, election results are announced, a great new video is available online, and for those interested in becoming a Practical Examiner - several workshops have been scheduled. Also read about the fun we had at the SC&RA Conference, and see exactly what NCCCO had to say to Federal OSHA.

Don't forget, if you haven't already done so, please update your profile by clicking at the bottom of the page.

CCO Rigger Certification Available Now

The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) has announced the availability of its much anticipated certification program for riggers.

Rigger (Basic) is the first level in a three-level program. Development work on the Intermediate and Advanced Rigger levels is nearing completion and will follow during the year.

Read more

NCCCO Elects Directors, Officers for 2009

The Board of Directors of the National Commission for Directors of the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) who will serve NCCCO during 2009.

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NCCCO Begins Rigger Examiner Training

The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators conducted the first open training of Rigger Examiners in Sacramento, California, March 30-April 1.

The event was hosted by A Better Valley Crane Inc. of Sacramento, CA. Eleven practical examiners from five (5) states, already accredited by NCCCO to administer CCO crane practical exams, received training in the
administration of NCCCO's new Rigger Practical Exam.
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Signalperson & Rigger Practical Examiner Training Workshops Scheduled

The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) is pleased to announce the following workshops have been scheduled. Remember space is limited - sign up now. Click on the date to find more information and the registration form.

Signalperson - Conshohocken, PA on June 29-30, 2009
Rigger - Houston, TX on June 29 - 30, 2009
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Rigger - Houston, TX on July 1 - 2, 2009
Signalperson - Memphis, TN on July 28-29, 2009

Buckner Hosts 10th Anniversary Fun Run

A sunny California desert morning greeted the more than 50 early risers at the Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association (SC&RA) Annual Conference in April who signed up for the benefit at the beautiful La Quinta (Palm Springs) Resort selected for this year's event. This year marked the 10th Anniversary of sponsorship by Buckner HeavyLift Cranes, Graham, NC for the CCO 5K Fun Run/Walk for the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO). A staple of the Annual Conference, this year's Fun Run, titled Pace in Palm Springs, set a new record number of participants, beating last year's record of 40. Buckner President, Doug Williams, generously provided all participants with a commemorative T-shirt, and was formally acknowledged for his decade of support of the CCO benefit by NCCCO's Joel Oliva who presented him with a recognition plaque. Anticipation mounts for next year's annual event, to be held in Orlando, FL. See the photo album!

NCCCO Provides Testimony to Federal OSHA

"The premise of certification is simple," said NCCCO Executive Director, Graham Brent, in testimony before an OSHA panel as part of the agency's official hearing on the Proposed Rule for Cranes and Derricks (C-DAC), in March, in Washington, DC. "A trained individual is a safer individual by virtue of the knowledge and skill he or she has obtained during the training process. Certification—providing it is professionally developed and maintained in accordance with rigorous standards of examination development
(a confirmation available through an appropriate accreditation process)—is an employer's (as well as the general public's) best assurance that the required training has been effective—that, in fact, learning has, taken place.” Read the full testimony.

**NCCCO Wants to Hear From You!**

NCCCO is interested in your feedback. Do you have a question, comment, idea or concern about CCO national crane operator (Mobile, Tower and Overhead) or the new Signalperson or Rigger certification programs? Drop us an email with your thoughts.

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