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Dear Paul,

### **New Year, New Opportunities**

It's a New Year and, like all those before it, one full of challenges and opportunities. We touch on several in this issue and first up has to be CONEXPO, North America's largest equipment show and conference all set to take place March 4-8 in Las Vegas, NV. We've been talking about it for months and planning our presence there for much longer. We certainly hope to see you at least at one of the main activity areas we have arranged as an official Supporting Organization of the event, whether that means taking a CCO written or practical exam, signing up to train as an accredited NCCCO Practical Examiner, watching a safety demo at the Lift Safety Zone, participating in one or more of the 11 crane and rigging seminars that NCCCO has helped organize, or just stopping by the NCCCO Information Booth. In any case, if you come to "Cranes Central" (aka, the Gold Lot) you'll run right into us, so we look forward to welcoming you there!

## **Examiner Accreditation Workshops Scheduled**

Interested in becoming  
an NCCCO Accredited  
Practical Examiner?  
Join us at CONEXPO!

[Service Truck Crane](#)  
Las Vegas, NV

Feb. 28-March 1

[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](#)

Las Vegas, NV  
March 8

[Mobile Crane](#)

Las Vegas, NV  
March 9-11

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CONEXPO's Lift Safety Zone to Focus on Power Line Safety



A central theme of CONEXPO's Lift Safety Zone will focus on the hazards of operating cranes and aerial lifts around power lines and the correct and safe way of doing so.

NCCCO and IPAF, joint sponsors of the Lift Safety Zone, are teaming up to present both live demos and an information exhibit that will be featured throughout the show. The theme also ties in with the presentation to be made as part of CONEXPO's Crane & Rigging

education track by Paul Satti of the Construction Safety Council entitled Safety of Equipment Around Power Lines on Wednesday, March 5. [Read More](#) [Are you Going to CONEXPO? Take the Poll.](#)

Not Excited About CONEXPO Yet?

Check out this video of NCCCO's activities at the last show! And there's way more in store at this year's event.



CONEXPO Exam Registration Available!

CONEXPO/CON-AGG attendees will be able to sit for any of the ANSI-accredited CCO written exams including all programs, both regular and recertification exams. CCO practical exams will also be offered onsite for mobile, service truck, and articulating crane operators. [Read More and Register](#)

| CONEXPO 2014                        | Tue. 3/4     | Wed. 3/5     | Thurs. 3/6   | Fri. 3/7     | Sat. 3/8 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------|
| Written Exams All Programs          | REGISTER NOW |              |              | REGISTER NOW |          |
| Practical Exams Operator Programs   | REGISTER NOW | REGISTER NOW | REGISTER NOW | REGISTER NOW |          |
| Practical Exams Signalperson/Rigger |              | REGISTER NOW | REGISTER NOW |              |          |

## OSHA Releases New Power Line Video

OSHA has released the latest in its series of videos aimed at reducing construction accidents. Titled, *Working Safely With Cranes Near Power Lines*, the animated video demonstrates the precautions that must be taken while working around energized power lines. Available for [free download](#) in English and Spanish.

## Still No Word from OSHA

It's 2014 and . . . the crane operator certification requirement *as written* is set to go into effect in 10 months. Are you ready?

[Read More](#)

## NCCCO Stands Behind Substance Abuse Policy

As the New Year dawns, substance abuse continues to be a major issue for employers. Notwithstanding the changes in the law permitting the recreational use of marijuana in Colorado and Washington, NCCCO's substance abuse policy remains in full force and effect. [Read More](#)

## Compliance Directive On Its way

It may be only a matter of weeks before the long awaited Compliance Directive on the new crane rule is distributed to OSHA area offices.

[Read More](#)

## Service Truck Crane Examiners Get Accredited

NCCCO recently conducted three webinars for current NCCCO Practical Examiners in the Mobile Crane program seeking to add the new Service Truck Crane (STC) category. In addition, one in-person Practical Examiner Workshop for new Examiners has been held, in Tiffin, OH, and another Workshop is scheduled [February 28-March 1 in Las Vegas](#), to coincide with CONEXPO. [Read More](#)

## Are you Committed to Crane Safety? Then the ERP Program is For You!



The Employer Recognition Program (ERP) was introduced to recognize the time, effort, and dedication to safety that employers demonstrate when they make sure to have certified operators, signalpersons, and riggers. The application is simple, recognition is free, and the benefits are great. Find full [program information](#), the [program application](#), and a [directory of currently recognized companies](#) online.

## Announcing the Training Provider Listing Recognition Program

NCCCO is pleased to announce that companies who are approved for listing as a Training Provider in 2014 will qualify for participation in NCCCO's brand new Training Provider Listing Recognition Program.

Although NCCCO's status as a third party certification provider prevents it from endorsing or approving any training company or training program in any way, we have developed this new program to recognize the efforts that companies expend in developing and providing training programs for candidates wishing to obtain CCO certification. Listed companies will receive a certificate suitable for framing that acknowledges their listing on the NCCCO web site.



### Training Providers: Time to Renew for 2014

All training providers currently listed on the NCCCO website are reminded that it's time to renew and update their listing. All providers must resubmit the [Application for Listing as a Training Provider](#) and required documentation in order to continue being listed in 2014. Don't delay in submitting the form and documentation; the deadline is February 28!

### CICB to Provide Training at CONEXPO

To help new candidates and current NCCCO card-holders make the most of their time at this year's CONEXPO 2014, Crane Inspection & Certification Bureau (CICB) will be holding NCCCO Mobile and Articulating Crane Operator Preparatory Training and volunteering its services to the NCCCO for Practical Exams. CICB is making it very convenient for the show attendees to leave NCCCO Certified. [Read More](#)

### Educate at CONEXPO: 11 More Reasons to Go!

If you were invited to attend a conference where you could learn all about the latest developments in crane safety, what the greatest risks were in crane operations and how to avoid them, how to plan and execute both routine and "super" lifts, and how to work safely around power lines, would you attend? [Read More](#)



### Follow Us on Twitter



NCCCO has signed up for social media! Follow us on Twitter: [@NCCCOorg](#) for all of the latest updates on CONEXPO activities and more.

## This Month in CCO History in .... 1999

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NCCCO introduced its very first practical examination. Initially optional for mobile crane certification candidates, the practical became mandatory in 2000. Recognized by the certification and accreditation community as being the most difficult type of tests to develop, practical exams are now an essential feature of all CCO certification programs where skills need to be evaluated in a hands-on situation. Over the last 15 years, more than 155,000 candidates have taken almost 250,000 CCO practical exams, which have been commended by ANSI as representing the very highest standard of technical development and integrity.

## *Did You Know...* Certificants Can Recertify Up to 12 Months Before Their Certification Expires?

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Certificants can take recertification exams at any time in the 12 months prior to their expiration date without "losing time" on their certification. Recertification cards are sent with an issue date that begins when the current certification ends. This means there is no reason to put off recertification and risk losing certification once within the 12 month timeframe.

While NCCCO does send recertification reminders as a courtesy, recertificants can also contact Makeda Evans at 703-560-2391 ext. 202, or Aridne True at ext. 206, or email [customerservice@nccco.org](mailto:customerservice@nccco.org) with any questions.

## Important Notice Regarding the TSC/PE Section of the NCCCO Website

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We are currently performing important upgrades and site maintenance to the TSC/PE login section of the NCCCO website. As part of this project, this section of the website will be closed beginning the afternoon of Friday, February 7 through Saturday, February 8. Test Site Coordinators and Practical Examiners will receive a new login name via email. Passwords will not change.

## NCCCO Wants to Hear From You!

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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.