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### Commissioner Spotlight



Meet NCCCO Commissioner [Doug Sidelinger](#), a lifelong teacher who has worked with The Cianbro Companies (Pittsfield, ME) since 1982.

### Supporter Spotlight

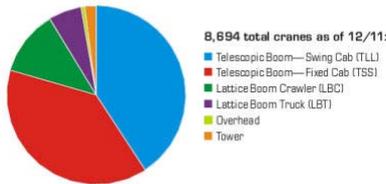


Dear Tara,

As 2012 shapes up, the recently launched CCO Crane Inspector program is gaining momentum, development of the new Digger Derrick Operator program is nearing completion, and other new certification programs requested by industry are on the horizon.

This month in *CCOnline* you'll find out what milestone NCCCO's practical testing program recently passed, see how auditor training helps maintain the integrity of CCO exams, meet NCCCO Commissioner Doug Sidelinger, discover who among the respondents to a recent survey won the Manitowoc 4100 scale model, learn which CCO testing policy will change as of July 2, and read about two-time CCO recertificant Simeon Crews.

Cranes Approved for CCO Practical Testing



## NCCCO Approves 3,000th Practical Exam Site

NCCCO's nationally accredited certification program passed another milestone recently when the 3,000th practical test site was approved for testing.

Since 1999, when NCCCO first added practical tests to its CCO crane operator certification exams, test site applications have been received from across the nation to administer CCO practical examinations.

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## Annual Auditor Training Maintains CCO Test Integrity

*Sixth in a series profiling CCO Test Integrity*

NCCCO recently held two workshops designed to ensure Practical Exam Auditors continue to conduct audits of Practical



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### NCCCO Approves use of Calculators on CCO Exams

Basic electronic calculators will be permitted for use on certain CCO written exams effective July 2, 2012. Previously, calculators have been prohibited on all CCO national tests. The policy change is in part because of the results of a study commissioned by International Assessment Institute (IAI).

[Read More and Find the Study](#)

### CCO Operator Profile: Simeon Crews



Simeon Crews has been CCO certified to operate all types of mobile cranes since 1999, but he has been operating crawler, hammerhead, luffing jib, gantry, and other types of cranes for almost 32 years. Over the years he's done almost everything that can be done with a crane, including heavy construction, driving piles, running draglines, lifting clam buckets, drop balling, loading rail cars, and now loading and unloading ships.

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### Become an NCCCO Accredited Practical Examiner

We are pleased to announce further opportunity to become an NCCCO Accredited Practical Examiner at a workshop to be held in Salt Lake City, UT.

[Signalperson and Rigger Level I](#) Practical Examiner Accreditation, March 27-29

Register now as space is limited!

### CCO Around the Nation

NCCCO Program Manager Joel Oliva will be giving the educational seminar *Everything You Need to Know About Mobile Crane Operator Certification* at the 2012 **International Sign Expo** in Orlando on March 21-24. Joel's presentation will be at 9 a.m. on Friday, March 23. Go to

[www.signexpo.org](http://www.signexpo.org) to register for this seminar and learn more about the other 70+ educational sessions offered at the 2012 International Sign Expo. You do not need to be a member of the International Sign Association to register for the trade show and educational sessions, and discounts are available for "signing up" before February 17.

NCCCO Manager of California Affairs, Bob Hornhauer, along with Philip Yow of CalOSHA, will be presenting an overview of *Current Crane Regulations, Qualifications and Certification for Cranes Used in Construction*. The presentation will take place at **AGC of California** in West Sacramento on March 7, 2012. To register (registration is required) or for more information please contact [Kate Smiley](#).

## Congratulations!



Congratulations to three-star CCO recertificant Charles Norris of Cordova, TN, who was randomly selected to win a Manitowoc 4100 scale model crane from among the respondents to a survey sent to all CCO-certified operators who have recertified three times. Thanks to [Manitowoc](#) for sponsoring the drawing as well as all participants for their valuable input, comments, and contributions to the CCO program. Look for details on the insights their responses provided in a future issue of *CCOnline*!

## NCCCO Wants to Hear From You!

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.