

## TRAINING CALENDAR

Apr. 6-10	Champions Gate, Fla.	SC&RA Annual Conference	scranet.org
Apr. 11-14	Bellevue, Wash.	AWRF General Meeting	awrf.org
May 2-4	Washington, D.C.	CCAA National Spring Meeting	ccaaweb.net
May 11-13	Bossier City, La.	ACRP General Assembly	acrp.net
May 17-21	Maui, Hawaii	WSTDA Annual Meeting	wstda.com
May 26-27	Houston, Texas	Crane and Rigging Conference	reachexpo2010.com

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## Governments, Corporations Accept CIC Certification

Crane Institute Certification (CIC), Sanford, Fla., announces a growing list of government organizations and corporations which now recognize and accept crane operator certification from CIC.

Among the government bodies are the New York City Department of Buildings, Cal/OSHA, and the state of Washington OSHA. "Washington State also requires a state license to certify cranes. Construction Crane Certifiers must pass an exam developed by the state and written exams from an accredited certification provider for the crane type(s) that the certifier/inspector will be certifying," explained Debbie Dickinson, executive director of CIC.

The list also includes automobile manufacturer Toyota; power and energy producers American Electric Power, Southern Company, and Chevron; Taminco, a chemical producer; and large construction companies, such as Walbridge.

## New NCCCO Commissioners Elected to Five-Year Terms

The National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) has increased its total number of Commissioners from 25 to 30 and reorganized its membership categories. Ten new commissioners were elected last November.

The new NCCCO commissioners are: Tim Arkilander, Articulating Crane Council of North America; Len Hull, IUOE (Local 825); Peter Juhren, Morrow Equipment Co.; Charles Lemon, Washington Dept. of Labor & Industry; Beth O'Quinn, Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association; Roger (Skip) Ohman, The Crosby Group; Charles Parker, IUOE (Local 132); Charles Sager, ExxonMobil; Carlo Spitaleri, LyondellBasell; and Douglas Stegeman, IUOE (Local 139).

Additionally, three commissioners were nominated as alternates, and they were duly elected. The alternate commissioners are Frank Bardonaro, AmQuip; Larry DeMark, ETS; and Bill Davis, Zurich. ■

## LESSONS LEARNED

### BILLINGS, MONT. FEBRUARY 2010 –

OSHA has proposed a fine of \$92,000 against Agri Systems Inc., which designs and constructs bulk material processing facilities and bio-fuel production plants, for eight alleged safety violations last year. The company allowed an untrained and unqualified worker to operate a crane, deemed a willful violation by OSHA. Other citations involved unsafe crane operations such as improper leveling, use of outriggers, hoisting of workers, and lack of hardhats.

– *Billings Gazette*

### AUSTIN, TEXAS FEBRUARY 2010 –

A man was trapped for about 30 minutes when the crane he was operating toppled over at a construction site where utility lines were being installed under a highway. The machine fell in the parking lot of a home improvement retailer and hit a tractor trailer next to it, pinning the operator in the cab. His injuries were non-life threatening.

– *News8Austin.com*

### LAS CRUCES, N.M. FEBRUARY 2010 –

A construction worker was injured when the crane he was operating hit a high-voltage power line and shocked him. The man was shocked when he tried to back away from the energized crane. OSHA is investigating. – *Justicenewsflash.com* ■

## Safety NEWS

- Baton Rouge, La.-based **H&E Equipment Services** improved its safety record in 2009 with a 61 percent reduction in recordable incidents. H&E decreased its overall

Total Recordable Incident Rate (TRIR) to 1.53, down from 3.44 in 2008. The company's TRIR of 1.53 is much better than the national industry average of 4.7, according to the company. H&E was also able to maintain a strong position with their Experience Modifier Rate (EMR), staying at .80.

"Our Target Zero Employee Safety Awards Program heightens employee awareness and gives them incentive to be cautious and safe. This program, along with a rigid employee safety training program, is making a difference," said Leonard St. Germain, vice president of operations.

- **All Sunshine Crane Rental**, Apopka, Fla., a member of the ALL Family of Companies, was presented with two awards during a January

ceremony of the Florida division of the United Safety Council. The awards were given for the period of Oct. 1, 2008, through Sept. 30, 2009. All Sunshine earned the Gold Fleet Safety Award for having zero at-fault vehicle accidents and the Lost Time Prevention Award for having no occupational injuries resulting in lost time.

Michael Liptak, president of the ALL Family of Companies, said: "We consider safety to be one of the most valuable services we offer our customers. At ALL, safety is part of our company culture, and we motivate every person to be personally accountable for safety, every day. We thank the United Safety Council in Florida for recognizing our efforts."

- Parts and service software supplier **SmartEquip**, Norwalk, Conn., and ISO company **National Equipment Register** (NER), Jersey City, N.J., have announced a strategic alliance to help equipment owners and manufacturers better manage liability and risks, such as theft, safety, and regulatory compliance associated with equipment ownership. ■

