

Crane Certification

Many calls have been fielded at the Training Center regarding crane certification. As the Business Manager stated at the last meeting, crane certification is here and now, we must get on board. The new regulation states that by November 8, 2014 all crane operators will be certified. This is not to say that a company, city or state can require this before this date. As of right now, we have many contractors and institutions that are requiring the certification. The reason being, it will reduce insurance costs for the project. We have been in contact with the Department of Public Safety as to what their policy will be on this matter, but they have not made a decision as to what they will do. At this time, there are approximately 40,000 hoisting licenses in the Commonwealth and at \$60.00 per renewal, every two years, this generates over a million dollars per year to the general fund. I seriously doubt the Commonwealth will give up this revenue. We are hoping they will accept a "Crane Certification" and reduce the license fee for the crane portion of our hoisting licenses, but it remains to be seen. We encourage you to sign up for the "Crane Certification Course". This is an intense 40 hour course to prepare you to sit for the test. Our passing rate is above 93% for people who have attended the course. The test is expensive, so please don't go it alone. Trying to pass this test without the course is nearly impossible. To take the course, the written test, and the practical test and receive the results takes a minimum of 8 weeks, so please sign up early.

Don't loose a job because you're not certified!

Please think twice and be safe!

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