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CraneSafe Assessment Prep Courses Available

(Please circulate to your members so that they are aware of the new courses)

The Vancouver Regional Construction Association, in partnership with the Construction Safety Association of BC and the Construction Safety Network, is offering two courses that will assist current crane operators who wish to challenge the CraneSafe assessment.

On July 1, 2007 WorkSafeBC enforced a new regulation (14.34.1) requiring all operators of boom, tower, and mobile cranes in BC to hold a certificate proving competency.

Full information on the courses and registration is contained in the attached notice.

The notice also gives contact information if you have any questions.

The VRCA is pleased to partner with CSABC and CSN to sponsor the following two courses.

CraneSafe Assessment Prep Courses

Background

On July 1, 2007 WorkSafeBC enforced a new regulation (14.34.1) requiring all operators of boom, tower, and mobile cranes in BC to hold a certificate proving competency. According to the new regulation, a mobile crane, tower crane or boom-truck must be operated only:

- (a) by a person with a valid operator's certificate issued by a person acceptable to the Board, and
- (b) in accordance with any conditions stipulated on the certificate by the issuing person

Crane operators in British Columbia have until February 28, 2011 to be assessed. To help you prepare, VRCA, in partnership with the Construction Safety Association of BC and the Construction Safety Network, is offering two courses that will assist incumbent operators when challenging the CraneSafe assessments.

Who is eligible to take these courses?

An incumbent operator who has registered with the BC Association for Crane Safety (BCACS – www.bcacs.ca) before July 2007.

Instructor: Gordon Lindberg has been involved in the crane industry since 1971. Prior to starting his own company GL Training Services Ltd., he worked as a crane instructor for the Operating Engineers Training Association for eight years. Gordon was formerly employed as a crane operator for GWIL Crane Service and Sterling Crane Service. He was introduced to crane operating in the early 70's while working for Apex Industrial Movers.

Course Descriptions:

Folding Boom

The course will cover the following:

- Information re: what happens during the CraneSafe assessment
- Hand signals used during crane operations
- Instruction on reading and understanding rigging capacity charts
- Instruction on reading and understanding crane capacity charts
- Written exercises on determining rigging and crane capacities to reinforce understanding of the material presented

Location: VRCA Office Abbotsford

Time: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Cost: Member \$140 Non-Member \$165

Date: February 24, 2010

Stiff Boom

The course will cover the following:

- Information re: what happens during the CraneSafe assessment
- Hand signals used during crane operations
- Instruction on reading and understanding rigging capacity charts
- Instruction on reading and understanding crane capacity charts
- Written exercises on determining rigging and crane capacities to reinforce understanding of the material presented

Location: VRCA Office Vancouver

Time: 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

Cost: Member \$140 Non-Member \$165

Session: March 10, 2010

For more information contact Ron Coreau, VRCA at 604.870.9293 or ron@vcra.bc.ca