



Crane Certification Training is a Must for Linemen

The recent collapse of a crane taking down the Macy's Great Tree atop of Lenox Square in Atlanta further dramatized the importance of CIC (Crane Institute Certification) crane certification program. Fortunately, no one was injured in that accident, but according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 80 lift and material handling equipment workers are killed each year as a result of crane accidents. We caught up with Steve for the following interview at Hooper Corporation in Madison, Wis., where he is vice president of the electric power division.

Missouri Valley Line Constructors Apprenticeship and Training Program is committed to providing apprentices with the training needed to obtain their CIC crane certification. "Chances are wherever you find linemen, you'll find heavy-duty lifting equipment," notes Robbie Foxen, Missouri Valley assistant director of apprentice coordination, who coordinates the crane certification courses. "The week-long program teaches students how to read load charts and understand what the machinery is capable of lifting and how to do it as safely as possible."

The course combines three and a half days of classroom training with one and a half days of actual crane experience using equipment that linemen would typically find in the field. Upon completion of a written exam and a crane operation test, students will receive their CIC certification, which remains valid throughout their career.

"This is a vital part of the linemen's training," concludes Foxen, who notes that more and more contractors and power companies are requiring linemen to have their crane certification in hand when applying for jobs. To date, more than 200 Missouri Valley lineman/apprentices/operators in seven states have earned their crane certification and are ready to take on all the responsibilities of their job in the safest possible manner.

More About The Missouri Valley Constructors Apprenticeship & Training Program:

The apprenticeship program based in Indianola, Iowa, is one of seven locations operated by the organization. The others are in the states of Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. The Iowa program occupies a training facility, which includes an outdoor pole yard. The Iowa program trains thousands of apprentice linemen each year.

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