



WEST TEXAS CHAPTER

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News & Quick Links

OSHA Issues Instruction on Enforcement of Crane Operator Certification Requirement

OSHA is now enforcing the requirement that employers must evaluate the competency of their operators before allowing them to operate cranes independently. The agency will offer compliance assistance until April 15 for those employers who have evaluated operators in accordance with the **final rule** and are making good faith efforts to comply with the new documentation requirement. For more information, read the agency's **enforcement guidance**.

Crane Operator Certification Training & Exams

The AGC New Mexico is partnering with a local crane training company 'Paradise Crane Consultants, LLC' a Nationally Certified Crane Operator Trainer and Examiner through the Crane Institute Certification (CIC) accredited program. Costs for the 2-day examination preparation training, proctored written examination, and proctored practical examination. Training costs are between \$1,500.00 and \$1,900.00 (per student) depending upon travel cost, written exam/practical exam site costs and equipment rental for services outside of Albuquerque, New Mexico. *See attached flyer*

Chicago Building Code to get first update in 70 years

The Chicago Building Code is getting updated after nearly three-quarters of a century, with plans to start phasing in the new rules in June 2020. The update will allow the city's construction requirements to reach national standards while supporting new technologies with expanded design and building options.

According to building commissioner Judy Frydland, **"This accomplishment would not have been possible if not for the time and resources that were volunteered by so many within Chicago's design and development communities."** Read More at **Architectural Digest online**

"As a retired Building Official, I am very pleased that our Texas municipalities are diligent in updating the ICC Code packages. If you can serve on a code review committee or one of the Review or Appeal Boards that serve our industry in your municipality, please do. Your local officials will greatly appreciate your service and expertise!" Cassie Hughes, West Texas AGC – Executive Director

Safety Tips

Distracted Driving – English and Spanish Safety Handouts

Next month, April, is Distract Driving Month. We will focus on several tips to work with your employees on safe driving. Distracted driving is not only texting while driving but includes distractions from the radio or changes to any musical device playing, maps and GPS search, talking on the phone, dialing a phone, talking to someone in the rear seat over your shoulder, getting something out of a console, etc. Please share this message with your employees at a safety meeting and with those in the office too. Do you have safety meetings for office personnel? They have workers comp and drive right? Be sure ALL employees are included in our safety programs!

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New Members
1st Quarter 2019

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GaugeConstruction is a new cloud-based tool from Athenium Analytics that can help reduce unexpected weather delays with the first fully-configurable weather risk analysis and alert dashboard for contractors and builders. AGC Members receive an exclusive **30% discount** on GaugeConstruction subscriptions. AGC and Athenium Analytics will also be presenting a free **AGC WebEd on March 28th** covering why weather risk management should be an important part of any construction planning process. **LEARN MORE**

Workforce Development Scholarship application deadline is June 1st

The AGC Education and Research Foundation offers Workforce Development Scholarships to students enrolled in accredited technical schools or craft training programs in any discipline of commercial construction. Students in technical or approved craft training programs will have until **June 1st** to apply for \$1,000 scholarships (renewal for up to two years) from the AGC Education and Research Foundation. To review the complete list of criteria [click here](#), then [click here](#) to apply. For further questions, contact Courtney Bishop (courtney.bishop@agc.org / 703-837-5356).

Registrations and Sponsorships are coming in! **Thank you!!**

So go ahead... send in yours... almost time for the

West Texas AGC Scholarship Golf Tournament

Friday afternoon on April 26, 2019

The RAWLS Course | Lubbock, TX

Click [HERE](#) for Golf Registration and Sponsorship Form

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