

Directors Report 2026

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Florida West Coast Operating Engineers
Apprenticeship Trust Fund
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Apprentices

We have added a total of 7 new apprentices, completed 0, dropped 2 and elevated 3. This brings our total to 54 apprentices. Sims Crane has a total of 29 apprentices. Pre-Con Construction has a total of 2 apprentices. Kelley Equipment has a total of 7 apprentices. A-Crane has a total of 3 apprentices. Maxim Crane Works has a total of 6 apprentices. Liberty has a total of 2 apprentices. North American has a total of 0 apprentice. Keller has 2 apprentices. Unemployed total of 3 apprentices. We currently have (21) prospective apprentices on our waiting list.

Upgrading Program

- Tuesday February 17, 2026 I renewed my NCCCO examiner certs RIG, SIG, TWR, LAT, TLL, TSS.
- Wednesday February 18, 2026 Alfredo Brito truck broke down on I-4. I used my AAA membership to have it towed to Jarrett Scott Ford in Plant City. I then called Wally for approval to get him rental car. We got rental car from Enterprise.
- On Friday February 20, 2026 we picked up Alfredo's truck and returned the rental car. The problem was the EGR valve to exhaust. The total cost was \$844.12.
- On Sunday February 22, 2026 we had the union hall picnic
- On Monday February 23, 2026 I attended the NCCCO Board of Directors meeting.
- On Friday February 27, 2026 I attended the Florida West Coast Apprenticeship Council meeting.
- On Saturday March 7, 2026 and Sunday March 8, 2026 we held NCCCO classes at the union hall.
- On Wednesday March 11, 2026 I attended the NCCCO Signallerperson Committee meeting.
- On Friday March 13, 2026 we received the donated Ford National Series 400 Boom Truck and the Freightliner semi-truck from South Florida Apprenticeship.
- On Sunday March 22, 2026 thru Friday March 27, 2026, I was in Crosby Texas teaching AT Level 1 class.

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- On Monday March 30, 2026 I spoke with Marty at OECP about becoming a test site and getting onboard with them. They will be here the week of June 8, 2026 to lay out the crane courses and get Alfredo, Jeff, AJ, and Tammy trained to give both written and practical exams. I have already purchased the rigging kit that will be required and the extra computer that will be placed in the union hall. We will now be offering both NCCCO and OECP certifications.
 - On Thursday April 9, 2026 I had a meeting with Wally, Dylan, and Chandler Storms from Stine Construction. We walked the site where the new building would go and discussed drawings and prices. The quote was \$785,000.00.
 - On Thursday April 9, 2026 Keith Laurel from Crane Warning Systems was here to look at the boom truck to install an anti-two block system. This crane will be used to administer OECP practical exams.
 - On Friday April 10, 2026 I renewed our NCCCO Rigger Level 1 Test Kit.
 - On Thursday April 16, 2026 I attended the next door neighbor's wife's funeral services. I called Wally for approval to purchase flowers and have them sent there. Rhonda Stalvey used to always keep an eye out on our property and would let me know when something was wrong.
 - On Monday April 20, 2026 we started block training for 1st year group A. We will be holding block training for the next 5 weeks. We will be taking all the 3rd & 4th year to Crosby Texas for their block week.
 - On Wednesday April 22, 2026 I attended the NCCCO Signaller Exam Committee meeting.
 - On Thursday April 23, 2026 Keith Laurel from Crane Warning Systems was here to install the new Trimble wireless anti-two block system on the Ford National Series 400 boom truck.
 - On Monday April 27, 2026 Todd Roper (Joseph Wydronek) was here to do a 3rd party crane inspection on the Ford National Series 400 boom truck.
 - On Tuesday April 28, 2026 USA Fence was here to look at and give us quote to repair the two different places of the fence damage from the trees that fell on it.
 - On Friday May 1, 2026 I renewed the trailer tag for 2 years online. The new sticker will be mailed to the union hall.

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- On Monday May 4, 2026 I attended the NCCCO Signalperson Exam Committee meeting.

Classes for This Quarter

- Classes are all in person during block training.
- All tests and quizzes are online using Test Moz.

Certifications

- There was a total of (29) NCCCO Practical Exams Given. (6) Mobile Crane Exams, (13) Signal Person Exams, (9) Rigging Level 1 Exams and (1) Tower Crane Exams completed on multiple dates.
- There was a total of (34) candidates who took their NCCCO Written OPT Exams.
- There was a total of (5) candidates who received their Forklift Certification.
- There was a total of (0) candidates who received their American Red Cross Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED Certification.
- There was a total of (0) candidates who took their CPT (Crane Proficiency Test) Exams.

School Board

- All apprentice applications and action forms are up to date.
- I signed the new 2026-2027 contract. We received \$108,479.70 for the year 2025-2026. The new amount will be \$145,930.40. That's an increase of \$37,450.07. Once I have the completed sign copy, I will email it to Jeff.

Florida State

- RAPIDS currently up to date.
- All new apprentice applications have been filed with the state.

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- Standards for the Apprentices are up to date.

Equipment Program

Liebherr LTM 1060-2 – Serial #LWE057489

- Routine maintenance completed.
- Replaced air brake air hoses on right side third axle.

Grove RT530E-2 – Serial #228473

- Routine maintenance completed.
- Installed new seals in back left brake caliper.
- Installed new A2B dummy plug.

Genie GTH-636 – Serial # GTH0608A-11991

- Routine maintenance completed.

Link-Belt Crawler LS138H-II – Serial #H7J1-5919

- Routine maintenance completed.
- Installed plugs in leaking track extend cylinder hoses.
- Installed two new batteries and painted battery compartment.
- Repaired load cell battery holder.

Neck Breaker Lorain LRT110 – Serial #98499

- Routine maintenance completed.
- Assembled boom and outrigger installed new boom telescope cylinder and hoist.
- Sanded and painted entire crane.
- Installed new coil spring pin in back right outrigger.

Case Backhoe 580L – Serial # JJG0247087

- Routine maintenance completed.

Ford National Series 400 Boom Truck – Serial #1FDXR80U3HVA29377

- Installed battery disconnect switch.
- Replaced two belts and repaired mounting bolt holes for power steering.
- Installed audible anti two block system.
- Annual Inspection completed.

Freightliner Semi Tractor – Serial #1FUPDWYB3LH374354

- Replaced trailer brake valve.

Kubota Lawn Mower – Serial #: 23696

- Routine maintenance completed.
- Full PM service completed.
- Installed new tweels on rear.

John Deere Gator (SxS) Model 590ES4 – Serial #: 1M0590EBLKM020162

- Routine maintenance completed.

John Deere Tractor Model 4052R – Serial #: 1LV4052RVKK403068

- Routine maintenance completed.

John Deere MX6 Lift-Type Rotary Cutter – Serial #: 1P00MX6CCJP074653

- Routine maintenance completed.

Potain MTD139 Tower Crane

- Routine maintenance completed.

New Business

- 2026 FAC Conference at Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo July 12, 2026 to July 17, 2026. Registration Fee is \$350.00. The hotel stay is \$1,850.62 plus tax (12.5% per day as per flyer). Plus, food each day and gas.
- Still waiting on USA Fence to give me the quote to repair the fence in two different places where the trees fell on them.

