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SC&RA's new online course aims to reduce occurrences of bridge bashing

Bridge bashing training

The US crane, rigging and heavy transport association SC&RA has introduced an online Bridge Safety & Accident Prevention course.

Developed in partnership with US transportation and government officials, the 50 minute online course aims to educate companies and drivers that operate oversized and overweight vehicles in the various risks involved. Topics include the role of training and advocating safety, permit processes, pre-trip planning and load securement as well as the role and responsibility of pilot cars.

SC&RA vice president of transportation, Steven Todd, said: "According to industry research, 35 states have reported that bridge and infrastructure hits are steadily rising. Bridge hits in general reflect on our industry, fairly or unfairly, and SC&RA has chosen to step up and take the lead on providing this comprehensive training because the negative consequences of bridge hits too often affect our members more than the 'bad apples' out there - the chronic offenders."

According to a recent transportation research report, bridges in the US are struck on a daily basis with trucks and heavy equipment responsible for more than $1.1 billion in damages every year. The course can be purchased form the association's website for $39 to members and $69 for non-members.

$126,169 fatal fall fine

US roofing contractors CMR Construction & Roofing and Modern Construction Experts face fines of $126,169 after a man fell 25 metres to his death while working on the roof of the Beach Tower by the Sea hotel in Panama City, Florida. Oslin Jimenez, 20, was working on the hotel's pitched roof last December when he fell five storeys, striking the hotel's awning and then falling a further two stories. He was taken to the hospital where he later died from his injuries.

OSHA area director, Michelle Gonzalez, said: "Workplace safety standards exist to ensure that workers return to their families at the end of each day free from harm. Disregarding legal obligations to identify and eliminate hazards can cause tragedies."

Modern Construction - which faces fines of $74,217 for its part in failing to provide fall protection systems or equipment - was fined $5,300 and $17,500 last year for two similar violations.

The Beach Tower Hotel

Anti-collision training

AMCS Technologies has provided French training provider Afpa with a number of its DCS 61-S anti-collision and zoning systems, allowing Afpa to offer AMCS specific tower crane training.

Installed on a Liebherr 71 EC-B and Potain MC 85 top slewing tower cranes and Potain Igo 50 and HD 25 self-erecting tower cranes at Afpa's training facility in Egletons, Corrèze, the systems will be used to educate and inform manufacturers, rental companies and construction companies on the use of the systems and the benefits, replicating real life site working conditions in which multiple cranes are used.

AMCS systems have been installed on several tower cranes with French training provider Afpa.

UK ladder fall costs £1.1m

UK refurbishment contractor Modus Workspace has been fined £1.1 million plus costs of £68,116 after an engineer fell from a ladder at a site in Hemel Hempstead in 2016.

The engineer was testing a sprinkler system for leaks when the ladder he was working from slipped, causing him to fall three metres. He struck his head and suffered severe blood loss, sustained a fractured vertebrae and soft tissue damage. An investigation by the HSE found that 'reasonably practicable measures' had not been taken to prevent a fall for the engineer as well as other contractors working on the site.

HSE inspector John Berezansky said: "This case highlights the importance of taking reasonably practicable measures when planning and managing the risks regarding work at height. The engineer's injuries were life changing and he could have easily been killed. This serious incident and devastation could have been avoided if basic safety measures had been put in place."

Gail Hounslea, chairman of the Ladder Association, added: "The level of fine imposed, reflects the seriousness of the incident and while we never wish to hear of these, we hope it does highlight the responsibilities placed on employers to keep their employees safe at work."

Who trained them then?

Spotted in Portugal, a boom lift still loaded on the back of flatbed trailer being used at the same time as the trailer's loader crane in order to install components for a new gantry crane.