OSHA Construction Terminology

Ron Hopkins, CFPS, CFEI
TRACE Fire Protection and Safety
Richmond, Kentucky
Construction Work

Construction work means work for construction, alteration, and/or repair, including painting and decorating. (§1926.32(g))
Authorized Person

Means a person approved or assigned by the employer to perform a specific type of duty or duties or to be at a specific location or locations at the jobsite. (1926.32(d)) General Safety and Health Provisions

TRACE Fire Protection and Safety
Competent

**Competent:** means possessing the skills, knowledge, experience, and judgment to perform assigned tasks or activities satisfactorily as determined by the employer. (1926.65 App E)
Competent Person

Certain activities or safety procedures at a construction site require design, inspection or supervision by a competent person.

(1926.32(f), .450(b), .650(b), .751) General safety and health provisions; Excavations; Scaffolds; Steel erection
Competent Person

The OSHA Construction Standard defines a competent person as someone who is:

- capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in the surroundings, or
- working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to employees, and
- who has authorization to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate them.
Qualified

Qualified means one who, by possession of a recognized degree, certificate, or professional standing, or who by extensive knowledge, training, and experience, has successfully demonstrated his/her ability to solve or resolve problems relating to the subject matter, the work, or the project. (1926.32(m), .450(b), .751)

TRACE Fire Protection and Safety
Qualified Person

The OSHA Construction Standard defines a qualified person as someone who:

- By possession of a recognized degree, certificate, or professional standing,
- Or who by extensive knowledge, training, or experience,
- Or has demonstrated their ability to solve or resolve problems related to the subject matter, the work, or the project.