

SCRIBE ARTICLE FOR THE DECEMBER 2010 POSTAL RECORD

Management has changed the start times of most of our routes to 8:30am. This, combined with large amounts of vacant routes, has led to extremely late delivery. Hundreds of Carriers are delivering mail in the dark each night with scores of Carriers delivering after 8:00pm and some after 10:00pm. WE ARE VERY CONCERNED THAT A CARRIER MAY GET KILLED WHILE CARRYING MAIL THIS LATE AT NIGHT!

We brought this safety and service issue to the attention of our District manager via a Town Hall Meeting. The District manager stated in his opening remarks that the Capital District is among the worst in the nation concerning "efficiency indicators." I spoke at the event, with hundreds in attendance, promoting earlier start times and working ODL Carriers on their N/S days to reduce the number of vacant routes. I stated that the safety of the Carriers was my main concern, but we also care about the perception of the public when delivery is made so late at night. We pointed out that it is certainly not more efficient to deliver mail in the dark and park and loop routes may take twice as long to deliver. Our suggestions went unheeded.

We are in the process of meeting with NALC headquarters and L'Enfant Plaza. We will not rest until we have done everything in our power to address these safety issues and get the mail delivered during daylight hours.

Please visit our web site set up by Union Brother Chuck Clark at (WWW.NALC3825.COM). We have added important Step B decisions, Formal A settlements as well as arbitration decisions and some contentions. You can see how much money each supervisor in the nation makes. You can also see the number of stops on each route, and detailed colored maps for every route in the country!

IN THE STRUGGLE,
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