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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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This Memorandum of Understanding made and entered into on May 27, 2021 at Stanford, Kentucky by and between authorized Management representatives of the United States Postal Service, hereinafter the Employer, and Branch 361, National Association of Letter Carriers, AFL- CIO, hereinafter the Union, pursuant to the local implementation terms of the 2019-2023 National Agreement.

Presently effective local memoranda of understanding not inconsistent or in conflict with the 2019-2023 National Agreement shall remain in effect during the terms of this Agreement, unless changed by mutual agreement pursuant to the local implementation procedures.

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ITEM 1: Each Letter Carrier shall have three minutes of wash-up time.

ITEM 2: Regular letter carriers in this office shall have FIXED days off. Days off shall be posted separate from the routes. The senior carrier shall have the day off of his/her choice.

ITEM 3:

Postal operations will not be curtailed or terminated at the Post Office unless the Management determines that conditions so warrant. Reasonable considerations shall be given to overall conditions, including but not limited to:

1. The safety and health of employees.
2. Civil Disorders.
3. Acts of God.
4. Hazardous weather conditions.
5. Advice of and policies of local authorities.
6. Wholesale closing of businesses and other offices.
7. Curtailment or termination of public transportation.

Management shall attempt to notify the Union when a decision is reached concerning the curtailment or termination of postal operations. The Union may request consultation with Management concerning the curtailment of operations. Management shall notify the employees at the earliest possible time of curtailment or termination of postal operations. Such notification will be made by utilizing all available means of communication including public media.

ITEM 4:

(A) ILL DURING VACATION: Carriers who become ill while on annual leave during the choice vacation period shall be allowed to have another selection during the choice period from those remaining unclaimed choice periods. If there are no unclaimed periods available, the employee will submit a list of his/her three choices and Management will award one of the three.

(B) REPOSTING OF CANCELLATIONS: All cancellations shall be reposted as soon as Management is notified of the cancellation. Any cancellation involving Prime Time requests shall cancel the entire five-day increment involved. All leave cancelled after the schedule is made on Tuesday shall be made available to the other carriers up to the other leave provisions of this agreement.

(C) EXCHANGING OF LEAVE: There shall be no exchanging of leave unless all carriers with seniority falling between the carriers exchanging have had an opportunity to participate in the exchange.

(D) TRANSFERRING WITH LEAVE: Carriers transferring from one section to another will retain all prior approved leave they have selected prior to the transfer.

(E) VACATION CALL-IN: No carrier will be called in or allowed to work while on annual leave. Non-scheduled days in conjunction with annual leave shall be a part of the leave period. For the Holiday Schedule, employees may volunteer to work.

(F) MILITARY LEAVE: Military leave will not count as part of a carrier's selections for the choice period, nor will it count against the Branch's quota for choice period.

(G) POSTING OF SCHEDULING: Management will post the leave calendar in the carrier work area by

February 1st of each leave year.

(H) DATE OF NOTIFICATION: Management shall notify all earners by February 1st of the beginning and ending dates of the period for making selections during the choice vacation period.

(I) METHOD FOR MAKING CHOICE SELECTIONS: No later than March 1st, of each leave year, the leave book will be started throughout the carrier workforce by seniority and each carrier will have access to the leave book for three workdays to make his/her selection. The book will be passed 2 times and each carrier may select a block of one 2-week or two 1-week periods. If you fail to make a selection you forfeit your opportunity.

ITEM 5:

(A) The choice vacation period shall be from the First Monday in March each leave year and continue for a period of 52 consecutive weeks.

(B) On August 15th all employees having to their credit unscheduled leave which must be taken or forfeited will at that time either schedule such leave during the remaining months by mutual agreement with the Supervisor, or it will be assigned by management at the needs of the service.

ITEM 6: Letter carriers will start their vacations on a Monday and return to work on a Monday following their vacation, unless that Monday is a holiday or non-scheduled workday. In which case, they will return to work on their next scheduled workday.

ITEM 7: Management shall grant 1 Letter Carrier annual leave each week during the prime/choice leave selection period, all carriers shall be allowed to select one block of continuous leave consisting of five, ten, or fifteen days OR carriers may choose to make two separate selections of either one five days and one ten days, or two five-day blocks. City Carrier Assistants will be awarded one block of forty hours (40), covering the Monday through Saturday slot as described in Item 6 based on relative standing. Every effort will be made to allow CCA employees to be NS on the Sunday following a prime leave block. Only one (1) CCA must be granted off during each week as part of the carrier complement.

City Carrier Assistants will not be allowed to submit for Casual or Prime Choice during December.

ITEM 8:

(A) JURY DUTY: Letter carriers on jury duty during the choice vacation period shall be eligible for another vacation period within the choice vacation period. Jury duty will not be considered as part of the quota of carriers off during the choice vacation period.

(B) UNION LEAVE: The Union shall notify the Employer, in writing, of the dates and names of the official delegate(s) to attend a National or State Convention, no later than February 10th prior to the beginning of the leave year. Failure by the Union to give this notification will cause convention leave request to be considered as casual annual leave and may be granted, consistent with the needs of the service. Carriers who are delegates to National or State Conventions shall use their seniority during the choice vacation period. If their seniority is insufficient, they will be off regardless, and this leave will not be considered part of the quota of carriers off during the choice period.

ITEM 9: There shall be at least one carrier off each week during the choice vacation period.

ITEM 10: Each carrier craft employee will submit, following final selection of their choice vacation period(s), Form 3971 in duplicate, filling in all applicable items. A copy, signed by the responsible
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supervisor will be returned to each carrier craft employee within five days of receipt.

ITEM 11: The employer shall, no later than November 1st, publicize on bulletin boards and by other appropriate means the beginning date of the new leave year, which shall begin with the first day of the first full pay period of the calendar year.

ITEM 12: After Prime/Choice Selections, by seniority, letter carriers will select casual leave blocks of 8 to 40-hour increments by placing their name in the leave book. Casual leave blocks will be allowed up to earned leave minus prime choice selections.

Leave applied for after the this pass of the book will be on a first-come, first-served basis, but will not be considered until the weekly schedule is completed and will be granted subject to the needs of the service. The Supervisor will make a written notice of the date and time for each receipt for out of prime leave.

ITEM 13: Method of selecting employees to work on a Holiday.

- 1) Part-time Flexibles.
- 2) Full-time volunteers selected by seniority.
- 3) City Carrier Assistants.
- 4) Non-volunteers who will be working their non-scheduled day, selected by inverse seniority.
- 5) Non-volunteers who will be working on their holiday, selected by inverse seniority.

If after the posting period, a need develops for additional or replacement employees, employees will be selected according to the same order as above. In the event of both employees on a swing being scheduled to work, the employee who is working the holiday shall have preference to their normal bid assignment. The person working the nonscheduled day shall work where needed if the swing carrier cannot be displaced.

ITEM 14: Overtime Desired List will be by carrier craft section.

ITEM 15: SEE ITEM 17

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ITEM 17: Light duty assignments shall be considered on a case by case basis and all requests for light duty shall be submitted in writing to the Postmaster (or designee) accompanied by acceptable medical documentation. Management shall make every reasonable effort to accommodate light duty requests based on productive work available within the employee's work restrictions. Light duty assignments shall consist of up to 8 hours of work and may be assigned within the Installation, within normal work hours.

The Branch President will be notified of any Light Duty Requests that are denied prior to the letter of denial being sent to the requesting letter carrier.

ITEM 18: A Section as regards to this item shall be defined as the delivery unit.

ITEM 19: Parking shall be on a first-come, first-served basis. However, ever effort to provide adequate parking will be taken, including the assignment of vacant postal vehicle spots to employee parking.

ITEM 20: Annual leave to attend Union Activities requested prior to the determination of the choice vacation schedule shall be a part of the total choice vacation period, subject to the conditions in **Item 8** of this agreement.

ITEM 21:

(A) The Employer and the Union agree that the work installation, as used in this agreement, shall mean the Stanford Post Office and all work stations.

(B) The Employer agrees to provide the Union a copy of notices of bids for route assignment and to successful bidders of all new and vacant positions. The Employer shall also provide the Union and each steward with copies of any change on the seniority list affecting the carrier craft.

(C) Bidding for vacant routes and established utility assignments shall be open to all full-time regular carriers of the installation, with seniority as the deciding factor. Bid forms and envelopes shall be provided adjacent to the bulletin board where posting normally is placed.

(D) In the event of multiple posting of routes or assignments, a carrier may bid on more than one vacancy by listing his/her preference in the order, i.e., first choice, second choice, third choice, etc.

(E) Letter carriers applying for a vacancy shall submit a bid, completed, sealed, and in the bid box at each station, within the time specified by the posted notice. Bids shall remain a confidential matter until posted.

(F) When an absent carrier has so requested, in writing, stating his/her mailing address, a copy of any notice inviting bids shall be mailed to that employee.

(G) All posted vacancies in the letter carrier craft shall remain posted for ten days. Route vacancies requiring a contract vehicle shall so state, however, a bidder may not be disqualified because he/she does not desire such a contract.

(H) Letter carriers who do not possess a valid Vehicle Driver's License may bid on mounted routes provided they qualify before being assigned to the route.

(I) A letter carrier may withdraw a bid at any time prior to the issuance of the official "NOTICE OF SUCCESSFUL BIDDER" by the Postmaster, provided the request is in writing.

(J) Temporary assignment changes for T-6, Swingman, or Utility Carrier. If a vacancy exists on the swing, the swing person may be moved for the regular carrier called in, but not off his/her swing. If no vacancy exists, the called in carrier will work where needed. The swing carrier may agree to move elsewhere. Mandatory employees must be given his/her normal assignment, if available.

(K) Article 41, Section 3.0 of the National Agreement shall be made a part of this Memorandum of Understanding. When a letter carrier route or a full-time duty assignment other than the letter carrier route(s) or full-time duty assignment(s) of the junior employee(s) is abolished at a delivery unit as a result of, but not limited to, route adjustment, highways, housing projects, all routes and full-time duty assignments at that unit held by letter carriers that are junior to the carrier(s) whose route(s) or full-time duty assignment(s) was abolished shall be posted for bid. In the event of posting of routes as a result of this Article, only those employees permanently assigned to the affected unit may bid on the posted vacancies.

(L) When there is a change of more than one hour in the starting time on a route during the life of this contract, all affected routes in that work station shall be posed for bid, subject to Union request. When there is a change of more than 49% of the delivery time on a route, that route shall be posted for bid. When there is a change of more than one route on a swing, that swing shall be posted for bid.

(M) LABOR-MANAGEMENT MEETING: A joint Labor-Management meeting may be scheduled by the Postmaster or Branch President by submitting a meeting agenda to the other party. This meeting will take place at the earliest possible convenience.

(N) HOLD DOWNS: Letter carriers opting for hold down assignments shall work the hours and the duty assignment of that hold down for the duration of the vacancy. For unscheduled absences that occur resulting in a hold down opportunity, management must notify all eligible carriers of that vacancy within 24 hours. The vacancy shall be filled the 2nd day after the vacancy notification to the employees. Letter carriers on hold downs shall not be eligible, nor be allowed to move except for:

(1) To provide 8 hours regular pay work for a full-time employee (in the case of a CCA or PTF having the hold down), when no other work or duties are available to complete an 8-hour assignment.

(2) A CCA, PTF, or a full-time employee on a hold down can be moved to allow the swing carrier to move to that route in the case of a regular employee being called in and displacing the swing carrier. This action does not break the hold down.

(O) A temporary, unscheduled return to a route by the regular employee does not break the hold down.

ITEM 22: See ITEM 18.

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UP TO AND INCLUDING 12:00 AM/MIDNIGHT, MAY 20, 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
STANFORD, KENTUCKY


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