

Count of Mail/Carrier Scheduling

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Early reporting of carriers to the extent actually needed to complete mail counts is a normal procedure during the week of count and inspection. The NALC has identified cases where this arrangement has not been followed.

Apparently this problem is more widespread than we anticipated as we continue to receive inquiries through the Labor Relations Department regarding the problem.

If we are going to properly evaluate existing routes, we cannot add the additional duties of a mail count without providing the time required to perform these duties. I ask, therefore, that you remind all concerned delivery managers and supervisors that early reporting during count week should be scheduled as stated in Part 215.6b of the M-39 Handbook. Although there is, of course, a cost related to the additional time used for mail counts, this cost is relatively modest when weighed against the benefits gained from a fair and thorough route evaluation.

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