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Gentlemen:

As a matter of information, enclosed is a draft of a proposed Postal Bulletin notice regarding the lap belt, shoulder belt and shoulder harness policy for the new Grumman 1/2-ton Long Life Vehicle, Right Hand Drive, Make/Model Code 10-70.

The intent of the proposed bulletin is to ensure a consistent and safe approach in using this vehicle.

Should there be questions about the draft, please contact Harvey White at 268-3831.

Sincerely,

*for Thomas Fritsch*

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Enclosure

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## Long Life Vehicle

### Lap Belt, Shoulder Belt, and Shoulder Harness Policy

The new Grumman 1/2 Ton Long Life Vehicle, Right Hand Drive Make/Model Code 10-70, will be deployed in late April. This vehicle will be equipped with a separate lap belt and shoulder belt for use by the driver. Passenger seats will be equipped with a lap belt, shoulder belt, and shoulder harness. To ensure a consistent and safe approach to using this equipment the lap belt, shoulder belt and shoulder harness policy for the Long Life Vehicle is as follows:

The driver must wear the lap belt and shoulder belt at all times the vehicle is in motion. Exception: In instances when the shoulder belt prevents the driver from reaching to provide delivery or collection from curbside mailboxes, only the shoulder belt may be unfastened. The lap belt must remain fastened at all times the vehicle is in motion.

All passengers must be seated and wear a lap belt and shoulder harness at all times the vehicle is in motion. Only authorized passengers may be carried in the vehicle.

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