

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
AND THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS, AFL-CIO**

Re. Approved FSS Work Methods

Pursuant to the September 11, 2007 Memorandum of Understanding, Re: *FSS Work Methods*, the parties established a joint task force for the purpose of exploring alternative work methods necessary for handling mail in an FSS environment. After reviewing the task force final report, the parties agree to the following methods for handling mail in an FSS environment:

- City letter carriers serving park and loop or foot deliveries will not be required to carry more than three bundles.
- In order to maintain three bundles on pre-sequenced mail days, letter carriers serving park and loop or foot deliveries may only be assigned to either:
 - case residual mail, then collate with FSS mail while in the office (the pre-sequenced bundle must meet the definition of a third bundle under the Interpretive Step agreement for case Q98N-4Q-C 00189552) or,
 - case residual mail, then collate with the pre-sequenced addressed mail during pull down while in the office
- There is no change to current work methods for other types of deliveries.
- When a simplified mailing is carried as a third bundle by city letter carriers serving park and loop or foot deliveries, the simplified mailing will be placed on the bottom of the appropriate bundle. In order to maintain three bundles in this circumstance, residual mail and any pre-sequenced mail delivered that day will be collated with the FSS mail.
- City carrier case configurations will be consistent with requirements in Methods Handbooks M-39 and M-41. City carriers working in an FSS environment will be consulted before case configuration changes are implemented.

The national parties contemplate that the local parties may jointly formulate a new work method and conduct a limited test of the method on one or a few routes. If the test is successful, the local parties may apply to the national joint body for approval of the method.

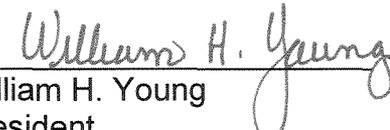
The parties further agree that the task force will continue to function for the sole purpose of reporting on satchel testing at the Fairfax, Virginia Main Post Office.

The task force will submit a supplemental report after evaluating results of the satchel test.

The parties understand that there may be a need to modify or change work methods as we become more proficient at operations in an FSS environment. The parties recognize and acknowledge that any change to work methods for handling mail in an FSS environment that is not expressly adopted through this report must be consistent with the terms of the National Agreement, including, if appropriate, any notice and/or procedural requirements.



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