



POSTAL COURIER

An online newsletter for members of the
National Council of Postal Credit Unions

Where Postal Issues Matter

LATEST FROM THE USPS PRESS ROOM:

Postal Facilities Studied for Possible Closure The U.S. Postal Service is looking at more than 250 processing facilities in an effort to address financial deficit. [View List](#)

Donahoe Determined to Keep Postal Service Relevant - The U.S. Postal Service lost \$8.5 billion last year. Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe talks to Steve Inskeep about the future of the mail service.



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TO THE INTERVIEW

SECURITY ALERT: Beware of Smishing Scams

Credit unions around the country are reporting members are receiving bogus text message (smishing) alerts. The message indicates its from customer service asking the member to call a number to have their card reactivated. Advise members not to respond to the text. [Click Here to View Full Article](#)

POSTAL PAYROLL UPDATE

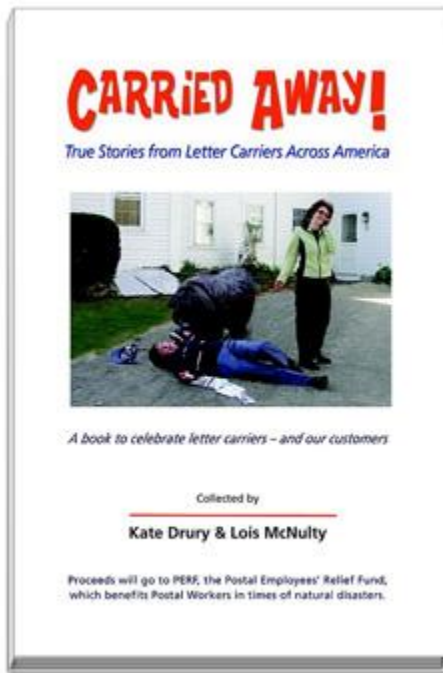
This has been a busy year for the US Postal Service (USPS) Payroll Department. In May 2011, USPS and the Postal Workers Union AFL-CIO (APWU) agreed to five year contract which Payroll has been working hard to implement.

USPS just began negotiations with National Association of Letter Carriers, AFL-CIO (NALC) and National Postal Mail Handlers Union (NPMHU) in August 2011. Both contracts expire November 20, 2011. The NALC and NPMHU represent approximately 247,000 of the USPS 560,000 career employees.

Open Season/Enrollment for USPS is to begin in November and in the new few months; current postal employees will be getting information relating Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA), Federal Employee Health Benefits (FEHB), Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Programs (FEDVIP) and other applicable programs. The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) will be providing FEHB and FEDVIP information to postal retirees.

It has been approved by the Thrift Savings Board that Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) Roth and TSP Roth Catch-up will be provided to federal agencies including USPS sometime in 2012. Employees will be able to contribute their monies into the current program which is taken as a pre-tax or to elect into TSP Roth which is a post tax. When closer to implementation, information will be provided to those employees who are eligible for TSP





Get *Carried Away!* by an entertaining, heartfelt collection of stories about letter carriers and their customers. *Carried Away!* is a book compiled by Lois McNulty and Kate Drury, both who spent time as letter carriers in their own careers. Drury came up with the idea to collect stories from letter carriers, publish them in a book and sell the book as a fund-raising project. McNulty was happy to join the project and the two began collecting stories of letter carriers from all over the country. Not only does this book celebrate the unique and valuable job that these individuals perform, the proceeds go to PERF, the Postal Employees' Relief Fund. Through financial grants, PERF helps retired and active postal employees rebuild their lives after natural disasters and home fires. If you would like more information about the book, visit the *Carried Away!* website online at: <http://carriedawaytruestories.blogspot.com/>

“*Excerpt from Carried Away!*: “I thought I heard a sound behind me. I turned around and beheld the sight of a German Shepherd rushing towards me from across the street. I attempted to raise my mail sack in front of me, but by that time the dog was upon me! He jumped up and pinned me against the door...”—*How did carrier Paul Tanick of Minneapolis, MN survive this dog attack? Find out on page 46 of Carried Away!*”



Include
NCPCU's
29th Annual
Conference
in your
2012 budget



It's Charleston in 2012!

From April 22-24, postal credit unions will gather in the historic city of Charleston, South Carolina to learn, connect and grow. As budget time approaches, be sure to include the Council's Conference in your plans. Registration fees will be under \$700 and NCPCU's special room rate at the DoubleTree Charleston is \$195.

Deluxe Offers FREE Webinar on Account Screening Solution

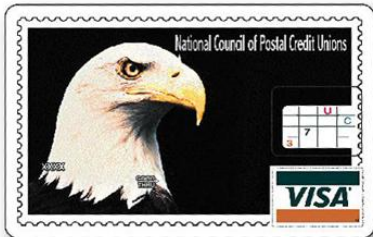
Learn how Deluxe Detect can help your credit union with account screening tools designed to prevent more fraud and improve the member experience. The FREE seminar is on:

Wednesday, October 19 at 1:00 pm Central Time. [Click HERE](#) to pre-register.

Access the seminar by dialing 877-468-2136 and entering Participant Code: 329497#

Next Eagle Plastic Card Order

The next bulk plastic card order will be placed on December 16, 2011. The estimated ship date for this order is January 23, or earlier. To place an order, please e-mail the request to ncpcu@ncpcu.org, or call NCPCU at 1-858-792-3883. Interested in learning more about this program, call the Council to learn how your credit union can save on Eagle image plastic cards.



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