



Region 5 NBA Report



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Camera's, Camera's Everywhere! – I recently viewed another letter carrier who was caught on video “Mis-Delivering” a parcel. This rocket scientist never bothered to leave his Dodge Ram ProMaster. He parked in the middle of the street, went to the back of the vehicle, opened the sliding side door and casually lofted the parcel he was to deliver onto the sidewalk. Of course, as he drove away, the unsecured side door slid back open, yet he just drove on. First and foremost, that's not the way we deliver parcels. That's not the way our customers want parcels delivered. It makes all of us look bad and unprofessional. There is no excuse...not the heat and not because you're running late and in a hurry. Secondly, there are cameras everywhere. They are in vehicles, on homes and in businesses. People love to post videos of letter carriers doing something wrong. Do your job professionally and don't become famous overnight on the internet, your fifteen minutes of fame isn't worth your job.

Parcels & Competition – Letter Carriers are well aware of the phenomenal increase in parcels over the past few years. We all recognize that technology has brought shopping into our homes, just a few key strokes away. Today's consumer demands immediate satisfaction with delivery as soon as possible. The Post Office has dominated the competition with the best last mile delivery in the network, so much so that the competition often uses us to deliver their parcels. What we can never forget, big business is out to save a dollar or make a dollar. Amazon has recently begun delivering their own parcels in a few of the major markets. They will continue to expand, wherever they can save a buck. As I've discussed before in this forum, Amazon is lobbying congress and the FAA hard to allow them to use drones to deliver their parcels, a task in which I can only hope they will be unsuccessful (I can't imagine thousands of drones flying around, guided by a computer chip). While Amazon looks to develop their own system, Walmart, who has been testing their own “Prime” program with free shipping on many purchases, has announced they are expanding their test to a wider audience. So, while we may lose some business, we will gain business as the delivery market increases. And...if you see a drone....

National Convention – Some of you will be attending the 70th Biennial Convention this month in Los Angeles. Our convention truly is an opportunity for the membership to direct the path of the NALC in the future. Whether it is to change our structure or to prioritize and direct the

issues we negotiate with the postal service, the delegates at the convention will shape the NALC until we reconvene two years from now.

I want to urge each delegate attending to take full advantage of the training sessions taking place prior to and immediately following the convention each day. There is a multitude of information that you will be able to acquire and disseminate to your members upon your return. Not attending some of these trainings is really a disservice to your branch. I look forward to seeing you there.

Food Drive Record Totals – The results are in from the 24th annual letter carrier food drive and the results are record-breaking! Having the nation's largest single day food drive is no easy feat. It takes a lot of work on the part of many people. I want to thank every branch that registered for participation, every food drive coordinator that helped coordinate the details, letter carriers who collected food and all the volunteers that helped out. Your generosity made it possible for letter carriers to collect more than 3 million pounds of food in Region 5 this year, 3,192,175 pounds, to be exact. Great job everyone...this is a half million more pounds than last year. Nationally, the stamp out hunger drive collected more than 80 million pounds, which is 3 million pounds over the previous record set. Letter carriers should be proud of their part of this historic charitable event that will assist those members of our communities who are in need.

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