



USPS ATTACKS JOBS & COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS

Brothers and Sisters


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Local 308 was recently notified by our National office of drastic changes proposed by the Postal Service to radically reduce the number of mail processing facilities nationwide. By now many of you have read the notice from our National President John Hegarty dated August 10. Within that letter Brother Hegarty refers to a recent OIG report recommending a path to reducing the number of facilities. That report in its entirety is available for review on the Local's website at www.npmhu308.org. As stated by John Hegarty in his Network Changes memo this potential game changer will be discussed in more detail at the Semi Annual Meeting of the Local Unions (SAMLU) to be held this week in Milwaukee. Also available on our website, as well as the national NPMHU site, are the two "white paper" documents circulated by the USPS on Capitol Hill requesting major changes to our collective bargaining agreements through legislative action in an attempt to circumvent our legal right to collectively bargain.

Brothers and Sisters, these are dark and dangerous times for Mail Handlers and other postal employees as the USPS tries to abrogate lay-off protections and make changes to our health and pension benefits while requesting increases in non-career employees without bargaining. Yet another attack on working men and women in this country. Again, working men and women are expected to pay the price for the near destruction of our economy by Wall Street. When will hedge fund managers and the Wall Street crowd be called to account by our legislators in Washington.

As more facts become available and upon my return from the scheduled SAMLU we will provide you with more details. Until then please visit your Local's website and review for yourself copies of all the documents available at this time. In addition please visit the National's web site and click on the Legislative Center and contact your senator and congressman or congresswoman and let them know you are against this attack on your rights as an American & Union Member. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly with any questions or concerns regarding this or any other Union related matter.

In Solidarity,


John Gibson
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