



# National Postal Mail Handlers Union

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DATE: December 09, 2014

TO: All Local Presidents  
National/Regional CAD

FROM: John F. Hegarty, National President 

RE: December 26, 2014, The Day After Christmas

I am writing to inform you that we expect the Postal Service to be business as usual on Friday, December 26, 2014, the day after Christmas. Although President Obama has issued an Executive Order to provide that most federal employees will be granted that day as an additional day of paid leave, the President's Executive Order only applies to "executive branch departments and agencies of the Federal Government." Under federal statute, the Postal Service is "an independent establishment of the executive branch of the Government of the United States," and not an executive branch department or agency of the federal government. In most circumstances, the holidays and leave days provided to mail handlers are governed by the National Agreement.

As you may recall, the same distinction was applied in 2008, when the federal government closed on Friday, December 26, 2008, the day after Christmas, but the Postal Service remained fully operational.

Please disseminate this memo as you deem appropriate, and please do not hesitate to contact the National Office should you have any questions.

cc: Mark A. Gardner, National Secretary-Treasurer  
National Executive Board