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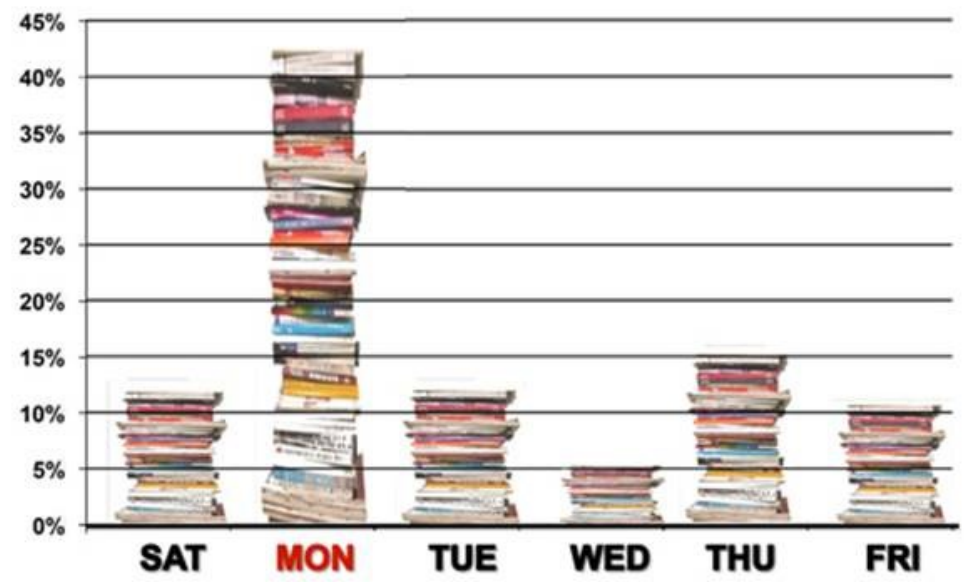
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Load Leveling - Monday Is Not Long Enough



The USPS revised the expected handling time for Standard Mail deposited on Friday and Saturdays into a Destination Sectional Center Facility (DSCF). This change allows the USPS to better manage the volume of mail during the week without the additional costs, including overtime, of delivering all of the available Standard mail on Mondays.

If not delivered on Monday, then when? Load leveling means the DSCF Standard Mail, when accepted on Fridays and Saturdays, will have a delivery expectation of up to **four (4)** days.

With this change, delivery volume will be more evenly balanced across the workweek, with the following benefits:

- Processing efficiency, including earlier carrier delivery and return times.
- Cost stability.
- Receipt spread across the week.

Load leveling for Mondays will not affect service standards for First-Class Mail or Periodicals.

USPS is not proposing any other changes to the service standards at this time.

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How to Avoid the 7-78% Priority® and Express™ Mail Increases

As I was walking around the vendor booths at this year's National Postal Forum, I noticed that most of the postage meter manufacturers were showing computers sitting next to even their smallest mailing systems. They are doing this to react to the USPS Intelligent Mail Package Barcode requirement that went into effect in January. This will create a big impact for the 1.2 million US entities that use postage meters and if you do not comply by January 25, 2015, you will see an increase of 7-78% on your USPS Priority Mail® and Priority Mail Express™ items.

Weight	Commercial Base	Retail	% Increase
Priority Mail®	Rates based on Zone	Rates based on Zone	
1LB	\$5.05-8.35	\$5.60-8.35	7-11%
5LB	\$6.78-22.64	\$8.70-25.20	11-37%
10LB	\$9.41-39.54	\$12.45-43.40	10-32%
Priority Mail Express™			
1LB	\$15.13-36.60	\$17.95-44.65	19-36%
5LB	\$16.65-48.64	\$24.00-70.20	33-59%
10LB	\$20.26-77.16	\$36.15-103.50	34-78%

The issue started about 5 years ago when the USPS gave discounts to mailers that could transmit electronic information on their packages to the USPS. Prior to this, there was only one rate for these services and with this change they created the following rate structures:

Retail – For items done at the local USPS counter.

Commercial – For items transmitted directly to the USPS

Commercial Plus – Commercial items where the mailer commits to maintaining high volume thresholds.

The USPS stated that anyone using a postage meter could also get the Commercial rates because the meter manufacturers could send aggregate information about the volumes processed through the meters.

On January 26, 2014, the USPS mandated that all Priority Mail® and Priority Mail Express™ items be transmitted to them electronically with an Intelligent Mail Package Barcode. They gave an extension for Postage meter users until January 25, 2015 to comply with this change.

Adam Lewenberg—Postal Advocate Inc.

Identity Theft and Mail Fraud Seminar



On April 9th, The Greater Boston PCC hosted a seminar on Identity Theft and Mail Fraud at Harvard University.

Bernadette Lundbohm, Postal Inspector from the Boston Division spoke on mail fraud and identity theft. She gave an overview of what the Postal Inspection unit does and then went on to give the group real life examples of how prevalent, and unfortunately how many people are affected by fraud and theft through the mail. She reminded us that if it “seems to be too good, it probably is!”

Bernadette also described how Postal employees have been instrumental in catching fraud and potentially saving their customers from becoming victims.

National Postal Forum—Washington DC

Over 400 USPS and mailing industry employees attended a fabulous event at the National Postal Museum while attending the NPF in Washington this past March. The entire museum was open for guests to explore. Tours were provided of the new William H. Gross Stamp Gallery and all postal exhibits. The story of Owney, the Postal Service's mascot dog was by far the biggest hit!

The National Postal Museum is devoted to telling the story of the nation's mail service. It also has the largest and most comprehensive collection of stamps and philatelic material in the world. The museum was created by an agreement between the Smithsonian Institution and the United States Postal Service in 1990. The museum is housed in the building originally serving as DC's Post Office from 1914-1986.

Pictured newly appointed District Manager, Mike Powers, along with Rick Uluski, VP Operations, Northeast Area



Just one day in the life of the U.S. Postal Service... by the numbers

Each day the Postal Service picks up, processes and delivers millions of letters and packages. No single operation in the world comes close to this level of connectivity to so many households and businesses. Here's just ONE day in the life of the United States Postal Service. (Figures are averages.)

- **222.2 million** revenue received, in dollars
- **180 million** dollars paid to postal employees in salaries and benefits
- **523 million** number of mailpieces processed and delivered
- **22 million** average number of mailpieces processed each hour
- **363,300** average number of mailpieces processed each minute
- **6,050** average number of mailpieces processed each second
- **217.3 million** pieces of First-Class Mail processed and delivered
- **267 million** pieces of Advertising Mail processed and delivered
- **727,167** number of packages picked up through Package Pickup
- **4 million** number of miles driven by letter carriers and truck drivers
- **7,559** number of letter carriers who deliver mail entirely on foot — The USPS Fleet of Feet
- **128,000** number of address changes processed
- **2,554** number of addresses added to our delivery network
- **3.6 million** number of people who visit usps.com
- **2.9 million** dollar amount of online stamp and retail sales at usps.com
- **1.7 million** amount of money spent on postage for Click-N-Ship labels
- **157,095** number of Click-N-Ship labels printed
- **17,492** number of passport applications accepted
- **313,201** number of money orders issued
- **1.5 million** dollars spent at self-service kiosks in Post Office lobbies
- **0** tax dollars received for operating the Postal Service

From <http://about.usps.com/who-we-are/postal-facts/one-day-by-the-numbers.htm>

Upcoming PCC Events—Join Us!

- **May** – NEDMA 2014 Annual Conference
 - **5/14/14** , Bentley University, Waltham, MA 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- **August** – PCC day at Fenway
 - **8/18/2014** 7:00 p.m.
- **September**—National PCC Day
 - **9/10/2014** 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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