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All Stewards, Officers & NBA's

RE: Test in Central to have UPS Sort Outsides

I was informed today by Carol Stream A/Plant Manager John Colao that Carol Stream is part of a six month test that began on 12-10-13 to have UPS sort non-machine-able Outside mail collected at Carol Stream, South Suburban and the NDC. At CS this mail is worked on the Outside Belt.

As John explained, the collection mail will be separated at Carol Stream with the machine-able going to the NDC and the non-machine-able Outsides being scanned and labeled at Carol Stream before being sent to UPS where it will be sorted to the destination and delivered to the Associate Post Office. John said the daily volume for Carol Stream Outsides is 300 to 500 parcels per day. As I told John, Incoming Parcel Post is Clerk work per the national RI-399 and Outgoing Parcel Post is assigned to Mailhandlers. We should be filing grievances whenever Mailhandlers are working Incoming Parcel Post (IPP) on the Outside Belt at Carol Stream.

The reason given for subcontracting this work to UPS is because they have the machines to sort the Outside mail but USPS has a Universal Sorter for larger parcels at the ISC and there is talk of getting one at Busse. Headquarters wants to give the mail to UPS to bypass manual distribution which is labor-intensive and expensive. It looks like more USPS subcontracting of work like the opening of USPS Retail Services at 81 Staples stores to be staffed by non-postal employees.

If this test is "successful" I'm sure USPS Headquarters will be happy to give this work to UPS. I will contact our National Business Agents and Regional Coordinator to inform them of this test to make sure that the National Officers are aware of this and ask what they plan to do about it.

Sincerely,

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