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etter carriers honored for 1 million miles of safe driving

June 25, 2014

Three Fitchburg letter carriers Steve Gosselin, Gary Goguen and John Perko received their Million Mile Club plaques, a distinction given to professional drivers who have driven accident free for either 30 years or a million miles. The distance equates to two trips to the moon and back.

The United States Postal Service in partnership with the National Safety Council recognizes the safe driving records of its employees. When postal drivers are included in this exclusive club, it sends a clear message to the customer that letter carriers and all postal drivers put safety first when traveling the streets of the communities they serve.

Fitchburg Post Office honored the trio for reaching this achievement by presenting them with plaques and pins. Perko's advice for driving includes:

- Look both ways twice
- Check blind spots
- Avoid distracted driving no phone
- Always be defensive

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service

Did you know that each year USPS Postal Inspectors:

- Educate 123 million customers about fraud prevention
- Handle nearly 115,000 reports of suspected fraud
- Arrest 1,500 people for mail fraud
- Arrest 3,000 people for mail theft
- Arrest 2,500 suspects for drug trafficking and money laundering through the mail
- Arrest 300 people for assaults and threats to postal employees
- Investigate 200 robberies and burglaries of post offices
- Help nearly 50,000 crime victims

Deputy PMG Ron Stroman addresses the PCC





On July 17, 2014 Deputy Postmaster General Ron Stroman visited the Boston General Mail Facility and spoke to the 4 local PCC groups, the Greater Boston PCC, the Central Mass PCC, the Southeastern Mass PCC and the Providence PCC.

Deputy Stroman is the second-highest ranking postal executive. He is actively involved in the mailing industry and is working to strengthen and improve relationships with postal customers.

Before he spoke, Deputy Stroman joined us for breakfast, introducing himself to the attendees. He was very approachable and gracious.

He began his talk thanking the crowd for their business, and recognizing local Postal employees who had been nominated for awards. He also thanked the PCC's for everything they do. His talk was very positive. He did address some obvious negatives but overall the message was very optimistic. One of his slides read:

- Keep up the momentum
- We have avoided the collapse
- Let's be aware of the relapse
- And let's not relax

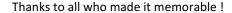
Stroman ended talking about providing better service and exploring new innovations that will help to build the USPS back up. When he spoke about providing better service, he mentioned Boston as a "prototype for service."

PRC Affirms Priority Mail Price Changes

On August 15, 2014, the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) affirmed the Priority Mail® price changes proposed by the United States Postal Service® on July 1, 2014. These prices will be implemented on September 7, 2014. For additional details, go to Postal Explorer® at pe.usps.gov for pricing files (look in the blue navigation bar for September 2014 Price Change Information) and to the PRC website at http://www.prc.gov/Docs/90/90202/Order%20No.%202156.pdf to download Order No. 2156. A Postal Bulletin article will be published on August 21, 2014.

Greater Boston PCC Night at Fenway Park

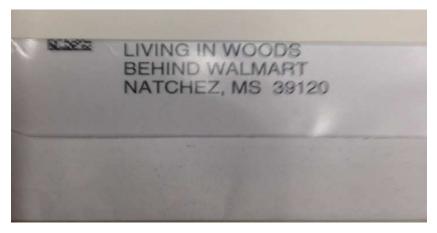
The night of August 18th kicked off with those attending the game coming together at the House of Blues. Much to our surprise and delight, we were upgraded to the Foundation Room! Plenty of catching up and networking went on whilst enjoying platters of appetizers. Our hosts at the House of Blues then graciously offered for us to enjoy the Balcony overlooking Landsdowne Street. Much of the group took up this offer, as it was great weather. In terms of the game, well the Red Sox (filled with youth) jumped out to an early lead, however could not hold it. Thus leading to the catchphrase " See you next year for PCC Night at Fenway"





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A postman discovered what may be the sketchiest address ever written on a piece of mail...



This has to be the modern address of Hansel and Gretel(via Imgur)

Redditor jamdav19 posted this terrifying address his dad found on a piece of mail today.

"LIVING IN WOODS BEHIND WALMART"

This can't be a real address, can it? I mean, somebody actually typed that out. Somebody put a postage stamp on it. Somebody decided this was a fine way to describe a place of residence when it is actually more of a fine way to describe the last place a postman is seen alive.

Our best clue in the mystery is the "LIVING" part. This is not just some random location "IN WOODS." No! Something exists! Maybe not a house, but whatever is there at the very least evolved from the primordial ooze (allegedly) and claimed a spot in the woods, behind a WALMART, as their own.

(by Myka Fox)

Upcoming PCC Events—Join Us!

- September—National PCC Day
 - 9/10/2014 8:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.
- September Cambridge Shred Day
 - 9/20/2014—Cambridge Post Office
- October—Priority Mail Update—Changes & Challenges Webinar
 - 10/22/2014 11:00 a.m.

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