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Dear Ivan:

As a matter of general interest, the Postal Service is updating the Mobile Delivery Device-Technical Refresh (MDD-TR) to enhance the functionality of the devices.

Release 7.80 includes the following:

- Send BT Ring with Route Number
- Force Vehicle Return Mileage Entry Before ET
- RRS Menu Redesign (Enabled at one site)
- Hazard Alert Prompt UI Change for Rural Carriers
- Arrow Key Management Process Improvement
 - Status Check
 - Allow spare key to be checked out/returned
- Adding CPMS Label into eArrow Usage Tracking
- Add New STC 907 –EIN Validation
- Certified Mail DPS

Enclosed is the final draft copy of the MDD-TR Release 7.80 talking points.

Please contact Bruce Nicholson at extension 7773 if you have questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Lloyd".

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enclosure

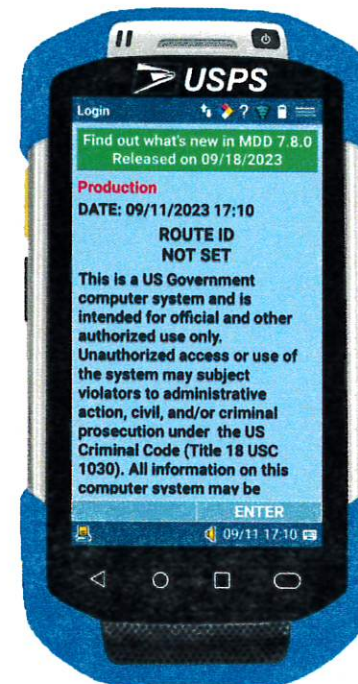
MDD-TR Release Service Talk

MDD TR Release 7.80

Pilot: 09/18/2023

National: 10/02/2023

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- Add New STC 907 – **No Change to User Interface**



Send BT Ring with Route Number

Background

Supervisors are being forced to correct begin tour (BT) and in from lunch (IL) clock ring errors related to no routes or incorrect routes populating in TACS. Offices are being cited for manually correcting clock rings in TACS along with the additional time needed to correct the clock ring errors.

Changes on MDD

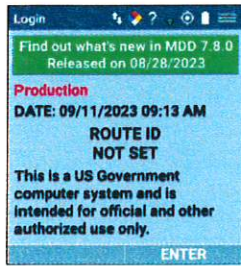
During log in, when Begin Tour is selected, the timestamp for Begin Tour will be captured on the "Information recorded successfully" screen. The TMK record will not be saved to the database until the carrier completes the route selection on the "Confirm Route Setup" screen.

Once the route selection is completed, the TMK record will be updated with the TACS route based on the selected route, the information will be saved to the database and uploaded to RIMS.

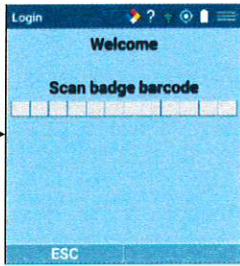
The ESC option will be disabled during log in after confirming the route selection as part of the Begin Tour process, if the Begin Tour record was created.

Send BT Ring with Route Number

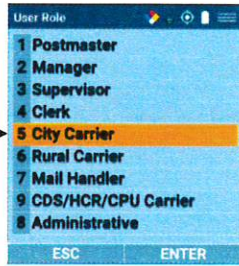
TMK Enhancement – Add Route ID to BT Clock Ring



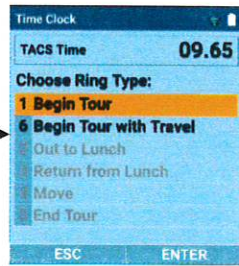
User presses enter to start Login process



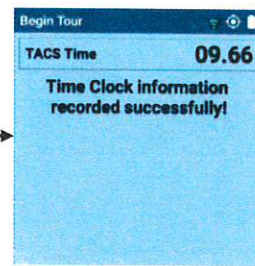
User scans badge to proceed with normal login process



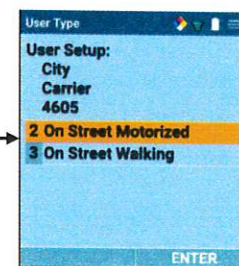
User selects user role



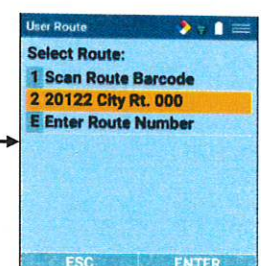
User selects 1. Begin Tour



"Information recorded successfully!" appears
Note: BT ring created but not yet sent out



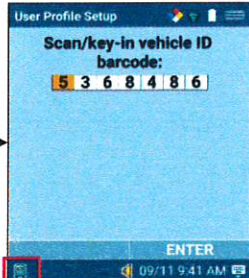
User selects user type



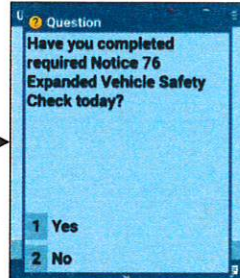
User selects route ID



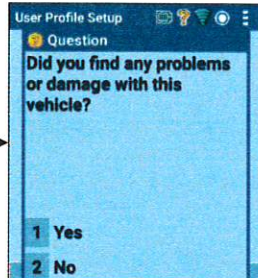
User confirms profile setup



User confirms vehicle ID. Note: At this point, the Route ID was acquired to complete BT ring to transmit. The mailbox icon indicates that record is sending.



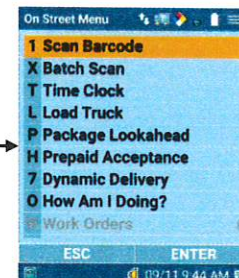
User selects appropriate answer for vehicle safety check questionnaire



User selects appropriate answer for vehicle safety check questionnaire



Message appears to confirm user profile setup completed



Note: On RIMS, the Transaction time is the timestamp when the user selected Begin Tour

SYSTEM ID	TACS RESPONSE	EMPLOYEE ID	TRANSACTION CODE	RING REASON CODE	TRANSACTION DATETIME	TIMEZONE CODE	TIMEZONE OFFSET	TIMEZONE DST INDICATOR	RING TYPE CODE	FINANCE NUMBER	FINANCE UNIT ID	OPERATIONS ID	LOCAL UNIT NUMBER	ROUTE NUMBER	RING DEVICE ID	DEVICE TYPE	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	RIMS POST DATETIME CST
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Force Vehicle Return Mileage Entry Before End Tour

Background

Carriers are not entering vehicle mileage when returning to the office. This causes additional work for the supervisor and inaccurate data if it is not recorded.

This change will provide a reminder prompting carriers to enter returning vehicle when returning to the facility. It also will enforce the carrier to enter ending mileage before End Tour. Entering the mileage will reduce the workload for supervisors by eliminating entries that are generally estimated.

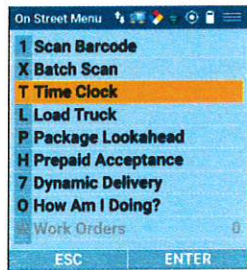
Changes on MDD

Upon returning to the facility, after 4 PM, a popup reminder will display, "Please remember to enter Ending Mileage for the day." If the ending mileage is not input, when the user attempts to register End Tour the device will display the message, "Ending Mileage has not been reported. Press Enter to proceed." After pressing enter, the scanner will redirect to the Ending Mileage entry screen.

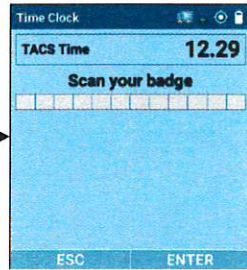
The changes described above do not apply to Rural Carriers.

Force Vehicle Return Mileage Entry before ET

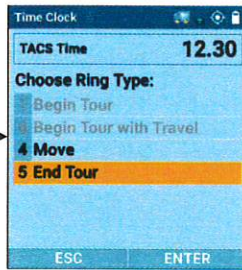
Force Entering Ending Mileage



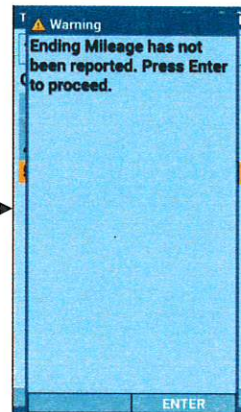
From On Street Menu, select (T) Time Clock



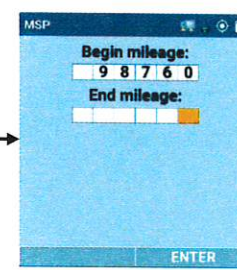
Scan an employee badge (employee has not entered ending mileage)



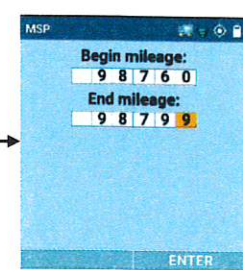
From Time Clock menu, select (5) End Tour



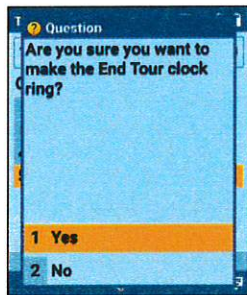
If ending mileage did not record for this login employee, a warning message will appear. Press Enter to continue



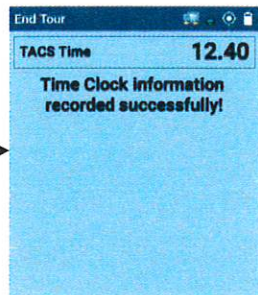
User is re-direct to menu to enter ending mileage



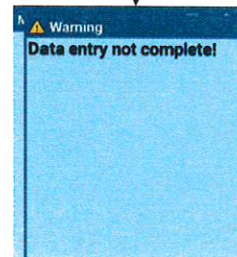
Enter appropriate ending mileage and press Enter



Select (1) Yes to continue with End Tour



"Information recorded successfully!" appears to confirm ring record created successfully



A warning message shall appear after a minute of inactivity.

RRS Menu Redesign

Background

To eliminate potential errors when making selections on the MDD TR device, new logic will be implemented to hide activities on the RRS activity menu for Rural carriers when they are not appropriate.

Changes on MDD

The logic of displaying and hiding options on the RRS menu is applied to all menu options. Only valid menu options will display on the user menu.

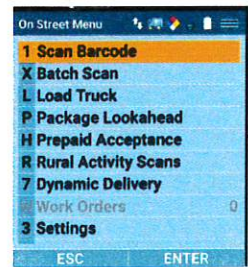
Example #1: When a carrier retrieves the MDD TR and logs in, the only activity visible on the RRS menu will be CLOCKIN. Once CLOCKIN is selected, this option will be hidden and the following valid options will display on the RRS menu: STARTLOADVEH, FLATSWSS, LETTERSWSS, FLATSBXHOLDERS, LETTERSBXHOLDERS, OUTLUNCH.

Example #2: When a carrier selects OUTLUNCH, all menu options will be hidden except RETURNLUNCH.

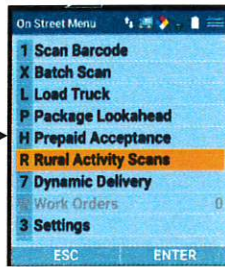
Presenting only valid menu options will help reduce touchscreen errors and the number of timekeeping errors/corrections managers must review daily.

RRS Menu Redesign

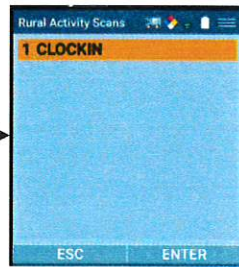
CLOCKIN>STARTLOADVEH>ENDLOADVEH



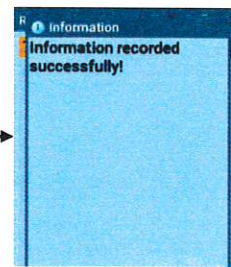
Upon login On Street menu displayed on device



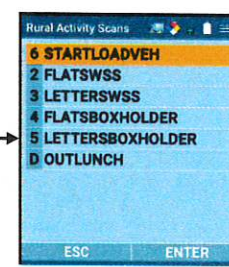
User selects option (R) Rural Activity Scans



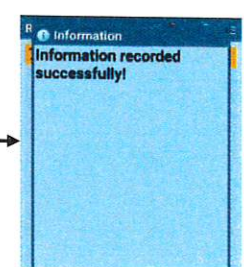
The RRS Activity Scans Menu will show only available option (1) CLOCKIN. Press Enter to select this option



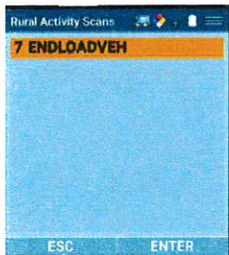
Confirmation message displayed



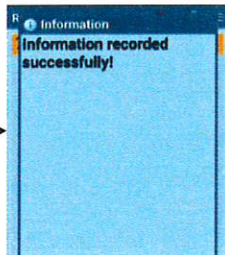
After CLOCKIN, menu will display list of the 6 available options. Select option (6) STARTLOADVEH, press Enter



Confirmation message displayed



Only option ENDLOADVEH available, press Enter



Confirmation message displayed

Notes:

Confirmation message will be presented after each selection on any menu.

Workflow did not change for menu options (2) FLATSWSS, (3) LETTERSWSS, (4) FLATSBXHOLDER, (5) LETTERSBXHOLDER.

RRS Menu Redesign

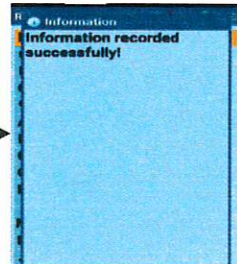
DEPART2ROUTE, OUTLUNCH>RETURNLUNCH, RETURN2DU



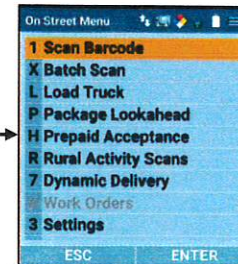
After selecting/confirming ENDLOADVEH device displays menu with 7 items on a list



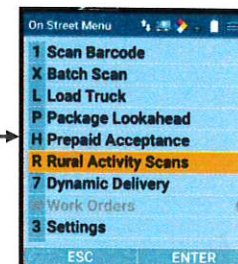
Scroll down/or use hot key (8) to select DEPART2ROUTE, press Enter



Confirmation message displayed



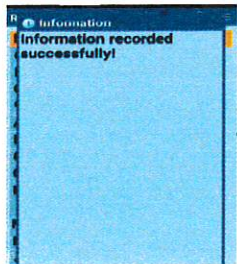
Device takes user back to On Street Menu



Carrier must select Rural Activity Scans option again, press Enter



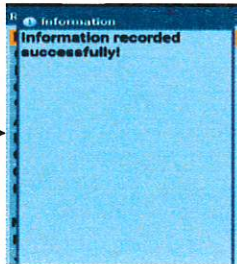
List of 14 items available. Carrier will need to scroll down to see all menu options. Select (D) OUTLUNCH, press Enter



Confirmation message displayed



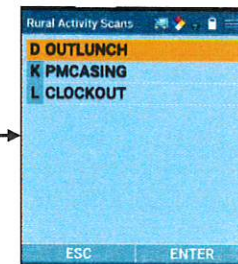
Once OUTLUNCH is selected, the device displays RETURNLUNCH until this action is completed. Even if Escaped to main menu, RRS menu will only display this option



Confirmation message displayed and device brings user to On Street Menu and then selects Rural Activity Scans option



Select (J) RETURN2DU and press Enter, scanner will confirm, and return to On Street Menu. Select RRS menu again

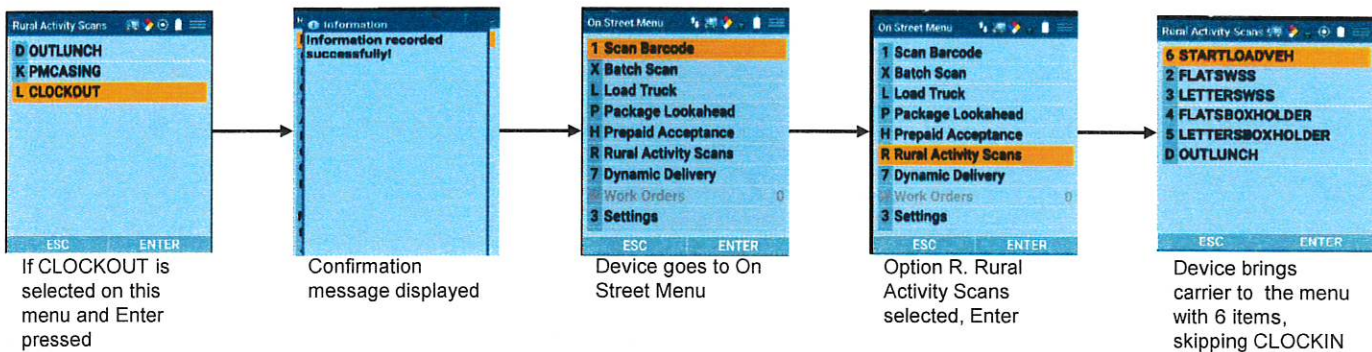
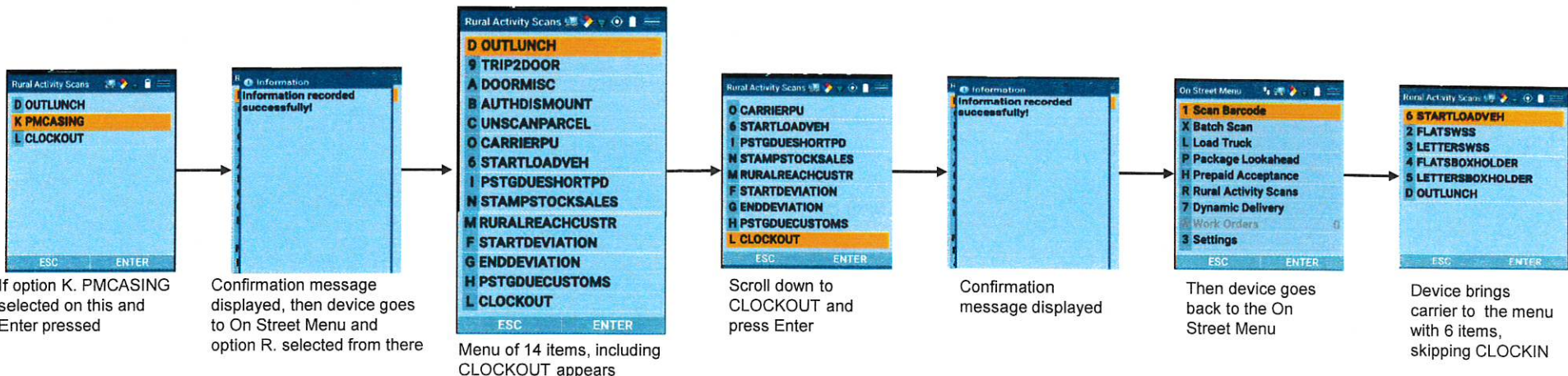


List of 3 items appears. If OUTLUNCH selected and Enter pressed, then TR follows same workflow as shown for OUTLUNCH.

Note:
All other menu options, except DEPART2ROUTE, OUTLUNCH and RETURN2DU will follow the current workflow.

RRS Menu Redesign

PMCASING>CLOCKOUT, CLOCKOUT



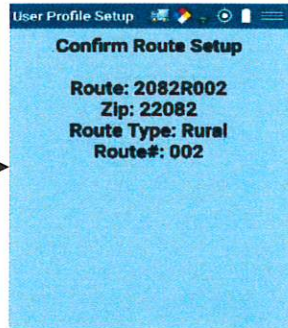
Note:
All other menu options, except OUTLUNCH and STARTLOADVEH will follow the current workflow.

RRS Menu Redesign

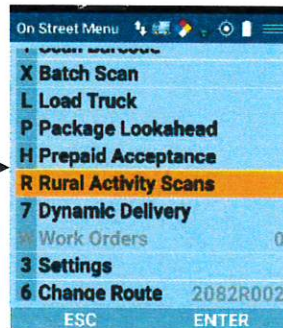
Changing Route ID



If carrier must change Route ID, option (6) Change Route must be selected and new route ID set up



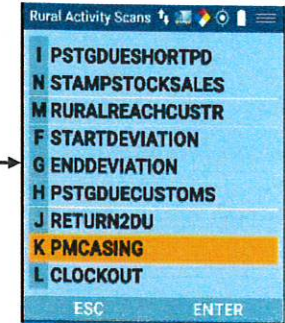
Carrier proceed with normal procedure of route change and after confirmation of successful setup device brings carrier to On Street menu



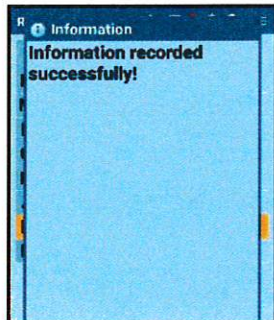
Carrier must select Rural Activity Scans option and press Enter to proceed



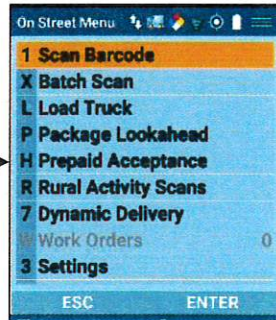
Menu of 22 items appears – to see all the items, user must scroll down



All other menu options, except OUTLUNCH, and STARTLOADVEH will bring user to On Street menu at the end of workflow. For OUTLUNCH flow, refer to Slide 9. For STARTLOADVEH refer to Slide 8 Other options on the menu will follow current workflow.



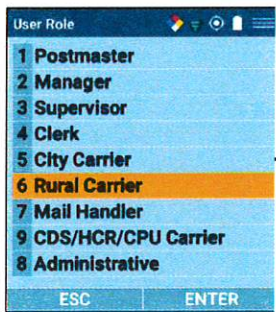
Confirmation message displayed



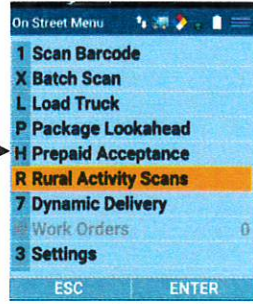
Device brings user back to On Street Menu. If RRS option selected, the menu of 22 items will display.

RRS Menu Redesign

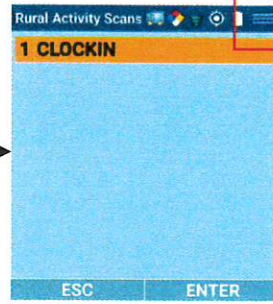
Access to Old Menu in Hamburger Menu



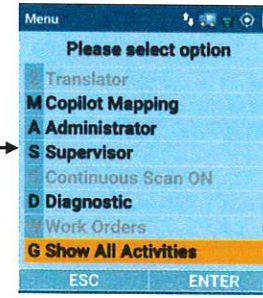
User logs in as a Rural carrier



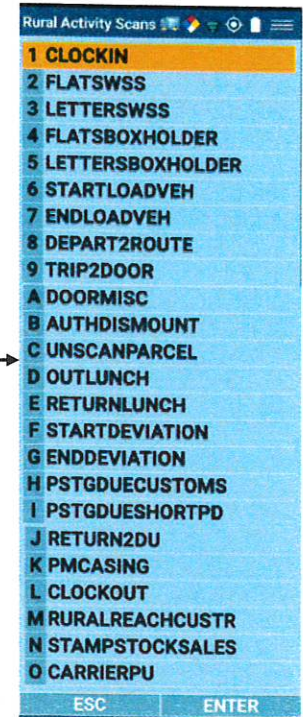
After completing login process, select Rural Activity Scans option on On Street Menu



At the "Rural Activity Scans" screen, select the hamburger menu. The menu list displayed on the screen may be different, depending on where user left the RRS feature.



At Hamburger Menu, select option G. Show All Activities



All RRS items present in a list the old way, without any restrictions (user has to scroll down to see them all) . User can select any option on this list and come back to this menu.

Hazard Alert Prompt UI Change for Rural Carriers

Background

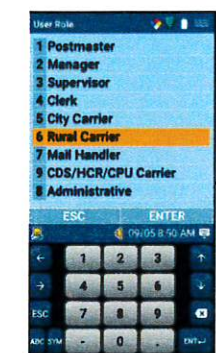
Hazard alerts are enabled on devices to help keep carriers safe by alerting them to the presence of a danger in a specific area.

Changes on MDD

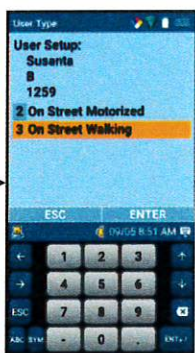
All hazard alerts for Rural carriers will display on screen for 10 seconds. After displaying for 10 seconds, the alert will be dismissed automatically. The alert may also be dismissed with a button press within 10 seconds.

Reporting hazards remains disabled for Rural carriers.

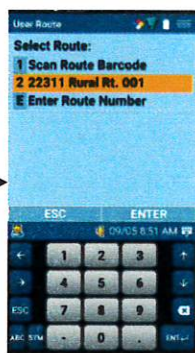
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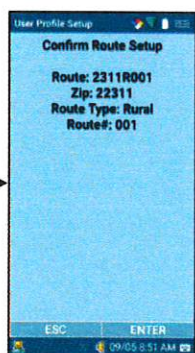
Log in as a Rural Carrier



Select On Street Walking



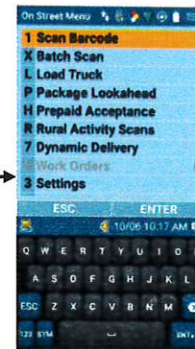
Select Route



Press 'Enter' to complete User Profile Setup



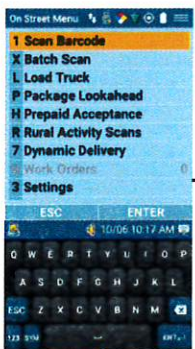
If the login route has Hazard Alert created, the Location Alerts screen will be displayed. The alert will auto dismiss after 10s. When reaching 3 seconds the Timer Bar will turn red. Carrier can let the timer run out, press Esc, or select any one of the hazards alert to review



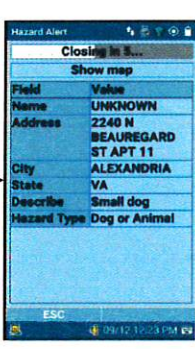
Letting the time run out or pressing Esc on the Location Alert screen will take carrier back to the On-Street menu



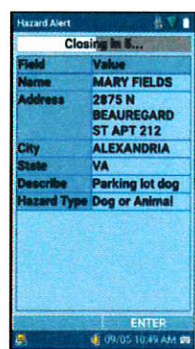
Selecting option (Z) Hazard Alert/Delivery Instruction from the On Street menu will take carrier to the Location Alerts screen



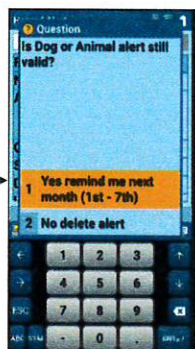
When geo fence is broken for a Hazard Alert, TTS will alert carriers about the Hazard



The alert will be auto dismissed after 10s and rural carrier can also dismiss it by pressing ESC. (Non-owner of alert)



If the triggered alert was created by the log in carrier, TTS with popup is displayed. Press Enter



Owner of the alert can select to remind about the alert next month (1st-7th of the month) or delete the alert

Note:

- Timer on the Location alert and Hazard alert notification will only show when Rural Carrier User Role is selected regardless of which route the user logs into.
- Reporting Hazard Alert is still disabled for Rural carriers.

Arrow Key Management Process Improvement

Background

The Postal Service uses a universal key, known as an arrow key, to access collection boxes, outdoor parcel lockers, cluster box units, and apartment panels. Supervisors assign these keys, generally one per route, to letter carriers for use on over 300,000 delivery and collection routes each day.

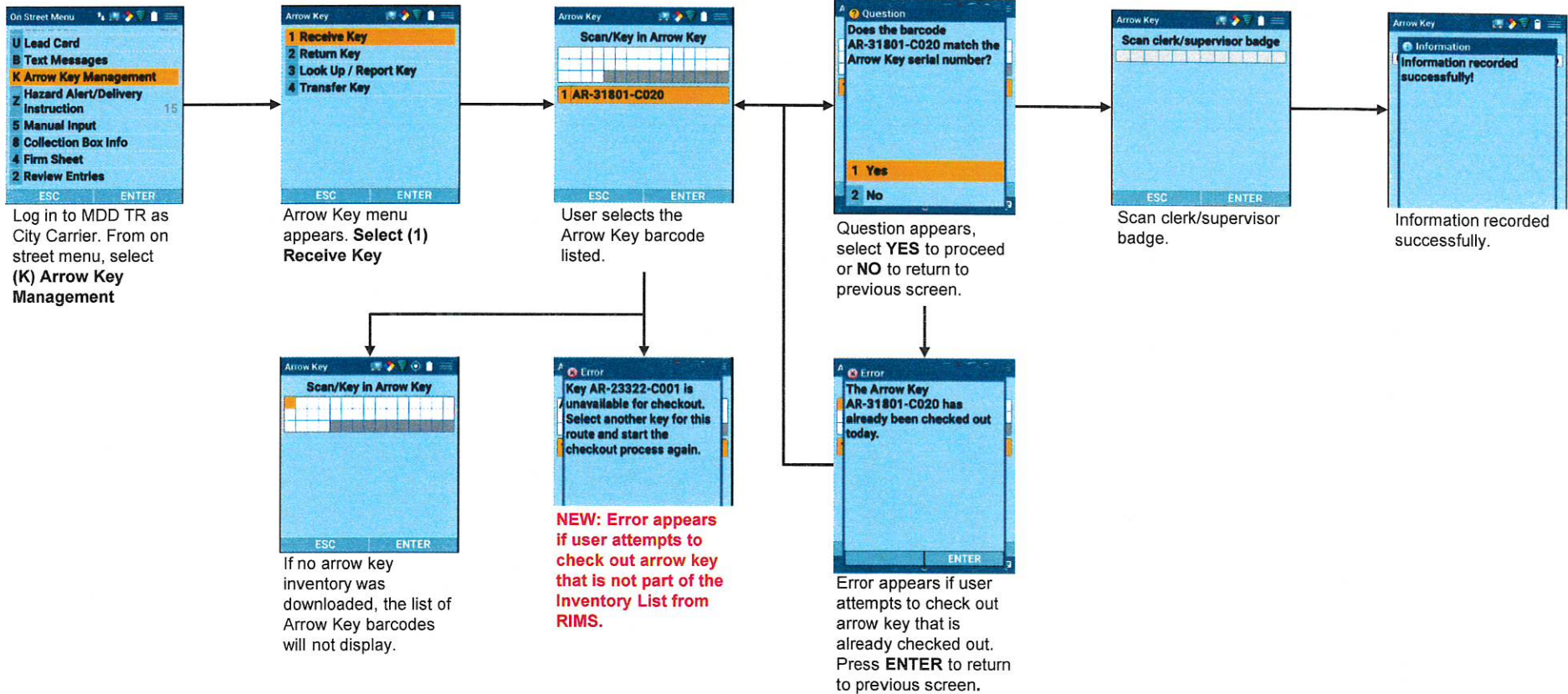
This enhancement to the process will prevent inactive status barcodes (returned, lost, damaged, invalid, and in-vault) from being scanned. Only active in-use barcodes will be available for employees to check-out and check-in Arrow key.

Changes on MDD

When carrier receives key from the Clerk/Supervisor in the morning, the carrier will scan the key barcode or select the key from the Arrow key dropdown menu. The device will then verify the Arrow key inventory status. If the status is "In Use," the carrier may continue the checkout process. If the status is not "In Use," the scanner will provide an error message and reject the checkout process and display the message, "Key is unavailable for checkout. Select another key for this route and start the checkout process again."

Arrow Key Management Process Improvement

Receive Key



Arrow Key Management Process Improvement

Allow Spare Key

Background

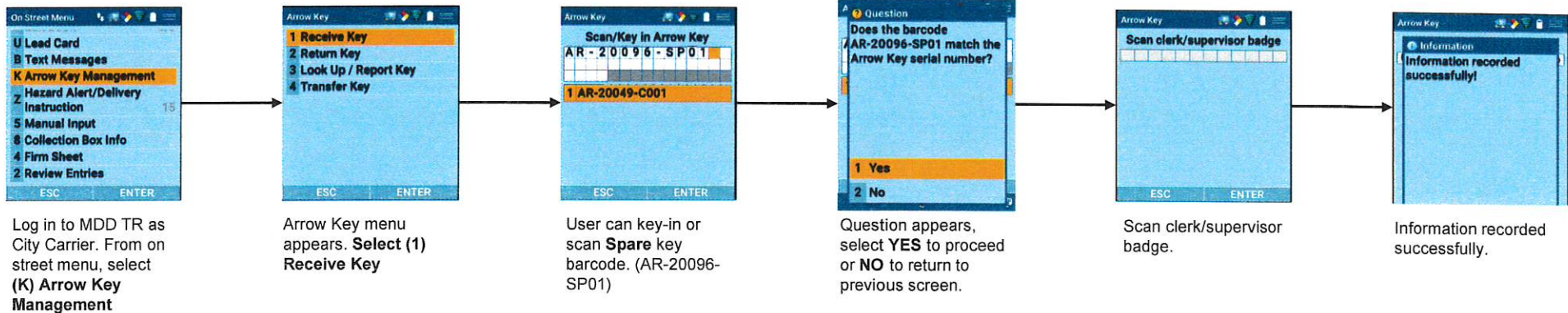
Employees use MDD-TR to receive and return Arrow keys by scanning Arrow key barcode. Since 8/22/2023 the day of the National launch for the 24-hour Arrow key management process carriers are unable to scan Spare (SP) barcodes- receiving error message.

Changes on MDD

Modify the software to enable all Spare (SP) barcodes for facilities and allow anyone within the office to be able to scan Spare (SP) key barcodes.

Arrow Key Management Process Improvement

Receive Spare Key



eArrow Usage Tracking Addition

Background

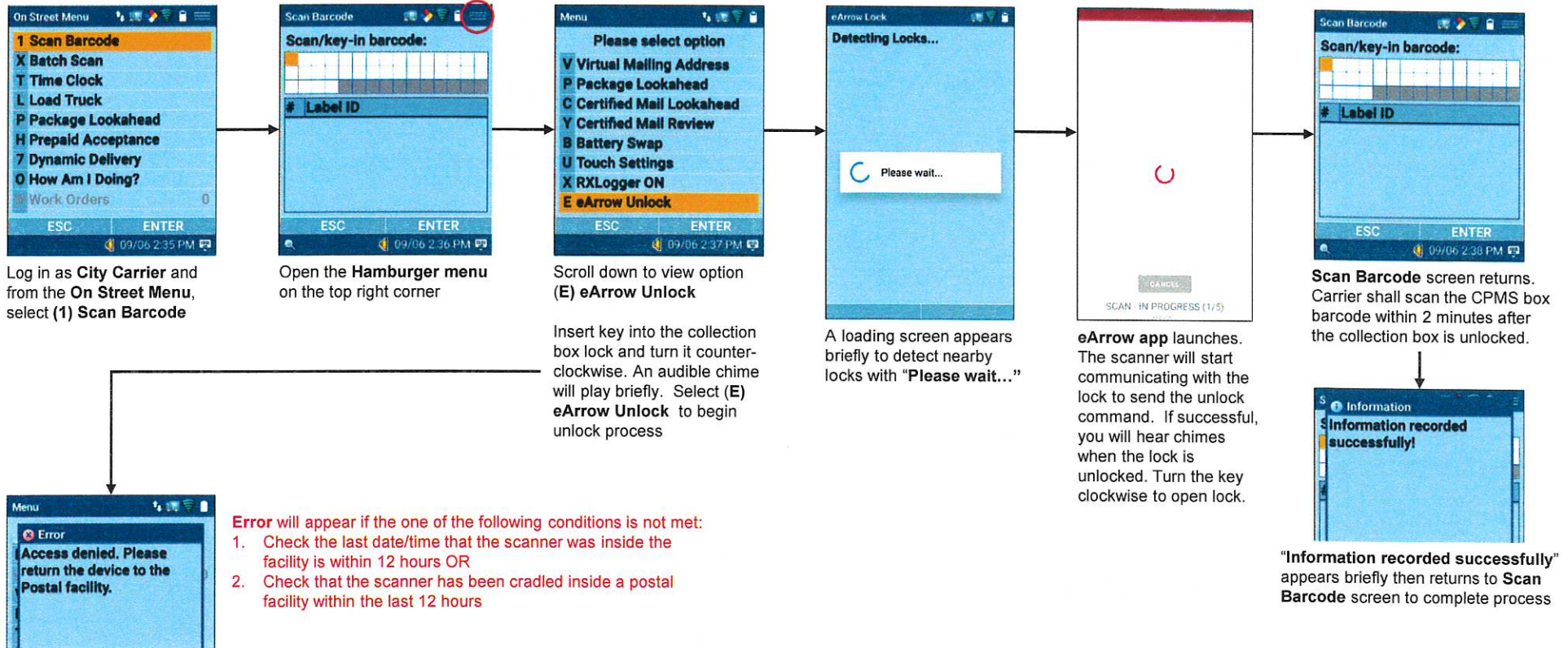
There has been a steady increase in robberies associated with forcibly taking arrow keys to steal mail from collection boxes. eArrow locks are being installed in 100,000 collection/other boxes to add an additional level of security.

This enhancement provides the ability to track the date/time a lock was accessed, the Employee EIN, MDD TR device serial number used to open the lock, the latitude/longitude where the lock was opened, the eArrow lock serial number, and the CPMS box label.

Changes on MDD

When a lock is opened, there will be a 2-minute window for scanning the CPMS barcode. The scanner will compare the geocoordinates collected from the opened eArrow lock with the geocoordinates of the live scan of the CPMS label ID. If the distance is within 15 feet, the collection box ID will be accepted and sent with other unlock data usage, otherwise it will be ignored.

eArrow Usage Tracking Addition



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Custom D&MT Reports - eArrow Duration Report

Description: All eArrow durations send by MDD TR

Click here to select a report

Select and Group: [] Search: (anywhere) = Sort: CREATION_DATETIME descending

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AREA	DISTRICT	SYSTEM ID	FACILITY NAME	EVENT DATE	DEVICE ID	ROUTE ID	EMPLOYEE ID	SERIAL NUMBER	LABEL ID	MESSAGE	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	START DATETIME	END DATETIME	DURATION SECONDS	CREATION DATETIME
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Note: CPMS Label ID will be displayed in the eArrow Duration Report if the barcode passed the condition check and is accepted. The condition check includes: 1)The CPMS barcode needs to be **scanned within 2 minutes** after eArrow is unlocked, and 2) **Carrier must scan the barcode within 15 feet distance** of the collection box.

A new column is added in the **eArrow Duration Report** on RIMS to display the scanned Collection Box (CPMS) label ID

Add New STC 907

Background

Service Type Code 907 was missing and was causing problems with scanning.

Changes on MDD

No Change to User Interface

STC 907 – Periodical First Class Mail has been added.