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Board Memo 020-2020: NAPS HQ National COVID-19 Message to Members

Executive Board,

Please share the attached NAPS Headquarters' National message, addressed to all NAPS members, with your respective membership list. This message will also be posted on NAPS Facebook and website, www.naps.org.

Thank you and be safe.

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Dear NAPS members:

Over the years, the U.S. Postal Service and its employees have experienced many major challenges in the performance of their duties. Despite all these challenges, the Postal Service was steadfast in its obligation to "bind the nation together" by collecting, processing and delivering the mail to the American public. None of this could be accomplished without dedicated postal employees, like you, working during those challenging times.

Today, as an essential government agency, the Postal Service may be facing its greatest challenge, delivering for the American public in the face of the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. The USPS must not only protect the health and safety of its employees, but also ensure that the livelihoods of the American public are maintained with daily mail delivery. As a postal employee working on the front-lines during this pandemic, you deserve the upmost thanks and respect for all you do for the American people.

The USPS and its employees are delivering letters, magazines, packages, medicine and more, but our active NAPS members are on the front lines as well managing all these operations. It's a team of postal employees delivering comfort, reassurance, hope and a sense of normalcy to the American public. EAS, especially NAPS members, are of course leading this team.

Yes, the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic is challenging the Postal Service and its dedicated employees. It's making our families and businesses throughout America uneasy during a time of uncertainty. However, EAS and NAPS members never run from a challenge, only to it and through it. It's this commitment and dedication to duty in keeping the trust of the American people that you give our loved ones, friends, strangers, and the general public a sense of ease and certainty.

On behalf of the NAPS resident officers and executive board, thank you for your selfless dedication to serve the Postal Service during these trying times. Please be assured that NAPS is committed to taking every measure possible to keep members and their families safe during this COVID-19 pandemic. NAPS is communicating regularly with postal leadership regarding how this pandemic is impacting operations, but more importantly, NAPS members and all postal employees, both physically, mentally and emotionally. Furthermore, we are committed to keeping NAPS operations functioning to serve and represent our membership during this pandemic. NAPS HQ is doing this as a team too.

NAPS headquarters is in daily contact with USPS HQ to receive COVID-19 updates. In addition, there is strong focus on valuable local regular communications between USPS areas/districts and NAPS executive board members. The Area offices are having daily COVID-19 telecons directly with respective NAPS executive board members. NAPS is ensuring postal facilities and employees, including EAS, will have the proper safety supplies and PPE to safely collect, process and deliver the mail during this pandemic. NAPS HQ is scheduling regular teleconferences with each NAPS region and their respective area vice presidents to ensure that we are engaged in getting your concerns reported locally to NAPS.

In addition, NAPS is sharing regular USPS COVID-19 related stand-up talks through our executive board to further share with members. Plus, we are posting these talks on the NAPS website, NAPS.org to ensure members have the information necessary to remain safe. NAPS is committed to doing its part to protect our members, families, fellow workers, the USPS, customers and the American public against the spread and effects of COVID-19.

Since the US Postal Service is mission-critical to the American public, NAPS cannot overemphasize that everyone follow CDC recommendations to reduce or stop the spread of COVID-19. This includes following social distancing rules, staying home when sick, and seeking medical assistance if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.

You are to be commended for your actions and dedication to serving the American public during these trying times. We encourage all NAPS members, active and retired, including their families, fellow workers, and postal customers to be safe by following CDC guidelines and protocols during this crisis.

As a NAPS family, we will get through this together, stronger than ever. Keep safe. Be vigilant. Have faith and God Bless!

Sincerely,

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