

# Communities and Postal Workers United (CPWU)

December, 2013 -- *No Closures! No Cuts! No Delay of the Mail!* - [www.cpwunited.com](http://www.cpwunited.com)

## \*\*\* SPECIAL BULLETIN \*\*\*

### Call for a National Day Sat. Dec. 21, 2013 to report Dark Delivery Hazards

As a follow-up to our Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> National Day of Mourning for **Tyson Jerome Barnette**, letter carrier killed while delivering in the dark –

**Communities and Postal Workers United calls on all letter carriers who are required to deliver unsafely, in the dark on December 21st (exactly one month after Brother Barnette's death) to file a *Form 1767 – Report of Hazard, Unsafe Condition, or Practice.***

Submit the Form 1767 to your supervisor for receipt, keep the blue copy, and send us your description\* of the "Hazard, Unsafe Condition, or Practice. Corrective Action Recommended." (Your supervisor must respond within 24 hours). Let us know if you brought the mail back and what happened. Let us know if you were ordered out again and if you brought the mail back and filed another 1767. Let us know how many carriers in your station, in your installation participated in this day of action. Send us an email ([cpwunited1@gmail.com](mailto:cpwunited1@gmail.com)) or post on our facebook page.

We will publicize reports from across the nation. The more carriers who participate on Dec. 21st, the more carriers will participate in the future.

We call on USPS management to end unsafe delivery in the dark, to fully staff carrier and clerk positions to allow early start and end times for letter carriers, to adjust overburdened routes to eight hours, and restore mail processing capacity.

The tragedy of Tyson Barnette's killing was set up by the "consolidation" of mail processing and understaffing in the clerk craft, which has forced carrier start times later in the day. This tragedy was set up by flawed route adjustments and carrier understaffing. This tragedy will be repeated unless major changes are enforced.

***END UNSAFE DELIVERY in the DARK!  
NOT ONE MORE DEATH FROM POSTAL  
MISMANAGEMENT!***

In solidarity,  
Ken Lerch, Joe Piette, Jamie Partridge, Frank Couget, Dave Welsh, Richard Koritz, David Yao, Tom Dodge, John Dennie, Johnnie Stevens, Shelley Pineo-Jensen, Mike Bates  
for Communities and Postal Workers United  
& Community Labor United for Postal Jobs & Services

***\*examples of unsafe dark delivery hazards...being mistaken as a burglar and getting shot at; being assaulted by robbers who work at night; crossing dark streets in traffic; driving near dark-clad pedestrians, bicyclists or skateboarders; hard-to-see ice and oil patches or wet leaves/wet moss/tree branches/toys/equipment; wet painted steps; released dogs unseen***