



THE BRANCH 324 BUZZ

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If I bid on a new route as a regular carrier, is there a way to cancel my bid before it coming down prior to the end date if I change my mind?

Yes. When you go to the eBidding page, you can review your current bids. If you have already bid and there is an active bid on file, it should show up that you already bid the new position. You can just as easily withdraw the bid by clicking on the withdraw bid tab and verifying that you are withdrawing your initial bid. This helps speed up the process for bidding and keep things rolling if you happen to change your mind and don't want to vacate your current route.

If I am a CCA, how do I sign up to take a day of annual leave on the calendar?

The annual leave calendar in all of the offices that the branch represents has CCAs included in the percentage of carriers off on annual leave or has a set limit of carriers off daily that includes CCAs. Now that CCAs are part of the annual leave calendar, they **NEED** to be on the annual leave calendar to take annual leave and should follow the LMOU for your office regarding completing a 'local' vacation bid form and completing a PS Form 3971 to give to management. The LMOU in each office controls how annual leave is used and should be followed. If you have questions regarding annual leave or the LMOU, please contact your steward or contact any of the branch officers for additional information.



How does opting work as a CCA and when do I need to turn in my opt/hold down slip to management?

Any CCA can opt or hold down a route once they've been employed for 60 calendar days. An opt must be done in writing and always keep a copy for your own records. It is best to get it round dated to show the date when it was requested and turned in. Your LMOU at your office might have local language on opting but if not, Article 41 of the JCAM clearly discusses opting rights. Opt slips should be turned into your supervisor prior to the schedule being posted on Wednesdays. Check with your local steward if you have more questions.

I've heard that there might be route inspections in my office coming up later this year, is that true?

There has been talk in many different offices about possible route inspections later this year. They are happening in the Colorado/Wyoming District. Some of our offices that the branch represents have already lost most of their Amazon. We have been told that Evans has been put in for route counts later this year but haven't heard if it's been approved. We should be doing our routes everyday as if we are being inspected. Are you following all of the safety procedures required by the USPS on a daily basis? If not, you should be! Supervisors always talk about working safe but they aren't going to get upset if you fly through your route and save them time. Always do your route safely and follow the procedures they require of us daily. Wear your seatbelt, close your door going through intersections, turn off your vehicle when you get out and follow all of the proper parking procedures. If you aren't in the seat, your vehicle shouldn't be running. Even in the morning during your vehicle inspection.