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April 13, 2016 Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Dominick Schiano, Chair; David Leavitt; and Matthew Raso.

EXCUSED: Martin Morris, Co-chair and Linda White.

GUEST(S): Thomas Messina, Congressman Crowley's Office United States Postal Service Representative: Dianne Jones, USPS Manager Retail; Patricia Jordan-, USPS Supervisor 10469; Thomas MCran, USPA Manager; Antoinette DeSisso, USPS Manager; Tina Savienano, Blow Styling Bar and Anthony Vitaliano, SB 11 Chair.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Conversation with Postal Service:

1. Mail being delivered to multi-family homes & mixed purpose building is being delivered to one box instead of being separated into appropriate boxes.

<u>USPS Response</u>: Mail is delivered by address not name. As long as the apartment number is listed on the mail is should be separated into appropriate boxes.

<u>Committee Member Suggestions</u>: Have carriers sort by name before delivering into boxes. If you are having a problem with this call Dianne Jones at (212) 330-3701

- 2. New postal workers, called City Carrier Assistant ("CCA's") are working within CB 11. CCA's are on probationary employees of the USPS. Probation lasts 90 days. CCA's are not issued uniforms. They only have a hat and an I.D. issued by the USPS. If you see an unfamiliar mail carrier, as long as they have the hat and I.D. they are working for the USPS.
- 3. Members of CB 11 interested in working for the USPS can apply and check for available positions at usps.com/employment.
- 4. Blue Box Security CB 11 has seen an increase in theft of mail from the blue drop- off boxes. The USPS has installed "teeth" into boxes. The teeth will curb theft in that any string used to fish out mail will be

cut before the mail is lifted out of the box. The teeth will be installed in all boxes; however the areas with most complaints of theft will be addressed first. Complaints can be submitted in person at the post office or by phone to Dianne Jones at (212) 330-3701.

- 5. Blue Boxes are over stuffed with mail. The rule is that no parcels weighing more than 13 ounces can be deposited. Public Safety Member suggests a sticker be placed on the blue box so people know what can be deposited there. Also suggest making the slot smaller so as to only fit letters. USPS will look into having this done.
- 6. All letters delivered that require signatures are held for 15 days from initial delivery at the post office. If someone other than the addressee is to retrieve the mail, the addressee must designate said person on the slip left by the USPS and sign the same. The designated person must have I.D. when they go to retrieve on the item at the post office.
- 7. "GO POST" Gopost units are automated, secured, self-service parcel lockers placed in convenient locations where you can pick up or ship packages at your convenience (24 hours accessibility). This service is currently in a "test" phase. You must register online to take advantage of Gopost. To learn more (including current Gopost locations) and to register go to www.gopost.usps.com.
- 8. All questions, concerns and complaints related to the USPS within CB 11 can be submitted by phone to Dianne Jones at (212) 330-3701 or to your local post office.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes taken by Matthew Raso and formatted by staff.