**USPS to purchase 66,000 electric vehicles by 2028**

On Dec. 20, 2022, the Postal Service announced its plan to purchase 66,000 electric delivery vehicles starting now and continuing until 2028. The agency will acquire a total of 106,000 delivery vehicles, replacing nearly half of its 220,000 vehicle fleet.

The 60,000 Next Generation Delivery Vehicles (NGDV) to be purchased from U.S. defense contractor Oshkosh include 45,000 electric NGDVs—meaning that 75 percent of the NGDV fleet will be electric. This is more than twice the 35 percent of the fleet that is currently electric.

All new vehicles, regardless of electrification, will include air conditioning and advanced safety technology.

The Postal Service will invest $5.6 billion, including $3 billion from the Inflation Reduction Act, in these vehicles.

NALC is pleased that the Postal Service is leading the way in electrifying the federal vehicle fleet,” NALC President Brian L. Renfroe said. “With these delivery vehicles, letter carriers will deliver in much-needed safer and more reliable vehicles, while the Postal Service lowers its carbon footprint.”

President Renfroe renounced an announcement event at Postal Service Headquarters in Washington, DC, on Dec. 20.

Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, Senior Advisor to the President for Clean Energy Innovation and Implementation John Podesta, Chairwoman of the White House Council on Environmental Quality Brenda Mallory, and Assistant to the President and National Climate Advisor Ali Zaidi delivered remarks.

**Stay safe from winter weather**

It’s the time of year for letter carriers to think about the dangers of working in winter weather.

A spending day outside on a cold day can come with hazards that may sneak up on you. Hypothermia, for example, can strike even when the air is above freezing. Flower body is losing heat faster than it can generate, this your core body temperature can drop. The signs of hypothermia include drowsiness, uncontrollable shivering, slurred speech and clumsy movements. Confu

Stay informed by visiting the NALC webpage at nalc.org or by using the free NALC Member App available for iPhone or Android smartphones.

**Contribute through CFC**

It’s not too late to sign up to support the charities of your choice this year through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). But hurry—the open enrollment period for CFC ends on Jan. 14.

Federal and postal employees participate in the CFC by choosing from a list of charities to support through automatic deductions from their paychecks. To make recurring donations, active letter carriers may use payroll deduction, a credit or debit card or a bank account. They also may take a one-time donation using any of these methods except payroll deduction. Retired letter carriers also can give through CFC by making a one-time or recurring e-check or credit card contribution. Participants can even designate non-federal public charities and members have access.

To access the guide from the NALC website, log on to the Members Only Portal, and click the “Members Documents” button, where you will find the Shop Steward’s Guide and the available Grievance Starters in a drop-down menu.

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