



## Memo

**To: All Branch 2184 Officers and Stewards**

**From: Michele Szafran and Joe Golonka**

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**Re: Department of Labor Office of Workers Compensation (OWCP) Structural Reorganization**

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The United States Department of Labor's Office of Workers Compensation Programs (OWCP) has undergone a largescale structural reorganization, some of which directly affects USPS City Letter Carrier OWCP claims for on the job traumatic injuries and job-related medical conditions.

OWCP's functions have been centralized, with the 12 individual district offices no longer responsible for specific geographic jurisdictions. Additionally, the district offices have been renumbered. New OWCP claims (either CA-1 or CA-2) will now be assigned to "next available" OWCP claims examiner – based on workload and regardless of which district office the claims examiner actually works at. Thus, for example, an injured Branch 2184 letter carrier's OWCP claim could now be adjudicated by an OWCP claims examiner working in the Seattle, Washington district office – or any of the other 11 OWCP district offices.

Previously, all OWCP claims for injured letter carriers in Michigan were adjudicated by claims examiners working in the OWCP district office in Cleveland, Ohio. Notably, the Cleveland OWCP district office previously was district office #9. It is now OWCP district office #5. Additionally, the main line telephone number for the Cleveland office (216-902-5600) is no longer in service; callers to this number are directed to the new National OWCP Case-Related Questions and Correspondence number (202-513-6860). The new number is operational Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Eastern Time.

Attached to this Memo is the new OWCP telephone number and address directory. It remains to be seen how this organizational restructuring will impact existing and new OWCP claims initiated by our members. As always, the Branch will continue to provide all necessary assistance for any member that has an OWCP claim. Stewards are strongly encouraged to closely monitor ALL injuries incurred by our members, and especially the actions or inactions on the part of USPS management in response to them.

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