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## **POSTAL SERVICE ESTABLISHES EMERGENCY PHONE LINE FOR EMPLOYEES DISPLACED BY HURRICANE KATRINA TO 'CHECK IN'**

WASHINGTON DC — Like many businesses with buildings damaged, destroyed, or isolated by the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina — and workers cut off from their homes and their workplace — the Postal Service is reaching out to reconnect with its employees through a toll-free number. First, to make sure the employee is safe; second, to establish contact for future communications.

The toll-free number postal employees can call to notify the Postal Service of their current situation is 1-877-477-3273. This is the number for “*PostalEase*”. Employees in a work location that is closed due to Hurricane Katrina will receive a prompt to connect with a USPS Call Center agent, who will collect the employee’s information.

Postal employees are encouraged to call the “*PostalEase*” number so they can receive important job-related information and, if they receive paper payroll checks rather than electronic deposits, so they can be paid.

Friends, neighbors, and family members who are in contact with a postal employee displaced by Katrina are asked to have that employee call the toll-free “*PostalEase*” number.