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Postal Service prepares for 20 billion holiday cards, letters and packages

The United States Postal Service will deliver 20 billion cards, letters and packages between Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. But that's only part of the Postal Service holiday story. Online services. Innovative solutions for holiday shopping, shipping and mailing needs. Post Offices decked out in the season's finest. Employees ready to deliver the sweetest holidays ever. The Postal Service kicks off the season with a press conference.

When: Tuesday, Nov. 29
10 a.m.

Where: National Capitol Post Office
Massachusetts Ave. and First St. NE
Entrance closest to Union Station
Washington, DC

Who: Pat Donahoe, Deputy Postmaster General and COO
Delores Killete, Vice President, Consumer Advocate
Capital City Brass Quintet
Eastern High School Choir

Story lines: What it Takes: How the Postal Service will deliver 20 billion pieces of mail and make the holidays hassle free for its customers. Donahoe will lay out the plan.

Letters to Santa: National Capitol Post Office is one of two Washington, DC, sites responding to more than 2,000 letters from children. Letters will be on display and employees are available for interviews.

Log On and Step Inside a Post Office: Postal Ambassadors will be on-hand to demonstrate USPS' online suite of services. Reporters will be able to mail a package using "Click-N-Ship" then schedule its pickup, courtesy of Carrier Pickup

Shipping Tips: Learn from the pros how to avoid holiday shipping and packing mishaps.

Please note: Six parking spaces have been reserved on First Street for satellite trucks. Parking also is available at Union Station.

Since 1775, the Postal Service has connected friends, families, neighbors and businesses by mail. It is an independent federal agency that visits 142 million homes and businesses every day and is the only service provider delivering to every address in the nation. The Postal Service receives no taxpayer dollars for routine operations, but derives its operating revenues solely from the sale of postage, products and services. With annual revenues of more than \$69 billion, it is the world's leading provider of mailing and delivery services, offering some of the most affordable postage rates in the world. The Postal Service delivers more than 46 percent of the world's mail volume—some 206 billion letters, advertisements, periodicals and packages a year—and serves seven million customers each day at its 37,000 retail locations nationwide.

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