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SPECIAL USPS CONTRACTOR HIRED FOR DELIVERY DEC. 24 /DEC.25

The United States Postal Service has contracted for a very special carrier to deliver through the night of Dec. 24.

USPS Vice President of Public Affairs and Communications Azeezaly Jaffer said the ad-hoc special carrier has no particular knowledge of ZIP Codes, but has an uncanny ability to recognize chimneys and other features on the homes of worthy children he knows by first names only.

“Historically, we lead the way on this special day. This extra help will bring smiles and great cheer to those on this carrier’s route,” said Jaffer.

This carrier operates a fuel-efficient, high-capacity transporter vehicle powered by nine aeronautically-skilled long-antlered caribou, and has a reputation for amazingly efficient distribution. Jaffer warned that his appearance might raise some eyebrows. Rather than a sharp, creased slate-blue and gray, standard-issue uniform, this temporary worker insists that (as an independent contractor) he be free to wear an old-fashioned, bright red getup with white, fluffy fringe. His hair falls about his shoulders in ringlets, his beard is long and flowing, and he wears a stocking cap rather than postal cap.

Jaffer said he cautioned the new hire against soliciting gratuities. The contractor agreed, insisting that he was happy to accept only cookies and milk for himself; fruit, hay and other vegetarian treats for his crew. Jaffer noted the temp has declined any remuneration for his Herculean effort. In negotiations, laughter caused his belly to shake vigorously, and with a twinkle in his eye, he said, “It’s only one day a year for me – you’ve got it six days a week, every week.”

Since 1775, the U.S. Postal Service has connected friends, families, neighbors and businesses by mail. It is an independent federal agency that visits more than 144 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 \$70 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 U.S. Postal Service delivers more than 46 percent of the world’s mail volume—some 212 billion letters, advertisements, periodicals and packages a year—and serves seven million customers each day at its 37,000 retail locations nationwide.