

# Newsbreak

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## Charlotte Carrier Is Area's "Best Of The Best"



*Charlotte Carrier Robert Graham is congratulated on 52 years of safe driving by District Manager Angela Curtis.*

Carrying mail for the Post Office was one of the last things Robert Graham wanted to do back in 1958. Now, more than 52 years later, the Charlotte city carrier is still carrying mail and loving every minute of it!

Throughout his distinguished career, Graham has remained accident-free and the National Safety Council and the Postal Service's Capital Metro Area recently recognized Graham as the Area's Best Safe Driver of the Year. District Manager Angela Curtis presented the award to Graham, stating the honor makes him the "best of the best for the Cap Metro Area." Graham will represent the Area as one of seven finalists competing for the Joseph M. Kaplan National Safe Driver of the Year.

Curtis thanked Graham for his dedication and commitment, saying, "It's a remarkable feat to work for 52 years, and it's even more amazing to maintain a safe driving record for all that time. I'm truly honored to present this award, and I hope you take the national prize, too."

Graham was joined by his wife Florence and son, John, for the ceremony. His daughter Debbie and son Bobby were unable to attend but Graham says he intends to celebrate again when he sees them.

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## HITTING A MILLION TWICE



*L to R: Safety Manager Stephanie Harris, District Manager David Fields, City Carrier Robert Graham, Charlotte Postmaster Tom Callahan*

Hitting the lottery twice is unheard of; however, City Carrier Robert Graham beat the odds at driving two million miles accident-free. Instead of luck, Graham used safe driving practices to achieve this success. City Carrier Robert Graham received the first two million mile award of 2011. Graham is the latest inductee recognized by The National Safety Council for driving two million miles without a preventable motor vehicle accident. Graham has 52 years of service under his belt, and 44 of those years were served at his current duty station, Minuet. Station Manager Britton McGill said, "Graham arrives at work an hour and a half early every day and always does his job. He has demonstrated safe driving practices throughout a long career."

Co-workers spoke highly of Graham's safe driving skills and said this award came as no surprise. When asked how he did it, Graham jokingly said, "I just showed up to work for 52 years." Graham quickly pointed out that safe driving habits and staying alert were the real reasons for no preventable accidents. Graham warned fellow coworkers of distracted driving and the dangers of reaching for items such as cell phones. "It's an honor to receive such an award." I've always practiced safety in everything I do including my job," added Graham.

As one of the only organizations to make house calls every day, 340,000 letter carriers and truck drivers travel more than 1.2 billion miles annually when delivering to America's 140 million addresses. Postmaster Tom Callahan congratulated the carrier for reaching a milestone of success of not one, but two million miles of safe driving. District Manager David Fields said, "This achievement is no easy task. I am proud of Graham's dedication and commitment to safety. This is the kind of devotion to safe driving practices I want all employees to emulate."

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