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EXCEEDING ONE MILLION



L to R: NALC Local President John Walden, Charlotte Postmaster Tom Callahan, City Carrier Vicki Porter, Station Manager Tashonda Harley, City Carrier Campanella Walker, District Manager David Fields, Human Resources Manager David Mills

Two carriers were recognized for reaching the million mile mark of safe driving at Carmel Station in Charlotte NC. Vicki Porter, a Fort Mill SC resident, was honored as a new member into Mid-Carolinas District's Million Mile Club by driving in excess of one million miles accident-free. Campanella Walker, a Charlotte NC resident, was also recognized for driving safely throughout a long career, without a preventable accident. Both carriers received the prestigious National Safety Council's Joseph M. Kaplan Award for exhibiting safe driving skills. Postmaster Tom Callahan commented, "With 62 years of combined service, these postal employees demonstrated a commitment to safety that only a few can attest to."

Porter said, "I make it my business to stay focused and drive defensively. Making every delivery to our customers safely is my goal each day."

"Staying safe has kept me here all these years," said Walker as Mrs. Walker stood by his side. Walker explained how quickly the years went by and the many changes that occurred throughout his postal career. Although safely driving one million miles during a 31 year span in the Postal Service, safety is nothing new for Walker. This City Carrier also served in the United States Navy where being alert and watchful were incorporated into special training for advanced warfare situations. "Both jobs placed safety at the forefront as a top priority. Serving my country was an honor and I continue to serve them. Only now, they are known as postal customers," added Walker.

Station Manager Tashonda Harley said, "Every one of my carriers showed up for work during the snow days and made deliveries without one accident. I am very proud of all of you. Thank you for your commitment to service." Since 2005, more than 5,900 postal employees have driven beyond a million miles without a single accident. "This award represents the "best of the best" drivers nominated from each state. I'm honored to present these awards to each of you, due to your dedication to safe driving practices. I hope other drivers will mirror your outstanding performance and keep safety as a top priority each and every day," said District Manager David Fields.

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