

Protect Our Rights **This** **Workers Memorial Day**



The number one priority of all levels of the APWU leadership during the current coronavirus crisis has been the **health and safety of postal workers, our families and that of the postal public**. As part of our work to keep postal workers healthy and safe, we are encouraging all members to continue to *Stand up for Safe Jobs* and *Protect Our Rights* to a safe workplace during this year's Workers Memorial Day.

This Workers Memorial Day has taken on new significance during the pandemic. On April 28, we honor not only our postal brothers and sisters, but all other essential workers who have died from COVID-19.

As we *Stand Up for Safe Jobs* this Workers Memorial Day, we ask members to:

- **Hold local management accountable** to follow the coronavirus MOUs, Management Directives, and Stand Up Talks.
- **Continue to demand all necessary personal protective equipment**, including masks, and all social distancing procedures.
- **Take pictures** with *Protect Our Rights* stickers, *Stand Up for Safe Jobs* wristbands, and personal protective equipment (keep social distancing in mind for images). Contact your local for materials.
- **Post safety handouts** on bulletin boards, in bathrooms, and other well trafficked areas.

Send pictures of members and bulletin boards to communications@apwu.org. If taken by phone, please send images at their "original" file size. Solo pictures or photos of a few people staggered are encouraged to promote social distancing.

Workers Memorial Day is observed around the anniversary of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, (OSHA) of 1970, which enshrined workers' right to a safe job. It is a day observed throughout the labor movement to remember workers who were killed or injured on the job and to ensure workers go home in the same condition they came to work.

During this crisis, we also cannot let up the pressure on management to prioritize our members' safety for routine issues. In Fiscal Year 2018 alone, 23 USPS employees died on the job (almost double from 2017) and 42,749 injury claims were approved.



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