UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE

Securing Election Mail: An Overview for the Election Community

Elections and U.S. Postal Inspection Service

The United States Postal Inspection Service® is the federal law enforcement organization assigned to protect the mail, including ballots mailed to and from voters domestically and abroad. This important work is overseen by Postal Inspectors, who are sworn federal agents, specially chosen and trained to ensure that laws are enforced, crimes are prevented, and the nation's Election Mail is securely delivered.

Security of Voters and Election Mail

Postal Inspectors respond to criminal and security incidents involving Election Mail, including:

- Mail theft
- Identity theft
- Fraud
- Natural and man-made disasters

Additionally, Postal Inspectors respond to mail-related incidents involving suspicious and threatening communications along with dangerous items or substances associated with mail.

Security of Election Officials

Postal Inspectors work with state and federal authorities to:

- Investigate threats to election officials sent by mail.
- Secure the Postal network as a component of our national critical infrastructure.
- Provide information to election officials to help them identify and mitigate suspicious mail and other security risks involving the mail.

Contact the U.S. Postal Inspection Service

To report suspicious mail and Election Mail-related security or criminal incidents:

- Call our 24-hour National Law Enforcement Communications Center at 877-876-2455. *(Select option 4 for Election Mail issues.)*
- Visit us at www.uspis.gov

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service also coordinate with the USPS Office of Inspector General when allegations of Postal Service employee misconduct arise. www.uspsoig.gov