



avoided, perform the following steps prior to pulling into traffic:

- \* Walk to the blind side of the vehicle and ensure nothing is there. Be aware of the surroundings.
- \* Adjust the existing passenger side mirror, to the extent possible, to provide a view along side and to the rear of the vehicle.
- \* If possible, get assistance from someone who can stand outside the truck and signal when it is safe.
- \* Honk the horn and activate turn signal indicator when pulling out.
- \* Pull out slowly, to provide reaction time for the drivers of vehicles approaching from the rear.
- \* Exercise patience and caution.

To mitigate the concern with the blind spot, perform one of the following:

1. Remove the existing solid panels that obstruct vision through the rear side windows of the mail trucks. Replace with mesh material similar to the existing material that is behind the driver/passenger seats. This would give the driver and passenger clear vision to the rear of the truck, while retaining the integrity of security.

Also contact the Security (241-0143) and Safety (574-7907) organizations to inspect the installation. The inspection is to ensure that existing security and safety requirements have been met.

2. If the existing panels are left in place, replace the outside left and right rear view mirrors with larger truck type mirrors. Ensure the mirror assemblies contain spot mirrors, that provide a wide field of vision. This will enhance the vision capability of the driver/passenger and retain the existing security modifications.

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