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**TACS:
Time and Attendance
Collection System**

Tier 2

Participant's Workbook

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MODULE ONE -- INTRODUCTION

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PARTICIPANT INTRODUCTIONS

Position

Years in position

Years of service

Own a personal computer at home?

How do you use the internet?

ABOUT TACS

The USPS Payroll System, supported and processed at the Minneapolis Business Information Systems Service Center, currently has five applications that collect time and attendance information for payroll purposes. These applications are:

City T&A Processing System	CTAPS	Time Cards - Mainframe Based
PC City T&A Processing System	PCCTAPS	Time Cards - PC Based
Rural T&A Processing System	RTAPS	Time Cards - Mainframe Based
Electronic Time Clock System	ETC	Automated - PC or LAN Based
Postal Source Data System	PSDS	Automated Mainframe Based

The Time & Attendance Collection System combines the functionality of the ETC, CTAPS, PC-CTAPS & PSDS systems into one standard and automated time & attendance system for all Postal Service offices. The hardware and software of TACS is highly reliable and similar in configuration in all sites so centralized support units can maintain the application. In a later

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phase of TACS, rural timekeeping will also be performed in the TACS application.

As in all timekeeping systems, payroll data is considered sensitive and must be secured from unauthorized access. TACS does not change timekeeping policies and procedures: it rather provides a more efficient, less expensive vehicle for the execution of those policies and procedures.

FUNCTIONALITY & BENEFITS OF TACS:

1. System of national scope.
 - Improved functionality over current systems.
 - ETC will not support the 20 largest postal sites.
 - Capable of standardizing data collection and Time & Attendance across the country. TACS will support every office in the Postal Service replacing all timekeeping systems except rural delivery.
2. Improved Security
 - Larger number of data access authorization levels: 110 in TACS, 49 in ETC, none in PSDS.
 - Badge control built in to prevent employees from having multiple badges used for time clocks.
 - Instant deactivation of lost or terminated badges.
 - Prior authorizations for future actions (e.g., higher level work authorizations).
3. Access to information.
 - Data can be input and retrieved from any Postal computer workstation, anywhere.
 - Two weeks of information on-line between Thursdays and Sundays.

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- When transferring hours to different finance numbers, all (37,000) finance numbers are available on-line.
- 4. Automated Close out.
 - TACS automatically closes out the payroll week.
 - In ETC, a timekeeper must manually close out the week every Saturday morning.
- 5. Reporting.
 - 57 On-Demand Reports vs. 42 for ETC.
 - Real time reporting. PSDS reports may take hours to print due to the nature of a mainframe application.
 - Employee Leave balances current to the pay period.
 - Salaries and benefits by Pay Location and Employee Type. ETC can only support Employee Type.
- 6. Minimize paperwork
 - City Time Card Entry built into TACS application.
 - Ability to place employees' time on hold through Monday. This will reduce payroll adjustments. (ETC does a final upload on Saturdays).
- 7. Can provide real-time data to other National Applications
 - Activity-Based Costing requires information at the two-digit local unit code level. No other system can provide the information.
 - Commitment Management (CM-IOM) listed TACS as critical to a successful implementation of the CM application, since PSDS cannot support CM-IOM data requirements.
- 8. Improved Lower Network
 - Data Collector can support multiple data collection requirements.
 - Smaller network with increased functionality.
 - Better control and maintenance of the poller.

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- Reduced complexity; MFDC has 500 modules, TACS data collector has 50.
 - Reduced number of phone lines at the District Offices because there is no need for downloads and uploads every week.
9. Current T&A Platforms are out-dated
- PSDS hardware is obsolete, needs to be replaced, and has a high cost of maintenance.
 - Increasing difficulty to support DOS-based applications (ETC) within the current Postal infrastructure.
 - Maintaining 1 system instead of 3 will save about 3 million dollars every year.
10. Payroll adjustments cost the postal service about 70 million dollars per year. TACS reduces the number of document handlings.

BUSINESS FUNCTION

The TACS system provides supervisors and managers with actual work hour data used in monitoring their labor hours and dollars at the local level. The system will transmit summarized data of the actual payroll hours to the Payroll System at the Minneapolis ISC. The primary business function of this system is to collect and calculate time and attendance information needed by the Payroll System so city employees are paid accurately and timely.

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SYSTEM USE

The TACS system is used by postal installations to collect employee time and attendance information. There are many users of the Time & Attendance Collection System because of the corporate value of its data. The information collected and processed is beneficial for the postmasters of the smallest offices all the way to the national reports reviewed by the Postmaster General.

Many information systems now interface with ETC and PSDS. TACS will continue to provide information to these systems. It will allow read only access to its employee and work hour information for systems like Plant Information Management System (PIMS), Delivery Services Information System (DSIS), Management Operating Data System (MODS), Performance Cluster and National FLASH, Leave Analysis Tracking (LATS) and Automated Vehicle Utilization System (AVUS).

The most common users at the local level will be managers, support personnel, supervisors and timekeepers. Managers and support personnel will use the system to monitor aspects of operational performance, i.e., for reviewing facility, pay location, finance number, or LDC work hour, leave and overtime usage. Supervisors will use TACS to enter and monitor unit employee overtime, leave, and higher level assignments. The timekeepers will use the system to maintain employee data, and will ensure that all performance cluster employees are paid correctly.

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SAMPLE REPORTS

The report packet contains samples of 42 of the 57 reports currently available in TACS. In it, you will find useful, real-time

information about your operations, presented in a variety of pre-set formats, that you will be able to generate for yourself at your personal computer.

One such report is the Employee All Report.

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE		Restrictions of USPS T&A Information		Date												
Report	TACS00R3			030400												
YrPPWk	1999-22-1	KNOXVILLE		Time 01:20 PM												
Fin. #	47-4632	Employee Everything Report		Page 1												
YrPPWk	1999-22-1	Weekly														
Sub-Unit	0000															
Pay Loc/Fin. Unit	990 / 0000	Variable EAS	N	Annual Lr Bal.												
Employee ID	199-25-2153	Borrowed	N	2869.57												
Employee Name	HOPPERLIGHT	Auto H/L	N	00.00												
				FWLA Hrs 2012.59												
				FWLA Used 00.00												
				SLUC Used 00.00												
Job	EXA	LDC	Open/Lu	RSC	Lr	FLSA	Route #	Fin. #	Leased Fin. #	Effective Start	Effective End	Begin Totu	End Totu	Land Amt	1251 Ind	Schedule
Base	11-0	4300	2400-00	P0	05	N	000000	47-4632		1999-22-1		07.00	15.50	0.50	N	-MTWTF
Processed Clock Rings																
Monday																
Base			05200:007.00			05700:007.00			05900:009.00							
EBR #																
001-0101 BT	10/11	07.00	2400-00	000000								00.00				
001-0101 ET	10/11	14.00	2400-00	000000								00.00	(W)NonScheduled End Tour			
Thursday																
Base			05200:008.00													
EBR #																
001-0101 BT	10/14	07.00	2400-00	000000								00.00				
001-0101 CL	10/14	11.00	2400-00	000000								00.00				
001-0101 IL	10/14	11.50	2400-00	000000								00.00				
001-0101 ET	10/14	15.50	2400-00	000000								00.00				
Weekly Total																
Un-Processed Rings																
EBR #																
001-0101 BT	10/12	07.00	2400-00	000000								00.00	Fatal Error			
001-0101 BT	10/12	07.05	2400-00	000000								00.00	(F)Duplicate Begin Tour			
001-0101 CL	10/12	11.00	2400-00	000000								00.00	Fatal Error			
001-0101 IL	10/12	11.50	2400-00	000000								00.00	Fatal Error			
001-0101 ET	10/12	15.50	2400-00	000000								00.00	Fatal Error			

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In the Employee All Report, Processed Rings are good rings and Un-Processed Rings are rings that are in error. One fatal error will prevent rings from processing for the entire day.

Another useful report is the Overtime Alert report. This report shows the overtime worked by each employee in the pay location.

UNITED STATES
POSTAL SERVICE

Report: TACR00R3

TrpPrt: 1999-22-1

Fin. #: 47-4534

Restricted USPS T&A Information

KNOXVILLE P&OC

Overtime Alert Report

Weekly

Date: 03/04/00

Time: 01:15 PM

Page: 1

Sub-Unit: 900

Employee ID	Employee Last Name	F	M	DA	Schedule	Hours	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	Total
091-16-1506	HAUB	K	M	41-0	SSMTWTF	WK OT	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	9.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	10.50 2.50	9.00 0.00	25.50 2.50
124-99-9664	CLARK	T	D	41-0	SSMTWTF	WK OT	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	9.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	10.50 2.50	9.00 0.00	25.50 2.50
190-03-4116	SATO	E	L	11-0	SSM-TF	WK OT	10.13 2.13	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	10.13 2.13
190-17-5251	MADISON	S	P	41-0	SSMTWTF	WK OT	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	9.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	10.50 2.50	9.00 0.00	25.50 2.50
190-21-9613	BIGELOW	M	D	41-0	SSMTWTF	WK OT	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	9.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	10.50 2.50	9.00 0.00	25.50 2.50
190-41-5461	LOYOLA	T	D	41-0	SSMTWTF	WK OT	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	9.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	10.50 2.50	9.00 0.00	25.50 2.50
193-09-6990	TUCKER	L	E	12-0	-MTWTF	WK OT	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	6.50 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	9.50 0.50	0.00 0.00	15.00 0.50
193-17-4079	PAYNE	T	A	12-0	-MTWTF	WK OT	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	6.50 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	9.50 0.50	0.00 0.00	15.00 0.50
195-96-9029	JOINER	D	L	12-0	-MTWTF	WK OT	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	6.50 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	9.50 0.50	0.00 0.00	15.00 0.50
199-19-0590	STERLING	A	R	11-0	SSM-TF	WK OT	10.13 2.13	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	10.13 2.13
611-40-4298	BUSH	G	J	12-0	-MTWTF	WK OT	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	6.50 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	9.50 0.50	0.00 0.00	15.00 0.50
914-26-4999	BOWERS	C	N	11-0	SSM-TF	WK OT	10.13 2.13	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	10.13 2.13
917-43-5062	TALIAFERO	L	T	11-0	SSM-TF	WK OT	10.13 2.13	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	10.13 2.13
925-26-0669	LANGSTON	M	N	12-0	-MTWTF	WK OT	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	6.50 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	9.50 0.50	0.00 0.00	15.00 0.50
993-16-2975	MCGEE	D	W	11-0	SSM-TF	WK OT	10.13 2.13	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	10.13 2.13

By the conclusion of today's training, you will know how to generate these reports for yourselves.

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TACS ASSISTANCE

You may run into occasional difficulty when using TACS, as you would with any new piece of computer hardware or new application. Your first recourse, if you are unable to resolve a problem on your own using the Participant Workbook or the on-screen Help, is to contact your timekeeping office.

If local personnel (timekeeping office, TACS Coordinator, IS) are unable to resolve the problem, a call should be placed to the Customer Support Branch in Eagan (1-800-USPS HELP). The operator who takes your call will ask a series of questions to identify the problem, and, if unable to resolve the problem alone, will open up a remedy ticket and direct the problem to the appropriate personnel.

There are standard maintenance windows for TACS during which the application may be unavailable.

- ✓ Every Wednesday, 0100-0500 CST (database backup)
- ✓ Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each AP, 0400-1100 CST (Unix Maintenance)

If additional or optional maintenance is scheduled, users will be notified in advance, probably in "TACS Updates" found on the TACS home page.

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this training, you will be able to:

- ✓ log-into the TACS application,
- ✓ navigate in the application,
- ✓ use the clock ring editor to add, change, delete, and duplicate clock rings to ensure your employees work hours are correct;
- ✓ use the clock ring error report to identify fatal and warning messages, and then eliminate fatal error messages in the clock ring editor;
- ✓ use reports to monitor employee clock rings to ensure employee adherence to postal standards; and to monitor unit productivity to ensure achievement of postal service targets and goals;
- ✓ use the EBR to input leave, authorize overtime, input higher level information and add or delete clock rings;
- ✓ explain, to employees who use badges, the changes to the EBR, including the different tone and different button names.

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**MODULE TWO -- LOGGING IN AND
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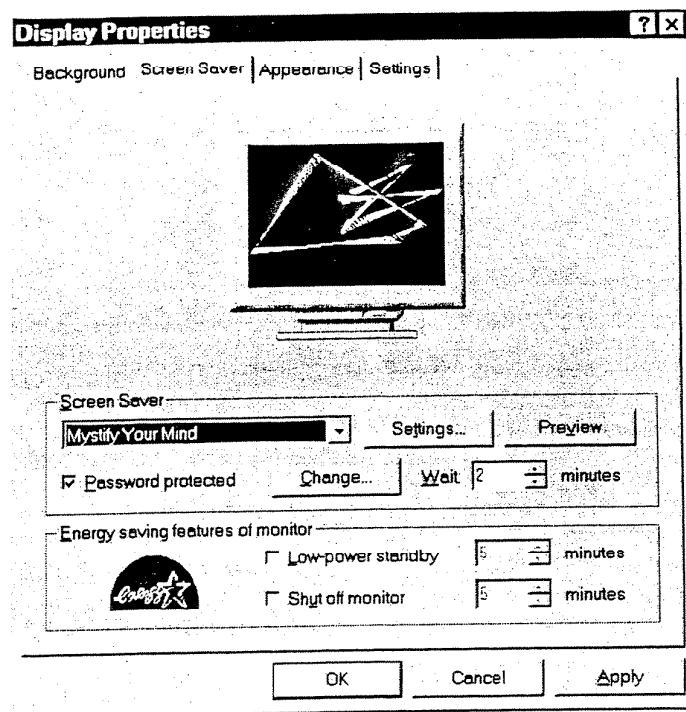
SECURITY

Because TACS data is considered sensitive, every effort must be made to safeguard TACS access and information. When you print reports, make sure they are kept secure: do not leave them at the printer for any length of time, and we recommend you shred them, if at all possible, when discarded.

The TACS application will employ the Windows screen saver password feature to shut down if you do not enter keystrokes for a set period of minutes. If TACS does shut down, you will need to log back in when you are ready to use it again. We encourage all users to log off if not using TACS for awhile, or if away from the desk.

To set the screen saver password:

1. Use the mouse to right click on the desktop.



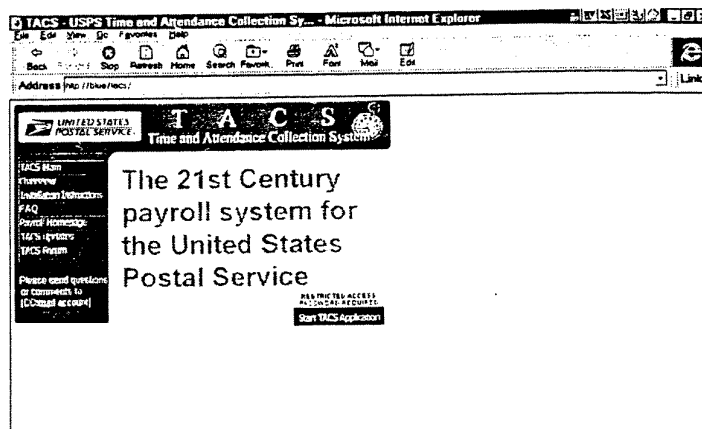
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2. Click on Properties, the last item in the menu.
3. Click on the Screen Saver tab. Select a screen saver from the drop down menu.
4. Click on the Password protected check box.
5. Click on Change. Enter your new password and confirm it.
6. Click on Wait. We suggest you set the wait period at 2 minutes. That would result in the screen-saver appearing after 2 minutes without system activity, and would require the retyping of your password to get back into the application.
7. Click on OK.

FINDING TACS IN INTERNET EXPLORER

From the postal intra-net blue page, add the word "tacs" to the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) address (<http://blue.usps.gov/tacs>). When the TACS web page appears, identify it as a "favorite." By adding it as a favorite, you will be able to go directly to the TACS home page without having to type a URL address.

Let's take a few minutes to look at the TACS web page.



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- "TACS Main" is the TACS home page, pictured above.
- "Overview" provides a description of TACS, much like what's in pages 8-10 of your Participant's Workbook.
- "FAQ" contains answers to some frequently asked questions.
- "Payroll Homepage," currently under construction, will provide a link to the Headquarters Payroll web site.
- "TACS Updates" will provide information about changes to the TACS application.
- "TACS Forum" will provide a vehicle for you to communicate (ask questions, make suggestions, etc.) with Headquarters about TACS.

There is also a TACS cc:mail address. If you wish to send cc:mail about TACS, and have it answered by Headquarters, the address is TACS, Headquarters.

LOGGING INTO THE TACS APPLICATION

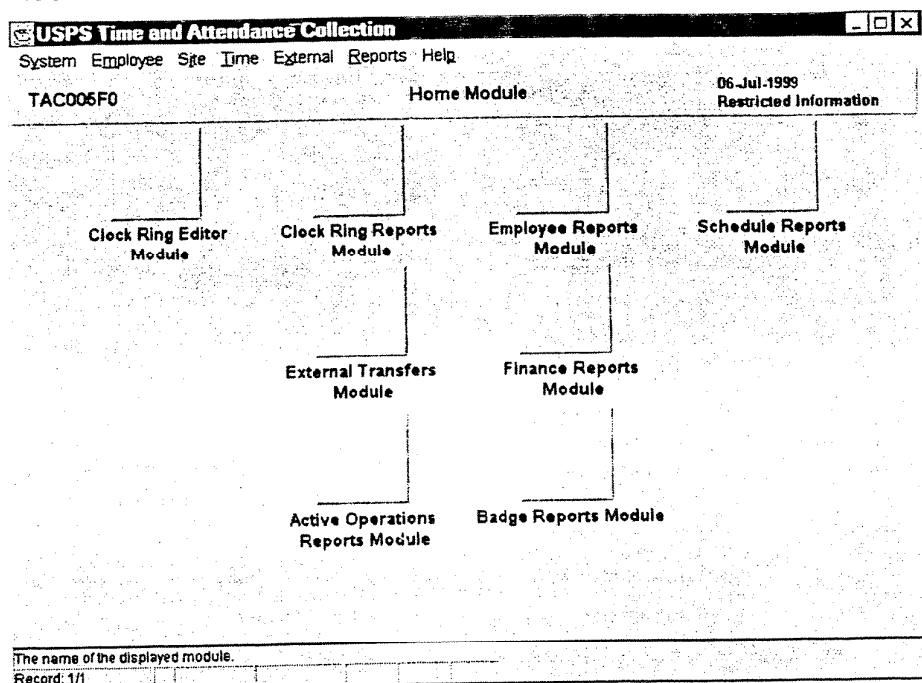
1. From the TACS Web page, click on the box "Start TACS Application" and the Logon screen will be displayed.

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2. The user's ID will have to be entered into the first field on the screen. (All users must submit a 1357 to receive an ID.)
3. Enter the required TACS Logon password. It will be easier to remember if you make your TACS logon password the same as your Windows screen saver password.
4. Enter the database name. For training, we will use database TACSTRN. When the entries have been verified, the TACS Home Menu will be displayed.
5. To change the password, type the new password in the "Change Password" box, press <Enter>, and then confirm it by typing the new password again.

NAVIGATING IN TACS

The screen below is a sample of how your TACS screen can look. The District Coordinator is able to customize as many as



twelve buttons on this screen to make short cuts to the most frequently used areas within the TACS application. This is

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accomplished in the User Maintenance Module in the Icon Sequence Tab.

Your local TACS Coordinator will assign levels of access to TACS users. If you do not have access to a module, the module will be "grayed out" when you pull down the menu.

If you were able to pull down all of the menus at the same time, you would see this.

System	Employee	Site	Time	External	Reports	Help
Template Maintenance	Badge Maintenance	Finance Maintenance	Clock Ring Editor	External Transfers	Reports Queue	Contents
User Maintenance	Employee Maintenance	Mgr. Site Information	Time Card Entry		User Reports	Display Errors
User Reports	Badge Reports	Policy Configuration Maintenance	LATS Entry		Valid Code Reports	Show Keys
Exit	Employee Reports	EBR Network Maintenance	PPWK Hold		Badge Reports	About TACS
		Time Clock Maintenance	<u>Clock Ring Reports</u>		Finance Reports	
		Master Schedule Maintenance	Timecard Entry Reports		Schedule Reports	
		Active Operations Maintenance	PPWK Reports		Active Operations Reports	
		Finance Reports	LATS Reports		Mgr. Site Reports	
		Mgr. Site Reports			Employee Reports	
		EBR Network Reports			EBR Network Reports	
		Schedule Reports			<u>Clock Ring Reports</u>	
		Active Operations Reports			Timecard Entry Reports	
		<u>Clock Ring Reports</u>			PPWK Reports	
		Timecard Entry Reports			LATS Reports	
					Generate HTML Output	
					Generate PDF Output	

You will note that there are multiple ways of getting to some of the modules. The menus are logically laid out. You will spend your time in columns 2 (Employee), 4 (Time) & 6 (Reports).

The very first item in the Reports column is "Report Queue." All reports are viewed from this queue. We will see how it works when we generate our first report. At the bottom of the "Reports" menu, you will see two options. "Generate PDF (Portable Document Format) Output" produces a snapshot which is more pleasing to the eye, but not a text file which can be manipulated. We suggest you use PDF format when running reports.

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"Generate HTML (Hyper Text Markup Language) Output" will produce the report as a text file. When saved as text, the data can be exported into other applications, like Excel or Word.

To Export a Text File

- Make sure that the HTML (not PDF) format is checked at the bottom of the pull-down menu accessed when you click on Reports.
- Run the report.
- In File, when you "Save As," you identify the name of the file and the directory in which you want the file saved.
- In addition, in the "Save as type" box, select text (".txt") as the file extension. You will need to manually change the document extension to ".txt."
- Then open up the application in which you wish to export the document, and open the text file.
- If you are in Excel, a "wizard" will assist you in formatting the page for the application.

TACS HELP

We encourage you to use TACS Help as your first recourse when you run into a snag. Unfortunately, some of the TACS Help screens are still under construction and revision, so it is not always very helpful.

Click on Help.

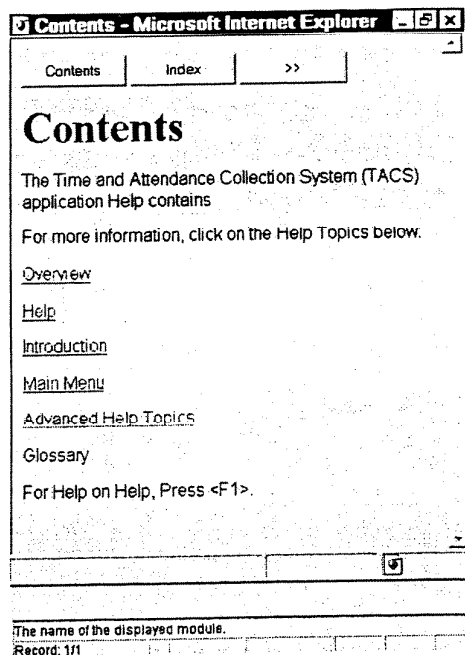
Contents
Display Error
Show Keys...
Button Short Cuts...
About TACS...

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Two lists of keyboard shortcuts are contained within TACS Help, and are called "Show Keys," and "Button Short Cuts." These provide a list of keystrokes for those who find switching between mouse and keyboard slow or cumbersome. Appendix 1 has a list of keyboard shortcuts in Windows.

"About TACS" simply displays the current user and version of TACS. "Display Error" contains nothing when accessed from the main TACS page, but will assist in diagnosing problems and troubleshooting if you experience an error while working in a module.

When you click on the first item in help, "Contents," you get the following pull-down menu.



"Overview" provides a description of TACS.

"Help" explains how help works in TACS. It defines Contents Help vs. Context-sensitive Help, and explains how to access

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different kinds of Help. In a nutshell, the Help menus at the top of the screen provides Contents help, which consists of general information. When in a module or form, the "Help" button on the right side of the Form provides Context-sensitive or field level help.

Most of the Contents Help is under revision. It was written originally for a previous version of TACS (client/server) and is in the process of being rewritten.

We will look at Context-sensitive help as we learn the specific modules within the TACS application. We cannot stress enough the importance of utilizing Help when questions arise when you are doing your job. Think of it as a performance support system: it exists solely to ensure that you are able to do your job. And you have immediate access to it.

One particularly important and useful kind of assistance in TACS is "Hint text," found on the bottom bar of the TACS screens. Hint text provides messages meant to assist you in completing your work, an important example of which is the phrase "List of Values." Whenever a field has multiple options, the phrase "List of Values" appears on the bottom bar. When that phrase occurs, the F9 key will generate a menu list of options available for that particular field.

We will see how hint text prompts the user in the next module.

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**MODULE THREE -- THE CLOCK
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INTRODUCTION TO MODULE THREE

As a supervisor, you are responsible for your employees' time and attendance. Scheduling, leave and tardiness, higher level authorization, overtime--and pay adjustments if mistakes are made--all of these employee activities are your concern and responsibility.

TACS is a tool that will assist you, by incorporating the latest computer technology, in discharging these responsibilities. It will provide you with up to the minute information about your employees (near real-time), and allow you to make changes to employee records in the Clock Ring Editor easily, quickly, and without the intervention of other employees. TACS will enable you to use the Clock Ring Error Report to monitor each of your employee's clock rings. By identifying and correcting clock ring errors, you will ensure that your employees are paid properly and on time. In addition, you will be able to provide employees with timely feedback regarding behaviors which need to be addressed, like frequent appearances of creep overtime, tardiness, and incorrect use of the EBR.

In this module you will learn to use the clock ring editor to:

- ✓ add, change, delete, and duplicate clock rings;
- ✓ enter higher level information for employees when less than 40 hours in a particular week;
- ✓ assign appropriate reason codes and input leave for employees;
- ✓ monitor and authorize overtime;
- ✓ disallow guaranteed time, when appropriate.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE CLOCK RING EDITOR

Normally speaking, craft employees record four basic clock rings daily—BT, OL, IL, ET—on an Electronic Badge Reader (EBR). In addition, employees record their time spent on various operations by using the MV transaction on the EBR. The information recorded by the EBR is polled by TACS (continually if you are in the plant; on a regular basis—at 12 set intervals—if you are connected to TACS via modem). The polled clock rings are displayed in the Clock Ring Editor.

The Clock Ring Editor module is where you are provided access to employee clock rings to ensure that all employees crossfoot to eight hours per day, 40 hours per week. You fix clock rings by adding, changing and deleting clock rings, as appropriate. You would add rings when an employee forgets to swipe his badge at the EBR, or loses his badge, or takes leave. You would change rings when an employee uses an incorrect operation number, when you wish to transfer hours from one local unit to another, or when you document an employee not working on overtime and you disallow the OT. You would delete a clock ring if it's erroneous, i.e., a duplicate BT or IL, or a move to an inactive operation.

Any time a ring is changed, TACS records the social security number of the individual who changed it. **NOTE: The Inspection Service audits timekeeping records, and changing clock rings without appropriate cause and documentation is illegal.**

Payroll follows a weekly cycle. We all know that day 1 of the pay week is Saturday, which makes day 7 Friday. When the week is complete, the employee clock rings are uploaded to the mainframe in Minneapolis. In order for employees to be paid

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properly, their rings must crossfoot before they are uploaded to Minneapolis. If employee clock rings do not crossfoot, they are in error and it is likely that a payroll adjustment will be necessary. As you may recall from Time is Money training, the average cost of a single payroll adjustment is @\$75. The cost of payroll adjustments can be avoided if all employee rings were correct.

Thus at the end of every week, it is incumbent upon you to ensure that your employee rings for the week are correct. The rings for the week are uploaded to the mainframe every Monday. You thus have Saturday, Sunday, and most of Monday to ensure that your employees' rings are correct. To avoid scrambling at the end of every week, it is critical that you run a Clock Ring Error report EVERYDAY--at the beginning of your tour--to identify ring errors from the day before. You then use the Error report to fix the rings in the Clock Ring Editor. If you follow this practice, you will not have to spend much time at the end of the week correcting rings, and the reports you run will be accurate.

On the Monday after the end of week one of the pay period, all of the employee clock rings are pulled at once—at @6:00PM Central Standard Time. However, after the end of week two of the pay period, employee clock rings are reviewed four times—at 6:00PM Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and finally on Monday. Only the employees whose rings are in a "ready" status are pulled on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. On Monday, all of the remaining employees' rings are pulled, whether fixed and ready, or not. Pulling the rings multiple times at the end of the pay period allows the printing of checks to be spread out.

There are potentially two weeks of information displayed for each employee. Each week opens on Thursday. Since the rings are pulled on Monday, from Friday to Monday TACS will

NAVIGATING IN THE CLOCK RING EDITOR

Clock Ring Editor Module											
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TAC800F0 Clock Ring Editor Module											
Clock Rings											
Employee ID:								Pay Loc:		<input type="text"/>	Clear
Edit Week		Show Assignment		Show Rings		Wkly Sched:		<input type="text"/>		Find	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1999-22-1		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Base/Temp		<input checked="" type="radio"/> All		Daily Sched:		<input type="text"/>		Add	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> 1999-22-2		<input type="radio"/> Dual		<input type="radio"/> Active		DA / LDC:		<input type="text"/>		Delete	
<input type="radio"/> Future								<input type="text"/>		Change	
Transaction		Finance		Time Amt		T&AFred				Job Assn	
Code MM/DD/YYYY HH.hh		Number Unit R LvIOperLU Route HH.hh S Ring Msgs Day Day								Duplicate	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Pre-Proc
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Calculator
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Save
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Close
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Help
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Employee's Name _____ Record: 1/1											

Radio Buttons

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you to enter and change rings for the current week. "Previous week," or "week closed," if not grayed out, allows you to see the rings, but prevents you from changing them once the week's data is uploaded to Minneapolis. "Future" allows you to enter leave three weeks in advance.

Next to "Edit Week" is "Show Assignment." The first radio button, "Base/Temp," is the default and displays the base or temporary assignment of the employee. The other radio button, "Dual," applies only to those employees that have a dual assignment in the Employee Maintenance File.

Next to "Show Assignment" is "Show Rings." The two radio buttons, "All" and "Active," are used when viewing rings in the editor: "All," the default, displays all rings, even deleted rings; "Active" does not display deleted rings.

The last column above the editor screen displays information about the employee, specifically pay location, schedule, DA, and LDC.

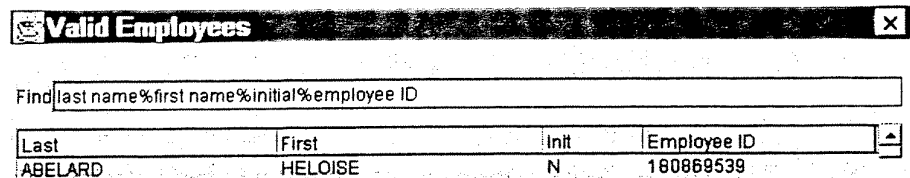
The training database is frozen on pay period 22. Note that the range of dates in that pay period and week are shown at the bottom of the screen.

Other Buttons

To pull up an employee's record, you may simply type in the employee ID (dashes will be filled in automatically). If you only have the employee's name, with your cursor in the Employee ID field, you may click on the "Find" button with your mouse, or press the <Alt> key and the letter F at the same time, or press the F9 key to obtain a list of employees.

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When the list of values appears, you may immediately, without clicking or positioning your cursor, begin typing the last name. As you type, the letters are filled in to the left of the percent sign and your list narrows.



The screenshot shows a window titled "Valid Employees" with a search bar labeled "Find" containing the text "last name%first name%initial%employee ID". Below the search bar is a table with four columns: Last, First, Init, and Employee ID. The first row of data shows the employee ABELARD, HELOISE, N, with Employee ID 180869539.

Last	First	Init	Employee ID
ABELARD	HELOISE	N	180869539

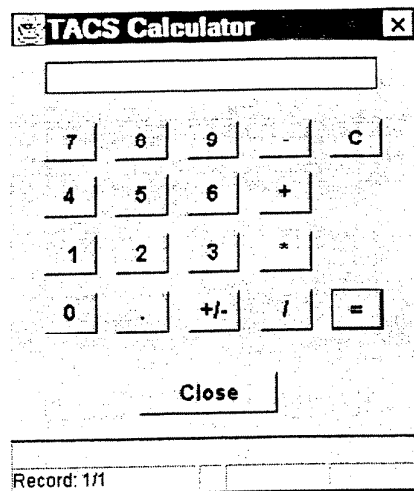
The percent sign identifies a column within the list of employees. There are 4 columns: the last name, the first name, the middle initial and the employee ID. The first column, last name, is to the left of the percent sign.

The second column, employee first name, is to the right of the percent sign. To find an employee by the first name, position the cursor to the right of the % sign and type the first name. When you click on the "find" button at the bottom of the window, or press <Enter>, all employees with that first name (or something close to it) will appear.

To find an employee by a part of the ID number, type in two more "%" sign (shift 5). The right side of the third per cent sign represents the fourth column. Then key in the part of employee ID you know to the right of the third % sign, and click on the "find" button or press <Enter>.

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There is a "Calculator" button, which provides an on-line calculator, should you need one.



When you call up an employee, the employee's schedule is filled in, and all of the buttons function.

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Clock Rings

Employee ID: 185-89-2067 HOUSER, JOHNNY J Pay Loc: 960 Clear

Edit Week Show Assignment Show Rings Wkly Sched: -MTWTF Find

1999-22-1 Base/Temp All Daily Sched: 07.00 - 15.50 Add

1999-22-2 Dual Active DA / LDC: 110 4500 Delete

Future Change

Transaction Code	MM/DD/YYYY	HH:hh	Number	Unit	R	Lvl	Oper	LU	Route	Time Amt	HH:hh	S	Ring	Msgs	T&AFred	Day	Day
010	10 11 1999	07 00	47-4632		P	05	3550	00	000000	00 00							
014	10 11 1999	14 00			P	05			000000	00 00					(W)NonSchedule		
010	10 12 1999	07 00	47-4632		P	05	3550	00	000000	00 00					Fatal Error		
010	10 12 1999	07 05	47-4632		P	05	3550	00	000000	00 00					(F)Duplicate Beg		
012	10 12 1999	11 00			P	05			000000	00 00					Fatal Error		
013	10 12 1999	11 53	47-4632		P	05	3550	00	000000	00 00					Fatal Error		
014	10 12 1999	15 50			P	05			000000	00 00					Fatal Error		
010	10 13 1999	06 30	47-4632		P	05	3550	00	000000	00 00					(W)NonSchedule		

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Display Base Rings or Dual Rings?

Record: 1/1

Job Assn Duplicate Pre-Proc Calculator Save Close Help

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The "Job Assn" button on the left side of the screen displays additional information about the particular employee's job assignment. You cannot change any information about the job assignment here: those changes can only be made in the Employee Maintenance module.

CRE - Job Assignment and Schedule Information															
Employee ID:		185-89-2067		HOUSER		JOHNNY		U		Oper-LU:		3550		00	
YYYYPPWK:		1999-22-1		JA: B		1261		Auto HL		Variable EAS		SRF:			
Job Assn Schedule												Route:		000000	
												RSC-Lvl:		P 05	
												Fin Rptg Grp:		47-4632	
												Finance Unit:		0000	
												Pay Location:		980	
												DA:		110	
												LDC:		4500	
												Limited Tour:			
												Emp Type:		C	
												Work Week:		5	
												Collection:		C	
												FLSA Exempt:		N	
Close															
Record: 1/7															

We will discuss the other buttons as we use them.

Before adding rings, let's look at the columns in the editor.

Transaction	Finance	Time Amt	T&AFrd
Code MM/DD/YYYY HH:hh	Number Unit R Lvl OperLU Route HH:hh S Ring Msgs Day Day		
010 10/09/1999 07:00	47-4632 0 06 7220 01 001012 00:00		

HEADINGS

Code – 3-digit hours code, leading 0, plus 2-digit reason code

Date – date of clock rings

HH hh - the time of punch, in hundredths

Finance Number - can be changed

Unit – Not in use at this time

R - Rate Schedule code

Lvl - indicates H/L if input

Oper - Operation number

LU - Local unit

Route - If carrier, route number

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Time Amt - total hours; i.e. H/L

S - Was leave scheduled or not

Ring message - W warning, F fatal

T&A day - 0 means calculated by TACS based on clock rings

Forced T&A day - 16 hour problem

If the T&A day were changed by a user, the last column would be filled in with the T&A day that was forced. When would you need to force a change to the T&A day? The T&A day begins and ends at 20:00 hours. If an employee is scheduled to work on or about 20:00 hours, and is asked to come in early 2 days in a row, the system may calculate 16 hours for the employee and assign the hours to one T&A day. To assign the correct T&A day to the rings of a regular employee, you need to authorize overtime for the exact number of overtime hours. If the employee is not a regular, the T&A day would need to be manually changed to reflect the correct day for the clock rings.

ADDING CLOCK RINGS

Click on the Add button or press <Alt> A on your keyboard, and your cursor goes to the first box – “Transaction,” “Code” – on a new line. If you already know the code, you may position your cursor in the first field of a blank line and begin typing.

Note that the hint text “List of Values” appears, so, after positioning the cursor in the first box, press <F9> or click on the Find button.

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Hours Co	Description
010	BEGIN TOUR
011	OPERATION MOVE
012	OUT TO LUNCH
013	IN FROM LUNCH
014	END OF TOUR
024	AWOL
032	TELETIME
033	GUARANTEE TELETIME
034	BEEPER TIME
035	EXTRA STRAIGHT TIME
036	GUARANTEE TIME OVERTIME

The first thing to note is that all of the codes now have three digits, not two. Expanding to three digits makes possible the future addition of more codes. To select from the list, use the scroll bar on the right and highlight the code you want. Then click on the OK button, or press <Enter>. Appendix 3 contains complete lists of Hours Codes and Reason Codes.

Key a 010 and press <Tab>. Use <Tab> or <Enter> to advance to the next field: <Shift><Tab> moves to the previous field.

After you key the hours code and press <Tab> or <Enter>, the rest of the line fills in automatically, reflecting the employee's base schedule, and the date field is highlighted. Change it and/or whatever needs to be changed by hitting Tab or Enter to advance to the next field. When you advance through all the fields, the cursor will move to the next blank line for additional ring entry. If you wish to escape from tabbing through the fields, you can click on the Add button (Alt A on keyboard) to begin a new line. Or you can position your cursor in the Hours Code field and begin entering.

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Use the "Change" button when you need to change a ring. If you want to change an entry before you save it, you may simply position your cursor in the field you wish to change, and make the change. Once you save the entry, however, you must use the Change button (Alt H on keyboard). The initial, saved ring will be marked as deleted, and a new ring will be generated in which you make the change.

INTRODUCTION TO EXERCISES

In these exercises, we will enter three days of clock rings. Rings normally come from the Electronic Badge Readers (EBR), so you would enter rings like this on the workroom floor only when you were entering rings from a 1260 or 1261.

The exercises are designed to increase your ability to use TACS step-by-step, so it is important to watch the instructor demonstrations and to follow the instructions in this workbook carefully. We will enter some errors only so we can learn how to correct them in a later exercise.

EXERCISE 1 – ADDING RINGS

Note: Lunch is automatically deducted when the carrier moves to the street. For this exercise, if you are working with carriers, enter lunch rings anyway.

- On your handout is an employee assigned to you. Find that employee and bring him or her up on your screen.
- Make sure that the correct pay period and week is indicated in the Edit Week column. (Note that in the Training database, pay period and week are frozen at 1999-22. We will enter rings in week 2.)

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- Check the employee's schedule and determine what are the days off (indicated by dashes).
- For the first scheduled workday, enter normal rings at the employee's scheduled times, i.e., BT (010), OL (012), IL (013) and ET (014). (To erase a line, click on the "Delete" button; to move backwards, <Shift> <Tab>.) Note that the line fills in automatically when you press <Enter> or <Tab> after filling in the Hours Code.
- Then click on the "Pre-Process" button, and examine the results. The day should post without errors.
- For the next scheduled workday, add a normal BT and OL, but give your employee a long lunch (.60) and a short ET (.10 early).
- Click on the "Pre-Process" button, and note the result. If you are working with a PTF, a casual (neither of which are guaranteed 8 hours), or a carrier (where the 701 rule will apply), the day will post for less than 8 hours and a Warning message will appear below. For virtually all other FTR employees, a "Fatal" message will appear and the ring will not post.
- For the next scheduled workday, add a second BT .05 after the normal BT, add a normal OL and IL, and add an ET 1 hour after normal.
- Click on the "Pre-Process" button. Note that a "Fatal" message kept this day's ring from posting. Employees who do not crossfoot to eight hours, and erroneous duplicate rings are typical errors you will encounter at your workplace.
- Save your rings even though two days have fatal messages. We will fix these errors by the end of exercise 3.

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AUTHORIZING OVERTIME AND HIGHER LEVEL

Overtime and higher level assignment are authorized by selecting the appropriate hours codes and adding them in the same way you added clock rings. Code 090 authorizes higher level, and code 091 authorizes overtime.

Authorize overtime in increments of 1 hour: the system will pay overtime according to clock rings. For example, if you authorize 1 hour of overtime and the employee works .50, he/she will be paid .50 overtime. Overtime that is at the end of a regular employee's tour starts at the scheduled End tour. Overtime for employees that came in before their tour starts at the scheduled Begin Tour.

Reason codes are now used to track the type of overtime authorized. Appendix 3 has a list of all reason codes, including the six codes used for overtime authorization.

Note: See pages 103-6 for a list of positions for which TACS pays automatic higher level.

EXERCISE 2 - CHANGING AND DELETING RINGS; ADDING HIGHER LEVEL; AUTHORIZING OVERTIME

- Using the same employee, use the mouse to place the cursor on the End Tour (code 014) you entered for the first workday. (Click on the "Change" button or press <Alt> H on your keyboard.)
- Change the time of the ET to 1 hour later.

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- Place the cursor on the second BT you entered for the third workday. Click on the "Delete" button. (You must delete the second begin tour, not the first, because the employee was in fact on the clock at the time of the first, wrong, begin tour.)
- Click on the "Pre-Process" button. Note that the "Fatal" message for the third day has disappeared, and two days' rings have been posted despite "Warning" messages.
- Go back to the editor and authorize OT for one hour starting at your employee's normally scheduled ET (use code 091) for both days 1 and 3. Use the <F9> key or "Find" or <Alt><f> to select the correct reason code. Use <Shift><Tab> to move to the previous field.
- Click on the Add button and authorize Higher Level (code 090) as E-16 for the entire second workday, and the first four hours of the third day.
- Click on the Pre-Process button and examine the results.
- Click on the "Save" button.

TACS will pay overtime for employees whether it is authorized or not. But, all overtime should be authorized for 2 reasons. The Plant will have a new program installed called PC-MODS. PC-MODS is an application that gets volume data from the scales and employee clock rings from TACS. When overtime is authorized a code is sent to PC-MODS indicating that certain hours are in fact overtime. If the overtime is not authorized, the PC-MODS system treats these hours as straight time. So, if an employee worked 10 hours on a particular day and the OT was not authorized it would be treated as 10 hours of straight time making production reports incorrect.

The other important reason is the prevention of "creep" overtime. Creep overtime occurs when employees are lax about the timeliness of their rings. If their time on the clock exceeds the 5-minute leeway, they will be paid overtime. The

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Postal Service must control overtime costs and you must ensure that employee overtime is paid for time worked. You should pay attention to the Warning message "overtime not authorized," and take steps to deal with employees who are getting overtime pay for untimely rings.

If an employee's rings generate overtime, we have to pay that overtime. The only way not to pay the overtime is if you observe the employee not working the overtime, document it on Form 1017A, and obtain the employee's signature on that form. If the 1017A is properly completed, you would actually change the ring to eliminate that instance of overtime. If the Form 1017A were not properly completed and filed and you changed the ring anyway, you would be committing fraud.

ADDING LEAVE

Leave entry follows the same procedure as adding clock rings and authorizing higher level and overtime. You select the appropriate hours code and add a line in the Clock Ring Editor. As in authorizing overtime, use increments of an hour or ½ hour: the system will take only the time it needs.

Note: The only time you need to specify exactly the amount of leave, as well as the exact amount of overtime, is when overtime and leave are used on the same day.

The "Future" radio button is used for inputting leave for employees beyond the current week that you are in. You may enter leave up to 21 days in advance. The Add, Delete, Change, Duplicate, and Calculator buttons are available when entering future rings; the Pre Process button is not. Make sure you click on the Save button or press <Alt> S on your keyboard when finished.

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The way leave is reported and coded has changed. Reason codes are now used, which specify why the leave was used. Appendix 3 has a full list of reason codes.

EXERCISE 3 - ADD ANNUAL LEAVE AND SICK LEAVE; USE →THE FUTURE BUTTON AND DUPLICATE OPTION

- Before adding future leave, let's clean up your employee's remaining Fatal error (or eliminate the guarantee time if a carrier). We would need to get a signed 3971 from the employee specifying what kind of leave will be used to make up the missing .20 for the second day.
- We will charge the employee annual leave, so Add a ring charging .50 of AL, starting at the actual time of the ET on the second day.
- Hit the Pre Process button to see that the Fatal error has disappeared, and to see exactly how much leave was used. Then hit the Save button
- This same employee is taking a full week of scheduled sick leave during the week beginning 10/30. Click on the 'Future' check box.
- Position your cursor in the first hours code box.
- Type 056 (S/L) and make sure the information you enter accords with the employee's schedule. Giving 8 hours of leave means the time of the ring will be the employee's begin tour.
- The reason code field will be highlighted. Press your <F9> key.
- Highlight the code you want and press enter.

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- When one day is complete, click on the Duplicate button (or Alt U). Change the date to the next day and so on until 5 days are complete.
- You cannot use the Pre-Process for future rings. Save the data you entered.

MOVING HOURS FROM ONE STATION TO ANOTHER

A question delivery supervisors always ask: "How can I move work hours when I borrow/lend a carrier to/from another station." The local unit add-on to the operation number reflects the pay location in delivery units. By simply changing the LU to another pay location, you transfer the hours. For this demonstration, we will use FTR Annie Smith, 198-92-0556, who normally works on operation/LU 721-00/722-00. We will move the hours to 721-12/722-12.

- In order to move the hours to another station, all we need to do is change the LU on the operation numbers from 00 to 12.
- Highlight the first BT on the screen with your mouse.
- Click on the change button or <Alt> U on your keyboard.
- When the box moves to LU just type over 00 with 12 and do this for all rings with operation numbers.
- A simpler way would be to ask the employee to use LU 12 at the time she is clocking in at the EBR.

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**MODULE FOUR -- USING TACS
TO MONITOR EMPLOYEE
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INTRODUCTION TO MODULE FOUR

Generally speaking, most of your work in TACS will be done early in your tour. This way you can review yesterday's performance and identify positive and negative trends. In order for the reports you run to have valid information, the clock ring errors of your employees need to be identified and corrected.

On a daily basis, you will find it most useful to run a Clock Ring Error report for the entire week to identify errors and problems. If you make a habit of fixing the previous day's errors everyday, your work will not take long. You will be able to fix many of these errors immediately, by yourself, while others may require discussion with individual employees.

In order to run a Clock Ring Error Report, we need to take a few minutes to discuss how to run reports in TACS.

TACS REPORT PARAMETERS

The block outlined below shows parameters that can be set on most reports. Parameters filter TACS data so the report displays the data for which we ask.

Finance Numbers <input checked="" type="radio"/> All Finance Numbers <input type="radio"/> Single Finance Number <input type="text"/> <input type="radio"/> Finance List Selection <input type="text"/>	Finance Units <input checked="" type="radio"/> All Finance Units <input type="radio"/> Single Finance Unit <input type="text"/> <input type="radio"/> F/U List Selection <input type="text"/>	Pay Locations <input type="radio"/> All Pay Locations <input type="radio"/> Single Pay Location <input type="text"/> <input type="radio"/> P/L List Selection <input type="text"/>
YrPPW (Online) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Single <input type="text" value="1999-06-2"/> <input type="radio"/> Range <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/>	Week Period <input checked="" type="radio"/> Entire Week <input type="radio"/> Saturday <input type="radio"/> Sunday <input type="radio"/> Monday <input type="radio"/> Tuesday <input type="radio"/> Wednesday <input type="radio"/> Thursday <input type="radio"/> Friday	Page Breaks <input checked="" type="radio"/> Finance Level <input type="radio"/> Finance/Sub-Unit Number of Copies <input type="text" value="1"/>

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1. Finance Number - An assigned six-digit number that identifies an installation for processing its financial data. You may press one of three radio buttons: all, single or selection. (Selection allows you to identify as many as six pay locations using the arrow keys on screen or your keyboard to scroll.) If you do not specify pay locations, the report will not break the data down from the finance number level.
2. Finance Units- not used at this time. Will be used to track finance number sub-unit budgets.
3. Pay Locations - As for finance number, you may press one of three radio buttons: all, single or selection.
4. YrPPW- Single Week/Range - Year, Pay Period, Week. You may select a single week, or a range of weeks.
5. Week Period - Entire Week/Single Day. You may select a single day or entire week.
6. Page Breaks - Separate finance numbers by page breaks by clicking the first radio button, or finance units/pay locations by page breaks by clicking on the second button.
7. Number of Copies.

Reports will also contain some additional, different elements. The Clock Ring Error Report, for example, contains an additional parameter called "Error Level Selection."

Error Level Selection		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Detailed Reporting	<input type="radio"/> Skip Warnings	<input type="radio"/> Minimal Reporting
<input type="radio"/> Skip Deleted Rings	<input type="radio"/> Skip Non-Scheduled BT/ET	

The parameters we set act like filters for the data contained in TACS, and allow us to refine our reporting precision. As you use and familiarize yourselves with TACS, you should explore how different parameter settings affect the reports you generate.

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Other reports, like the LDC/Operations Summary Report, contain "Summarize By" and "All Pick" sections.

		<u>Summarize By</u>		<u>All Pick</u>
<input checked="" type="radio"/> LDC Only		<input type="radio"/> Operation Only		LDC: <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="text"/>
<input type="radio"/> LDC/Operation		<input type="radio"/> Operation/Local Unit Code		Oper: <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="text"/>
<input type="radio"/> LDC/Operation/Local Unit Code				LUC: <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="text"/>

The "Summarize By" section would allow you to get totals and sub-totals on the items listed below. The "All Pick" section would allow you to filter your data to specific LDCs, Operations, or LUs that you want. Again, you may "pick" up to six selections, and you use the arrow keys, on screen or your keyboard, to scroll.

THE FIND FEATURE

Built into TACS are menu lists that facilitate the filling in of certain fields on TACS Forms. Any time you place your cursor in a field and the phrase "List of Values" appears as hint text, a menu is available. The menu can be accessed in three ways: you may click on the Find button on the right side of the form; you may strike the "F9" key on your keyboard; or you may use the keyboard shortcut <Alt><f>.

THE REPORT QUEUE

The Report Queue Module is used to View, Delete and Re-Run reports that were run from the various Report Modules. Instead of the reports displaying immediately to the user, the user now will view the report from the Report Queue Module.

After selecting a report to run and setting the parameters (i.e. pay location, finance number, PP and week), click on the run

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button (or press <Enter>). It will seem like nothing has happened, but a hint text message--"Report Executed. Check Report Queue"-- will appear.

Click on Reports from the drop down menu, and click on Report Queue. A screen will appear showing the report you just ran.

Report Name	Start Date/Time	End Date/Time	Status
Clock Ring Errors	01/24/2000 12:16:14	01/24/2000 12:16:33	Complete
Employee Listing	01/24/2000 12:14:29	01/24/2000 12:14:32	Complete

If the report is not listed or the status displayed is "running," click on the Refresh button to see the status of the report you just ran. If the status says 'complete', click on the View button and the report will be displayed.

Button Functions:

- Refresh – Updates the queue with the report's latest status.
- Stats – Displays a Statistics window that gives certain statistics about the report and displays any errors that may have occurred. This window can be used to see if the report is still running.
 - Refresh – Updates the statistics in the Statistics window.
 - Close – Closes the Statistics window.

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- View – Views a Completed report.
- Delete – Deletes the report from the Report Queue Module.
- Re-Run – Executes the selected report again using the same parameters that were used in the initial execution. This will cause the creation of another report in the report queue.
- Close – Closes the Report Queue Module.

The reports that you run will remain in the Report Queue for 7 days before the system deletes them. If you run the same reports during a week, you may run these reports from the Report Queue by highlighting the report you want and clicking on the Re-run button. It will give you the same parameters you requested from the particular Report Module when you first ran it. For example, you may run the Clock Ring Error Report from the Report Queue Module everyday providing you originally set it for the entire week. If you set it for a particular day, it will keep giving you the data only for the particular day you requested.

Once the new week has opened and you need reports for that week, you must again set up the parameters from each Report module parameter screen indicating the particular PP and week you want.

While in the Report Queue module, the Status column will display one of three messages.

- Starting – After clicking on the Refresh button the message should change to 'running' or 'complete'. If the message stays on starting, after clicking on 'Refresh' a few times, you may need to re-run the report.
- Running – After clicking on the Refresh button this message should change to "Complete." If not, click on the Refresh button again for an update.

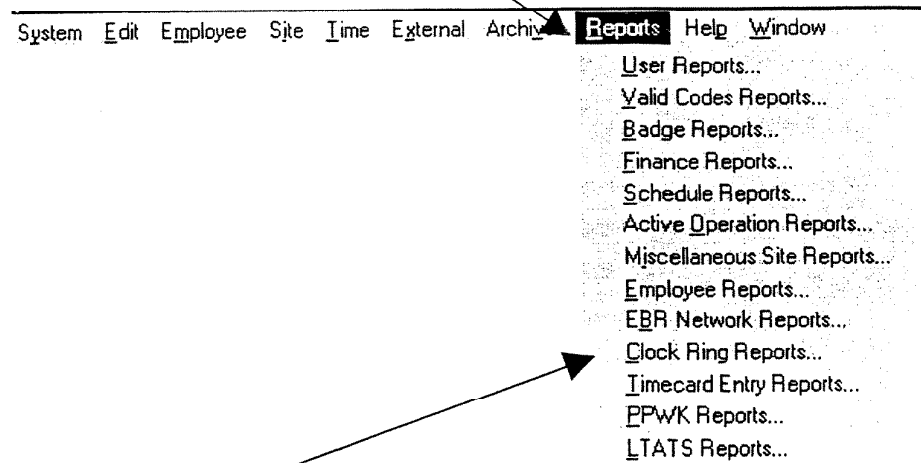
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- Complete – The report has finished and you may view the report by clicking on the “View” button.

THE CLOCK RING ERROR REPORT

The Clock Ring Error Report will show employees who do not have time posted for a scheduled workday or who do not crossfoot any day. The report shows all employees who are missing time through the date and time on the PC.

From the main menu select Reports.



Then select Clock Ring Reports.

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The Tabs along the top of the screen will take you to the different types of schedule reports. Let's double click on the **Clock Ring Error Report**.

Clock Ring Reports Module
System Employee Site Time External Reports Help
TAC800R0 Clock Ring Reports Module 04-Mar-2000 Restricted Information

Clk RngErr Miss Time OT Alt OT/Leave Raw RngErr Rng Disallow Self Adj Tour Dev

Finance Numbers
☐ All Finance Numbers
☒ Single Finance Number

☐ Finance List Selection

Finance Units
☐ All Finance Units
☐ Single Finance Unit

☐ F/U List Selection

Pay Locations
☐ All Pay Locations
☒ Single Pay Location

☐ P/L List Selection

Clear Find Add Delete

YrPPW (Online)
☒ Single

☐ Range
 -

Week Period
☐ Entire Week ☐ Tuesday
☐ Saturday ☐ Wednesday
☐ Sunday ☐ Thursday
☐ Monday ☐ Friday

Page Breaks
☐ Finance Level
☐ Finance/Sub-Unit

Run Close

Error Level Selection
☐ Detailed Reporting ☒ Skip Warnings ☐ Minimal Reporting
☐ Skip Deleted Rings ☐ Skip Non-Scheduled DT/ET

Help

Select finance number option
Record: 1/1

EXERCISE 4

Run a Clock Ring Error Report for the class pay location. Set it for a single finance number (47-4632 Customer Service or 47-4634 Plant) and a single pay location (i.e., 001 CS, 101 P&D). Run it for the entire week 1999-22-1. Set the Error Level Selection at the default setting, Skip Warnings.

Find the employee you have been working on. What are the errors you see? (The first graphic is a 13-4 employee from 47-4632; the second an 11-0 employee from Finance Number 47-4634.)

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Employee ID	Employee Last Name	F	M	Base DIA	Base RSC	Exempt Code	Sched ET	Sched ET	Schedule	Lunch		
182-17-6388	THORNTON	C	A	13-4	GO	N	07.00	15.50	S-MTW-F	0.50		
Date	Time	Transaction	Amount	Message(s)	OperAU	Route	Import Auth.	Date	Time	Delete Auth.	Date	Time
10/12	07.00	BEGIN TOUR		Fatal Error	7220-00	098001			00.00			00.00
10/12	15.50	END OF TOUR		(F)Missing Lunch Punch	7220-00	098001			00.00			00.00
10/13	10.00	BEGIN TOUR		Has 06.00 needs 02.00	7220-00	098001			00.00			00.00
10/13	11.00	OPERATION MOVE		(F)Not Full Day On Clock	7210-00	098001			00.00			00.00
10/13	15.30	OPERATION MOVE		(F)Not Full Day On Clock	7220-00	098001			00.00			00.00
10/13	16.50	END OF TOUR		(W)NonScheduled End Tour	7220-00	098001			00.00			00.00
10/15	07.12	BEGIN TOUR		(W)NonScheduled Begin Tour	7220-00	098001			00.00			00.00
10/15	11.15	OPERATION MOVE		Fatal Error	7210-00	098001			00.00			00.00
10/15	15.50	END OF TOUR		Fatal Error	7220-00	098001			00.00			00.00
10/15	16.28	OPERATION MOVE		(F)Activity Outside Tour	7220-00	098001			00.00			00.00

Employee ID	Employee Last Name	F	M	Base DIA	Base RSC	Exempt Code	Sched ET	Sched ET	Schedule	Lunch		
180-00-4116	SATO	E	L	11-0	P0	N	14.00	22.50	SSM-TF	0.50		
Date	Time	Transaction	Amount	Message(s)	Oper/AU	Route	Import Auth.	Date	Time	Delete Auth.	Date	Time
10/10	14.15	BEGIN TOUR		Has 07.85 needs 00.15	0300-00	000000			00.00			00.00
10/10	22.00	END OF TOUR		(W)NonScheduled End Tour	0300-00	000000			00.00			00.00
10/14	17.00	BEGIN TOUR		Has 07.00 needs 01.00	0300-00	000000			00.00			00.00
10/14	18.50	OUT TO LUNCH		(F)Not Full Day On Clock	0300-00	000000			00.00			00.00
10/14	19.00	IN FROM LUNCH		(F)Not Full Day On Clock	0300-00	000000			00.00			00.00
10/15	00.50	END OF TOUR		(W)NonScheduled End Tour	0300-00	000000			00.00			00.00
10/15	14.12	BEGIN TOUR		Has 07.88 needs 00.12	0300-00	000000			00.00			00.00
10/15	18.00	OUT TO LUNCH		(F)Not Full Day On Clock	0300-00	000000			00.00			00.00
10/15	19.50	IN FROM LUNCH		(F)Not Full Day On Clock	0300-00	000000			00.00			00.00
10/15	22.50	END OF TOUR		(F)Not Full Day On Clock	0300-00	000000			00.00			00.00

Now that we have identified the errors, you fix them for your employee. (15 min)

EXERCISE 5

We will now split into groups of 3. Each group will be assigned a PTF and another employee type. For each of these 2 employees, identify the errors and then fix them.

When you believe you have fixed all the errors, run a Clock Ring Error Report for the class pay location. If your employees do not appear on that report, then they have no errors.

We will discuss any problems after the exercise (20 min).

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These exercises you have just completed are exactly what you will be doing when TACS is in production. The differences are that you will be working on your own employees, you will be working alone, and the errors will not be so numerous.

Remember that you can ask for assistance from your peers, the data site, the TACS Coordinator, TACS instructors and coaches. The way to make sure the errors are few is to ensure that your employees use the EBR correctly.

EARLY REPORTS

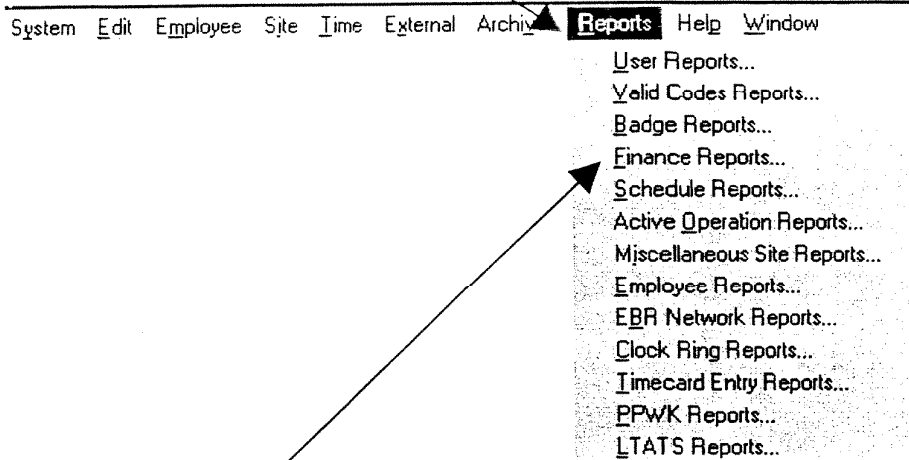
After you have gone into the Clock Ring Editor, made appropriate changes based on the errors you identified from the Clock Ring Error Report, and saved those changes, the employee work hour data in all TACS reports will be accurate. You may then run either the Station Summary Report or LDC/Operation Summary Report which will provide summary information incorporating the changes you entered and which you can use to check that your employees' hours are now correct. In delivery units, if employee clock rings are fixed by the time the daily DSIS report is run, employee rings will not need to be fixed in DSIS.

NOTE: Do not run reports until you have fixed the rings for the previous days in the week: if you run reports for employees with errors in their rings, the report will incorporate the errors and the results will be inaccurate. Remember, garbage in, garbage out.

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The Station Summary Report

From the main menu select Reports.



Then select Finance Reports.

Click on "Station Sum"

The screenshot shows the 'Finance Reports Module' window. The title bar includes 'System Employee Site Time External Reports Help'. The main area has tabs for 'Hours/Dollars', 'LDC/Oper Sum', 'Station Sum' (selected), 'Finance Desc', 'Flash Ref', and 'Finance Unit Desc'. The 'Station Sum' tab is active, showing a form with the following sections:

- Finance Numbers:** Radio buttons for 'All Finance Numbers' (selected) and 'Single Finance Number'. Below is a text input field.
- Finance List Selection:** A dropdown menu.
- Finance Units:** Radio buttons for 'All Finance Units' (selected) and 'Single Finance Unit'. Below is a text input field.
- F/U List Selection:** A dropdown menu.
- Pay Locations:** Radio buttons for 'All Pay Locations' (selected) and 'Single Pay Location'. Below is a text input field.
- P/L List Selection:** A dropdown menu.
- YrPPW (Online):** Radio buttons for 'Single' (selected) and 'Range'. Below is a date range input field showing '1999-06-2'.
- Week Period:** Radio buttons for 'Entire Week' (selected), 'Tuesday', 'Saturday', 'Wednesday', 'Sunday', 'Thursday', 'Monday', and 'Friday'.
- Page Breaks:** Radio buttons for 'Finance Level' (selected) and 'Finance/Sub-Unit'. Below is a 'Number of Copies' input field.
- Summarize By:** Radio buttons for 'Pay Location' (selected) and 'Local Unit'. Below are 'List' and 'Between' options with dropdown menus.

Buttons for 'Clear', 'Find', 'Add', 'Delete', 'Run', 'Close', and 'Help' are present. At the bottom, there is a status bar with the text 'Select finance number option. Record: 1/1'.

Note that the Pay Locations parameter is grayed out in the upper right section of the form. Instead, on the bottom of the

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form, in the Summarize By section, a window is displayed which asks you for the list or range of pay locations you wish to report on. If you want a single pay location, enter it as a one-item list with the List radio button turned on.

The Station Summary Report lists work hours by LDC, as well as overtime and sick leave hours. The hours are reported by day of the week and a weekly total column is also provided. This report, as all TACS reports, is only as good as the data feeding it. If employees are in error, their hours will not be counted. Likewise, if they used erroneous operation numbers, the report will be skewed.

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE		Restricted USPS T&A Information		Date: 030300				
Report	TAC100R3	KNOXVILLE		Time: 0703 AM				
YAFFIN:	1989-22-1	Station Summary Report		Page: 1				
File #	47-4632	Weekly Summary						
YAFFIN:	1989-22-1							
Pay Locs for:	990							
LDC	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	WEEKLY
OFFICE 21	94.40		0.50	105.75	22.00	15.95	80.30	218.90
ROUTER 29								0.00
STREET 22	54.40				38.00	30.15	46.30	171.85
OTHER 20								0.00
CARR CS 26								0.00
COLLECT 27								0.00
TERTARY 29								0.00
SUB-TOTAL	148.80	0.00	0.50	105.75	60.00	46.00	126.60	490.65
CARRIER OT	76.52			5.00		12.25	46.30	140.07
CARRIER SL								0.00
SUPV WK 20				72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00	288.00
SUPV OT 20								0.00
TRNG 782								0.00
SPC DEL 24								0.00
SUPV WK 40								0.00
SUPV OT 40								0.00
TRNG 794								0.00
AUTO 41								0.00
MECH 42								0.00
UNIT DST 43			50.50		17.26	19.25	15.90	103.91
BOX DST 44								0.00
WINDOW 45			14.00		17.26	16.00	15.90	63.16
SSPC 46								0.00
OTHER 48								0.00
CPS 49								0.00
SUB-TOTAL	0.00	0.00	64.50	0.00	34.72	35.25	31.80	169.07
CLKMHH OT					19.12			19.12
CLKMHH SL								0.00
FUNCTION	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	WEEKLY
0								0.00
1								0.00
2	148.80		0.50	177.75	132.00	121.00	198.60	779.65
3								0.00
4			67.50		34.72	35.25	31.80	169.07
5								0.00
6								0.00
7								0.00
8								0.00
9								0.00
TOTAL	148.80	0.00	68.00	177.75	166.72	156.25	230.40	947.72

The Hour Amounts reported above reflect ALL Work, Overtime And Sick Leave Hours entered to Employees ASSIGNED to the Sub-Unit assigned to the Employee Base Job Assignment.

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Click on "LDC/Oper Sum."

Finance Reports Module
System Employee Site Time External Reports Help
TAC100R0 Finance Reports Module 02-Feb-2000
Restricted Information

Hours/Dollars LDC/Oper Sum Station Sum Finance Desc Flash Ref Finance Unit Desc

Finance Numbers
☐ All Finance Numbers
☒ Single Finance Number
 47-4634
☐ Finance List Selection

Finance Units
☐ All Finance Units
☐ Single Finance Unit

☐ F/U List Selection

Pay Locations
☐ All Pay Locations
☒ Single Pay Location
 880
☐ P/L List Selection

YrPPW (Online)
☒ Single
 1999-22-1
☐ Range
 -

Week Period
☒ Entire Week
☐ Tuesday
☐ Saturday
☐ Wednesday
☐ Sunday
☐ Thursday
☐ Monday
☐ Friday

Page Breaks
☒ Finance Level
☐ Finance/Sub-Unit
 Number of Copies

Summarize By
☒ LDC Only
☐ Operation Only
☒ LDC/Operation
☐ Operation/Local Unit Code
☒ LDC/Operation/Local Unit Code

All Pick
 LDC:
 Oper:
 LUC:

Buttons: Clear, Find, Add, Delete, Run, Close, Help

Record: 1/1

This report offers several reporting options in the "Summarize By" section on the bottom of the form. The user can pick the LDC's, Operations and Local Units desired to see on the report. The default will be all LDC's and/or all Operations and Local Units. All of the reports total work hours, overtime hours and sick leave hours by LDC and/or by Operation. These reports are based on operation hours attributed to the finance number and/or pay location you select. Again the data is only as good as the inputs: EBR errors will produce erroneous reports ("Garbage in, garbage out!")

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UNITED STATES
POSTAL SERVICE

Report: TAC100R2

Restricted USPS T&A Information

Date: 02/02/00

YrPPWk: 1999-22-1

KNOXVILLE PADC

Time: 07:49 AM

Fin. #: 47-6534

LDC/Operation Summary Report

Page: 1

YrPPWk: 1999-22-1

Weekly Summary

Sub Unit: 900

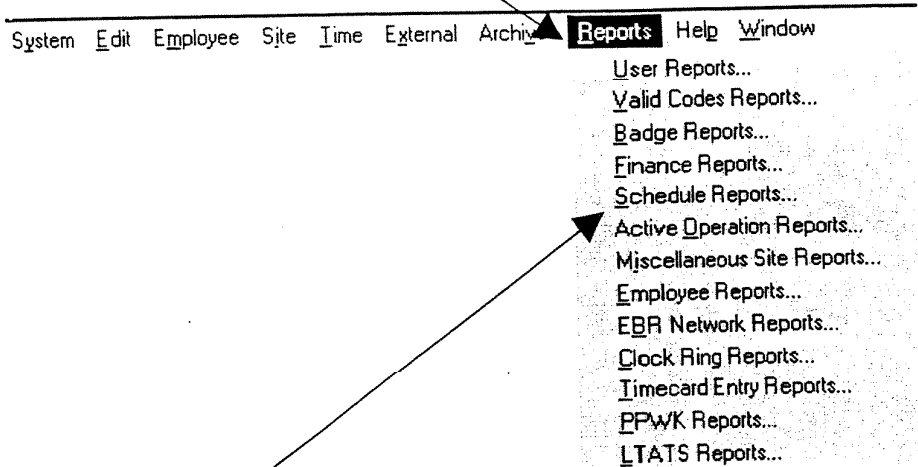
LDC	Operation	Work Hrs	Overtime Hrs	% OT	Penalty Hrs	% Penalty	Sick Leave	% SL
1000	7000	160.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1400	0300	166.90	11.75	7.04	0.65	0.39	0.00	0.00
1400	0740	26.00	26.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1700	2100	283.85	130.60	46.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1700	2250	40.40	21.40	52.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

The above example shows all LDCs and operations used in a particular pay location for a week.

Note that the operations are printed as four-digit numbers. Just as the hours codes increased to three digits (leading "0"), so operation numbers have increased to four digits (trailing "0"). The expansion of these numbers will allow a finer breakdown of information in the future.

The Hours Inquiry Report

From the main menu select Reports.



Then select Schedule Reports.

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The Tabs along the top of the screen will take you to the different types of schedule reports. Let's double click on the **Hours Type Inquiry Report**.

Schedule Reports Module
System Employee Site Time External Reports Help
TAC120R0 07-Jul-1999
Schedule Reports Module Restricted Information

Guar Warr/No Lunch Hrs Anly **Hrs Type Inq** Mast Sched Rtnb/Pu Hul Hul Rep Daily Hrs

Finance Numbers <input checked="" type="radio"/> All Finance Numbers <input type="radio"/> Single Finance Number <input type="text"/> <input type="radio"/> Finance List Selection <input type="text"/>	Finance Units <input checked="" type="radio"/> All Finance Units <input type="radio"/> Single Finance Unit <input type="text"/> <input type="radio"/> FAU List Selection <input type="text"/>	Pay Locations <input checked="" type="radio"/> All Pay Locations <input type="radio"/> Single Pay Location <input type="text"/> <input type="radio"/> P/L List Selection <input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Clear"/> <input type="button" value="Find"/> <input type="button" value="Add"/> <input type="button" value="Delete"/>
YrPPW (Online) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Single <input type="text" value="1999-06-2"/> <input type="radio"/> Range <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/>	Week Period <input checked="" type="radio"/> Entire Week <input type="radio"/> Tuesday <input type="radio"/> Saturday <input type="radio"/> Wednesday <input type="radio"/> Sunday <input type="radio"/> Thursday <input type="radio"/> Monday <input type="radio"/> Friday	Page Breaks <input checked="" type="radio"/> Finance Level <input type="radio"/> Finance/Sub-Unit Number of Copies <input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="button" value="Run"/> <input type="button" value="Close"/>
Code Selection <input checked="" type="radio"/> Hours Code <input type="radio"/> Hours Code/Reason Code <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>			<input type="button" value="Help"/>

Select finance number option.
Record: 1/1

The Hours Type Inquiry Report has room to select 5 different codes. After selecting the filters you wish to employ, (finance number 47-4632, class pay location), you may select either the Hours Code or the Hours Code/Reason Code by clicking on the appropriate radio button.

Let's take a look at the Hours Code/Reason Code list by clicking on the appropriate radio button, and then striking <F9>.

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Hours/Reason	Code	Description
01000		BEGIN TOUR
01100		OPERATION MOVE
01200		OUT TO LUNCH
01300		IN FROM LUNCH
01400		END OF TOUR
02400		AWOL
02409		AWOL-LATE
03200		TELETIME
03300		GUARANTEE TELETIME
03400		BEEPER TIME
03500		EXTRA STRAIGHT TIME

Note that these are 5-digit numbers. Most of the codes are hours codes with a 00 on the end. However, look at code 024. Note that there are now two codes for AWOL. Primarily for leave usage, reason codes provide a finer breakdown than was previously available. (Appendix 3 contains listings of the Hours Codes and the Hours Codes/Reason Codes.) Within code 056, for example, there are now six reasons for sick leave.

The value of Hours Inquiry Report is that it can show you the number of hours of a particular type incurred within a finance number, pay location, etc.

Let's run a sample report on some of your favorite hours codes.

After generating a report on screen, the report needs to be printed, minimized (if needed again shortly), saved, or closed. The report is closed by clicking on the "X" button in the uppermost right corner of your screen.

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UNITED STATES
POSTAL SERVICE

Report TAC120R3
Time Period: 1999-22-1
Fin. # 47-4632

Restricted USPS T&A Information
KNOXVILLE
Hours Type Inquiry Report

Date: 02/01/00
Time: 01:01 PM
Page: 1

Dist-Unit: 990
Monthly Summary

Selection	Hours Code	Description										
</												

MORE REPORTS

The Employee All Report, at which we looked at the beginning of the class, will give you all rings for a pay location or a single employee. It will also show the social security of any TACS user who changes a clock ring.

The Employees on the Clock Report can tell you who is still out on the street (in delivery units) or who is working at a given time.

One very useful report will be the Overtime Alert Report, which will assist you in preventing penalty overtime and in maintaining the Overtime Desired List. It will help you monitor employees, including PTF's and casuals, who have worked overtime on consecutive days. An employee will show up on this report if

- S/he has worked more than 8 hours for any day of the week;

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- S/he has worked both scheduled days off;
- S/he has worked more than 32 hours for the week and also worked a scheduled day off;
- S/he has already worked overtime;
- S/he is still on the clock and the projected time remaining on her/his schedule will take her/him into overtime;
- His/her cumulative work, plus his/her remaining schedule will take him/her into overtime for the week.

The Overtime and Leave Report will allow you to check if anyone has leave and overtime on the same day.

The Carrier Moves report will show when carriers left and returned to the office.

If time permits, it will help the next day's timekeeping if you enter 1260s, 3971s, 3996s, into the Clock Ring Editor. Note: You may enter same day data only after the employee's scheduled ring time. If time permits, you may begin correcting same day rings for employees who have already badged out.

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The Valid Codes Report

Another report of interest is the **Valid Codes Report** which provides 38 listings of valid national codes.

AREA	EMP STATUS	NETWORK TYPE	ROG
BADGE TYPE	EMPLOYEE TYPE	OFFICE CAT	RSC
BAUD RATE	FLSA EXEMPT	OFFICE TYPE CAG	RSCLEVEL
BUDGET ACCT	FUNCTIONAL AREA	OFFICE TYPE CODI	TAC800F0MAX
CLOCK FUNC	GUARANTEE	PERF CLUSTER	TZ-ALPHA
CLOCK TYPE	HRS SOURCE	POLL MODE	TZ-NUMERIC
COLLECTION	HRSLIMIT	PP WK STATUS	WEEK DAYS
DA	JOB ASSN TYPE	REASON	WEEKLY TIME
DAROG LDC	LAST POLL	RING ASSN	WORK WEEK
DARSC	LDC		

Valid Codes Reports Module

System Employee Site Time External Reports Help

TAC940R0 Valid Codes Reports Module 02-Dec-1999
Restricted Information

Valid Codes

Finance Numbers <input checked="" type="radio"/> All Finance Numbers <input type="radio"/> Single Finance Number <input type="text"/> <input type="radio"/> Finance List Selection <input type="text"/>	Finance Units <input checked="" type="radio"/> All Finance Units <input type="radio"/> Single Finance Unit <input type="text"/> <input type="radio"/> F/U List Selection <input type="text"/>	Pay Locations <input checked="" type="radio"/> All Pay Locations <input type="radio"/> Single Pay Location <input type="text"/> <input type="radio"/> P/L List Selection <input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Clear"/> <input type="button" value="Find"/> <input type="button" value="Add"/> <input type="button" value="Delete"/>
YrPPW (Online) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Single <input type="text"/> <input type="radio"/> Range <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/>	Week Period <input checked="" type="radio"/> Entire Week <input type="radio"/> Tuesday <input type="radio"/> Saturday <input type="radio"/> Wednesday <input type="radio"/> Sunday <input type="radio"/> Thursday <input type="radio"/> Monday <input type="radio"/> Friday	Page Breaks <input checked="" type="radio"/> Finance Level <input type="radio"/> Finance/Sub-Unit Number of Copies <input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Run"/> <input type="button" value="Close"/> <input type="button" value="Help"/>
Code Type Selection <input checked="" type="radio"/> All Code Types <input type="radio"/> Single Code Type <input type="text"/>			

Enter code type. Record: 1/1 List of Values

If you ran "All Code Types," the report would be over 100 pages long. However, the "Single Code" radio button and the F9 key allow you to select any one code category. For example, you can run all D/A codes or all LDCs.

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Exercise 6 (20 minutes)

Clock Ring Reports

- Missing Time
- Tour Deviations
- Unauthorized Overtime

Schedule Reports and Finance Reports

- Hours Analysis
- Daily Hours
- Hours and Dollars
- FLASH Reference

Employee Reports

- Employee Listing
- Employee Moves
- Employees on the Clock
- Carrier Moves

For your assigned group, run and discuss all of the assigned reports, using Finance Number 47-4632, pay location 980 (Customer Service) or 47-4634, p/l 980 (Processing & Distribution), and prioritize them. If you will want to refer again to the report, be sure to minimize it rather than close it. If there is no data in the report, use the sample reports in Appendix 4. (15 minutes)

After each report has been reviewed, identify which reports will be most helpful and/or most widely used at your workplace, and why. Each group reports out to the class. (5-10 minutes)

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There are other valuable reports that we will not look at because they are more easily available in a production database. For example, Raw Ring Errors and Automatic Higher Level Reports both depend on rings from time clocks; Overtime and Leave and Higher Level Details Reports are both relatively rare; and the Time Certification Report is generated from offices that use time cards.

OTHER OPTIONS/BENEFITS IN TACS

Badge Control

The new software in your Badge Making Equipment is able to assign a badge type and sequence number to a particular badge.

There are six types of badges that can be created for employees. All badge types in existence will be badge type '0' when you start using TACS. If an employee loses a permanent or any other type of badge, a sequence number can be assigned to the new badge. This will identify the badge to the TACS system and, if an employee uses a badge that does not have this sequence number, there will be an error on the clock ring error report. This will just be a 'warning' and will not prevent an employee from getting paid. But, at least you will know when an employee has more than one badge.

- Type 1: Permanent Regular Badge
- Type 2: Permanent Authorizing Badge
- Type 3: Permanent Dual Badge
- Type 4: Temporary Employee Badge
- Type 5: Temporary Authorizing Badge
- Type 9: Vehicle Badge

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THE EMPLOYEE MAINTENANCE MODULE

The Employee Maintenance Module contains information on each employee in TACS. This information is updated from the Minneapolis Mainframe each week. When Employee Maintenance is selected, the User, providing he has update access, may add, change or delete (remove) employees from the TACS application.

Unless changed by the District Coordinator, you will have query only access to most of the Employee File Maintenance module. Any changes that need to be made to Employee files will be made by the Data Site personnel (timekeepers). Since the Data Site has established a rapport with Human Resources, it is better to centralize any changes, additions or deletions as far as employees are concerned.

Other employee information can be accessed from this screen. By selecting a Tab on the top of the screen the User may select Job Assignment/Weekly Schedule Tab, Daily Schedules Tab, Prior Assignments Tab, or Leave Information Tab. We will briefly discuss these tabs.

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When the User first enters the Employee Maintenance Module, the Employee Tab screen will appear. An employee ID must be entered before any other tabs can be used.

All tabs and buttons not available for use will appear grayed out. After the data is retrieved from the tables, these tabs and buttons will be available, based on the User's permissions. Users must either click the Find button, which displays a list of employees, or type in the Employee ID, before any access to the other tabs is available. With security permission, the User may access the other screens by clicking a selected tab. All accessible data displays only one employee ID at a time. If a User has multiple employees to change she/he will need to return to the Employee Tab screen for each new employee ID.

The Automatic Higher Level Indicator must be checked for TACS to automatically pay an individual higher level. (See pp.103-106.)

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Employee Maintenance Module

System Employee Site Time External Reports Help

TAC500F0 Employee Maintenance Module 16-Aug-1999 Restricted Information

Employee Job Assign/Weekly Daily Schedules Prior Assignments Leave Information

Employee ID: 185-19-2174 Name: GUSS MIGUEL V Clear

Last/First/M.I. Find

Type of JA: E FLSA: N Route: Add

Start YrPPwk: 1999-06-2 Default SRF: Limited Hours: Delete

End YrPPwk: Emp Type: C WW Type: 5

DIA: 410 Fin Number: 474634 Loan to Fin #: 1261

RSC: P Finance Unit: 0000 Auto Lunch

RSC Suffix: 0 Pay Location: 104 Var EAS Ind

Po Level: 05 LDC: 1200

Step Code: A Oper/LU: 9660 00 Diff Wk/JA Save

Weekly Schedule Close

	Sched ID	Rotating Week	Tour Begin	Tour End	Lunch Begin	Lunch Duration	Schedule Type
Primary:	0	1	08.00	16.50	12.00	00.50	P
Holiday (104):							

Job assignment type code

Record: 1/1 Help

Each employee MUST have at least one base job assignment active for any given year, pay period and week, unless the employee's status is "deleted". This screen comes up when the User has clicked on the Job Assignment/Weekly Schedule Tab from the Employee Maintenance module. Much of the information on this screen is summarized in the Clock Ring Editor when you click on the "Job Assn" button.

The Add button, Update button, and Delete button are available only when the User has permissions for these. The Employee ID and Name boxes are carried over from the Employee Tab and the User cannot move into or click on these items.

Temporary assignments of a week or longer are entered here with a "T" in the "Type of Job Assignment" box. If the job

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assignment is a Temporary job, it may be deleted. Base and Dual assignments may not be deleted.

The Weekly Schedule is populated weekly from the download procedure, but, if the User has made modifications or added new schedules for an employee, the most recent record will be used.

DAILY SCHEDULES TAB

Employee Maintenance Module [System Employee Site Time External Reports Help]

TAC600F0 Employee Maintenance Module 09-Feb-2000 Restricted Information

Employee Job Assign/Weekly Daily Schedules Prior Assignments Leave Information

Employee ID: 185-19-2174 Name: GUSS MIGUEL V

Type Of Job Assignment: B Effective Start Date: 1999-22-2

	Tour		Lunch		Out of	Sunday Premium	
	Begin	End	Begin	Duration	Day Off	Schedule	Holiday Act. Orig.
SATURDAY	12:00	22:50	18:00	00:50			
SUNDAY	14:00	22:50	18:00	00:50			
MONDAY	14:00	22:50	18:00	00:50			
TUESDAY	14:00	22:50	18:00	00:50			
WEDNESDAY	14:00	22:50	18:00	00:50			
THURSDAY	14:00	22:50	18:00	00:50			
FRIDAY	14:00	22:50	18:00	00:50			

Enter begin tour time: 00:00 - 23:59
Record: 1/7

The purpose of the Daily Schedules Tab is to allow modifications to be made, on a day to day basis, for the employee's schedule. It is only accessible after the User has brought up an employee on the Employee Tab. It is populated with the schedule information from the most current base assignment and weekly schedule.

Supervisors have access to make temporary schedule changes for their employees.

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TEMPORARY SCHEDULE CHANGE

In the Employee Maintenance Module, call up the employee you were previously assigned. Move to the Daily Schedules Tab. Click on the 'x' in one of the boxes in the "Day Off" column to turn it off, and click on another box (any day) to make the 'x' appear.

You have now changed someone scheduled day off for the current week. Make sure you're in the correct PP and week. Also, be very careful as to which day you change: if the wrong day is indicated, the employee could get LWOP for one day and OT for the other day.

LEAVE INFORMATION TAB

Employee Maintenance Module
System Employee Site Time External Reports Help

TAC600F0 Employee Maintenance Module 09-Feb-2000
Restricted Information

Employee Job Assign/Weekly Daily Schedules Prior Assignments **Leave Information**

Employee ID: 185-19-2174 Name: GUSS MIGUEL ☒ V

Clear Find Add Delete Diff WKJA

Balances		Hours Used		FMLA Information	
Annual:	00.00	Annual:	00.00	Work Hours:	00.00
Sick:	00.00	Sick:	00.00	Hours Used:	00.00
		LWOP:	00.00	SLDC Used:	00.00

Save Close Help

Annual Leave Used
Record: 1/1

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The Leave Information Tab, in the Employee Maintenance Module, is populated from the Employee Tab, based on the employee ID. Leave balances are downloaded from the Payroll System on the Minneapolis mainframe each Thursday. The leave totals are based on paid hours and even though they are downloaded each week they are not updated until after an employee is paid and updates to the main frame are complete (biweekly).

The Leave information is for display purposes only and is not changed during the week. The Leave information is based on the Leave Year. (FMLA is calculated on the previous 12 months.) The security access is checked before allowing users access to this information.

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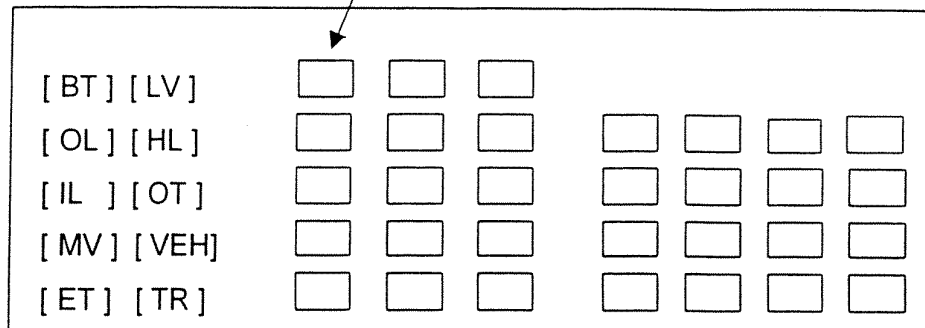
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INTRODUCTION

The major difference for badge users in PSDS offices is that the upper left button on the Operations portion of the EBR is now referred to as the Base operation. If a user wants to clock in on his/her Base operation, all s/he needs to do is press the BT button and swipe the badge. Unless a user chooses otherwise, the base operation button will be active. If a user wants to clock in on a different operation, then it is business as usual and s/he presses BT and the appropriate operation button.

BASE OPERATION



When badge users Move, the base operation will be lit and the employee must press the operation number to which they are to move.

The other changes to the EBR concern the functionality of the second row of preprogrammed codes. Authorization of leave, higher level, and overtime have been assigned buttons, in addition to entry of vehicle information and transfer of employee hours. Use of these buttons is explained in the succeeding pages.

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STAND UP TALK FOR ALL EBR USERS

We are cutting over to a new timekeeping system called TACS (Time and Attendance Collection System). The Electronic Badge Readers (EBR) have been slightly modified to work with this new system.

The first change you will notice is the Base Operation button. You have been assigned to a particular operation to which all of your hours are charged, unless you MV to a different operation. When clocking into the base operation, the system will allot your hours to your base operation—which may be different than the base operations of the persons ahead and behind you. As long as the base operation button is depressed, each person's hours will be charged to his/her particular base operation. You can of course clock in to a different operation than your base by selecting that operation number.

Be aware that the new EBR is faster and makes a different tone when it accepts your badge. If it doesn't accept the badge, it makes a squawk. Unless you hear a squawk, assume your badge was accepted. Don't keep swiping your badge because you don't hear the sound you used to hear.

You also need to be aware of the lower two buttons in the second column of buttons. The Vehicle (VEH) button is used when you need to enter vehicle information because a vehicle badge is not available. The Transfer (TR) button is used only when your time is being charged to a different Finance Number.

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LETTER CARRIER NOTE

The move ring is utilized to change route numbers when serving different routes on the same day. The carrier utilizes the MOVE, and selects the OPR Code. The carrier can key in the 3-digit OPR or 5-digit OPR-LU code, if the LU is applicable. If the carrier is using the numeric keypad to key in the operation number and is required to enter the LU, the carrier must press the SEL key, prior to entering the LU. The Route Number will be the number to which the carrier is moving.

The MOVE ring is also used when the carrier leaves the office to a street operation, and when the carrier returns to the office from the street. It can also be used to enter route changes (moves) after the fact when the EBR is unavailable or malfunctioning. When it is used after the fact to enter prior data for that day, the route number must be entered.

Once the route number has been entered, the EBR screen will display:

Move -> OPR: 721-00 RT:00014
enter TIME or swipe VEH/EMP BADGE

The employee will then enter the time that the employee moved to that route and/or operation. For example, if the employee enters 1392 (hours and hundredths), the EBR screen will display:

Move -> OPR: 721-00 RT:000014 13.92
swipe VEHICLE or EMPLOYEE BADGE

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Carriers

When carriers record vehicle information, the vehicle badge is always swiped first, prior to swiping the employee badge. If the vehicle badge is unavailable, the employee presses the VEH key and enters the 9-digit vehicle ID number. If the carrier presses the VEH key, the screen prompts:

Move -> OPR- 721 Rte:00014
enter VEHICLE

The carrier enters the vehicle number using the numeric keypad (i.e. 123456789).

Once the vehicle badge is swiped or the vehicle ID number is entered and the carrier is leaving for the route (OPR code 721), the screen prompts the carrier to swipe the employee badge.

Move -> OPR: 721-03 Rte:00014 VEH OUT
swipe EMPLOYEE BADGE

When the vehicle badge is swiped or the vehicle ID number is entered and the carrier is returning to the office (OPR code 722), the screen prompts the carrier to enter the Odometer reading.

Move -> OPR: 721-03 Rte:00014 VEH IN
ENTER ODOMETER:

The carrier can enter up to six digits on the EBR for the odometer reading. Once the carrier has entered the odometer

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reading, the carrier must press ENTER. If for example, the odometer reading is 321, the 321 is keyed in and the carrier presses ENTER. The EBR will automatically insert the leading zeroes. The screen then prompts the carrier to swipe the employee badge.

Move > OPR. 722 03 Rte:00014 VEH IN
swipe EMPLOYEE BADGE ODOMETER:.000321

The carrier swipes the employee badge.

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Other Employees

When an employee is required to record vehicle information on the EBR, the employee performs the same procedures as a carrier. For example, after entering OPR Code 760-01, the employee swipes the vehicle badge or presses the VEH key to enter the 9-digit vehicle ID number, if the vehicle badge is unavailable.

Note: The screen does not prompt the employee to swipe the vehicle badge because it does not recognize the OPR code as requiring a vehicle.

If the employee presses the VEH key, the screen prompts:

Move -> OPR: 760-01
enter VEHICLE #:

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The employee enters the 9-digit vehicle number using the numeric keypad (i.e. 123456789).

Once the vehicle badge is swiped or the vehicle ID number is entered, the **screen** prompts the employee to indicate the departure {(2) OUT} or return {(1) IN} of the vehicle. The employee will be required to enter the odometer reading when the employee returns {(1) IN} to the office.

Move	OPR; 760	VEH
Press (1) In or (2) Out with Vehicle		

If departing, the employee presses (2), and the screen prompts the employee to swipe employee badge.

Move -> OPR: 760-01	VEH OUT
swipe EMPLOYEE BADGE	

If returning, the employee presses (1), and the screen prompts the employee to enter the Odometer reading.

Move -> OPR: 760-01	VEH IN
ENTER ODOMETER:	

The employee can enter up to six digits on the EBR for the odometer reading. Once the employee has entered the odometer reading, the employee must press ENTER. If, for example, the odometer reading is 321, the 321 is keyed in and the employee presses ENTER. The EBR will automatically insert the leading zeroes. The screen then prompts the employee to swipe the employee badge.

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Move -> OPR: 760 1 VEH IN swipe EMPLOYEE BADGE Odometer 000321
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The employee swipes the employee badge.

Special note: before a badge is swiped, the employee must make sure, the correct clock ring type (function) and opr keys (if applicable) are lit.

AUTHORIZATION CLOCK RINGS

There is one password for all authorizations. Authorizations must be input for each day separately, not the entire week in one clock ring. For example, if an employee is scheduled for 40 hours of leave for the week, you must input the leave to be taken each day. You cannot input the 40 hours as one authorization. The system will reject it. When the EBR prompts you for the employee badge, you can either swipe the badge or enter the SSN of the employee on the numeric key pad.

OT – Overtime

Supervisors who are authorized to input Overtime authorizations may do so at the EBR. The password is needed for this type of authorization. The following is an example of how to authorize 2 hours OT beginning at 1500 on March 21.

The first step of the authorization for overtime is pressing the OT key. The clock ring type (transaction) keys are located on the left side of the EBR keyboard.

When OT is selected, the EBR displays the following screen:

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OT Auth
swipe AUTHORIZER BAGDE

When the supervisor swipes his or her badge through the EBR, the screen prompts:

OT Auth
Enter PASSWORD

When the four-digit password has been entered correctly, the screen prompts:

OT
enter EMPLOYEE # from pad or swipe BADGE

When the employee's badge has been swiped through the EBR or the ID number is entered from the numeric keypad, the screen will display the employee's social security number as follows:

OT 123-45-6789
enter OT HOURS Authorized

After the number of hours of overtime (0200) are entered from the numeric keypad in Hours and hundredths, the screen display prompts:

OT 123-45-6789 02:00
Month:

Enter the calendar month in two digits (03) from the numeric keypad, the screen display prompts:

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OT 123-45-6789 02:00 03

Day:

Enter the calendar day (21) the Over-time is scheduled to begin, not necessarily the tour day. After the day is entered from the numeric keypad, the display prompts:

OT 123-45-6789 02:00 03/21

enter START TIME (HH.hh):

After start time (1500) is entered from the numeric keypad, the screen display prompts:

OT 123-45-6789 02.00 03/21 15.00

enter Acc to accept – Clear to reject

If data is correct, press the "ACC" key to process the transaction. The screen will remain locked/latched in for the next OVERTIME transaction. Swipe the next employee badge if the data is the same, and press the "ACC" key to process/complete that transaction. Continue this process until all employees have been authorized.

If data for the next employee or group of employees is different, press the "CLEAR" key, enter the new information and start again. You must press the "CLEAR" key after the last transaction has been completed. If you do not enter a transaction within a short period of time, the system will automatically clear the screen.

Note: Supervisors are not allowed to input overtime authorizations for themselves.

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Overtime Authorization Input Overview:

1. Press the "OT" key
2. Swipe Authorizer Badge
3. Enter Password
4. Swipe Employee Badge or enter ID number
5. Enter Number of Overtime Hours Authorized (4 digits - Hours and hundredths)
6. Enter Month (2 digits)
7. Enter Calendar Day Overtime is to Begin (2 digits)
8. Enter Time Overtime is to Start (4 digits - Hour and Hundredths)
9. Press the "ACC" key to complete the transaction (or CLEAR/EXIT to start over)
10. If authorizing a group of employees for the same date, amount and start time, swipe the next employee badge then press the "ACC" key. Continue this process until all employees have been authorized.
11. Press the "CLEAR" or "EXIT" key after the LAST transaction has been completed

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Authorizing Leave

Supervisors are authorized to input leave authorizations via the EBR. The password is needed for this type of authorization.

The following is an example of how to input an authorization for 8 hours of sick leave (code 056) beginning at 0700 on March 21:

The first step of the input for Leave is pressing the LV key, which is located on the left side of the EBR keyboard.

When LV is selected, the EBR displays the following screen:

Leave
swipe AUTHORIZER BADGE

When the supervisor swipes his or her badge through the EBR, the screen prompts:

Leave
enter PASSWORD:

When the four digit password has been entered correctly, the screen prompts:

LV
enter EMPLOYEE # from pad or swipe BADGE

When the employee's badge has been swiped through the EBR, or the ID number is entered from the numeric keypad, then the

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screen will display the employee's social security number as follows:

LV 123-45-6789
enter LEAVE CODE from numeric key pad

When the 2-digit leave code (56) has been entered from the numeric keypad, the screen displays:

LV 123-45-6789 [56]
enter LEAVE HRS Authorized (HH.hh):

After the total number of leave hours are entered from the numeric keypad in hours and hundredths, the screen display prompts:

LV 123-45-6789 [56] 08.00
Month:

After the calendar month (03) is entered from the numeric keypad, the screen display prompts:

LV 123-45-6789 [56] 08.00 03
Day:

Enter the actual calendar day (21) the leave is scheduled to begin (not necessarily the tour day). After the day has been entered from the numeric keypad, the screen display prompts:

LV 123-45-6789 [56] 08.00 03/21
enter START TIME (HH.hh):

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After start time for Leave (Hours and hundredths) is entered (0700) from the numeric keypad, the screen display prompts:

LV 123-45-6789 [56] 08.00 03/21 07.00 S
ACC >Accept ENTER>Reason SEL>Unsched/Sched

If the reason code for the leave entered is "00," just press ACC(ept). If the reason code for the leave entered is other than "00," press the ENTER button and input the 2-digit reason code. You may change the "S" (scheduled) to "U" (unscheduled) prior to ACC(ept) by pressing the SEL(ect) button. NOTE: A list of applicable Reason Codes may be found in Appendix 3.

If data is incorrect, press the CLEAR or EXIT key and start again.

After the "ACC" key is pressed to process the transaction, the screen will remain locked in for the next identical LEAVE transaction. You must press "CLEAR" after the last transaction has been completed.

Note: all leave transactions must be supported by form 3971.

No Lunch

When NO LUNCH is approved, the authorization can be entered at the EBR. Follow the instructions for LEAVE and use Code 93 (No Lunch Authorized).

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Leave Authorization Input Overview:

1. Press the "LV" key
2. Swipe Authorizer Badge
3. Enter Password
4. Swipe Employee Badge or enter ID number
5. Enter Leave Code
6. Enter Number of Hours Authorized (4 digits - Hours and hundredths)
7. Enter Month (2 digits)
8. Enter Calendar Day Leave is to Begin (2 digits)
9. Enter Time Leave is to Start (4 digits - Hours and hundredths)
10. Enter Reason Code and select Scheduled or Unscheduled.
11. Press the "ACC" key to complete the transaction (or CLEAR/EXIT to start over)
12. Press the "CLEAR" or "EXIT" key after the LAST transaction has been completed

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Authorizing Higher Level

Supervisors who are authorized to input Higher Level authorizations may do so at the EBR. The password is needed for this type of authorization. In the following example, 8 hours of higher level are authorized for Level 15, RSC E, beginning at 1000 on March 21.

Note: Higher Level authorization inputs are not required for qualified employees moving to selected operation numbers (see automatic higher level) provided they meet the base criteria established for those operation numbers.

The first step of the input for the authorization of HL is pressing the HL button. The clock ring keys are located on the left side of the EBR keyboard.

When HL is selected, the EBR displays the following screen:

Higher Level
swipe AUTHORIZER BADGE

When the supervisor swipes his or her badge through the EBR, the screen prompts:

Higher Level
enter PASSWORD:

When the four digit password has been entered correctly, the screen prompts:

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Enter EMPLOYEE # from pad or swipe BADGE

When the employee's badge has been swiped through the EBR or the ID number is entered from the numeric keypad, the screen will display the employee's social security number as follows:

HL 123-45-6789 E-

use SEL to select RSC – use ACC to accept

If E is not the Rate Schedule Code (RSC) you want, use the SEL key to scroll through the valid RSC listing. When the desired RSC is displayed, press the ACC key. The screen prompts:

HL 123-45-6789 E-

enter LEVEL from numeric keypad

After the level (15) is entered from the numeric keypad, the screen display prompts:

HL 123-45-6789 E-15

enter HL HOURS Authorized (HH.hh):

After the hours authorized (0800) have been entered from the numeric keypad, the screen display prompts:

HL 123-45-6789 E-15 08.00

Month:

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Enter the calendar month (03) in two digits from the numeric keypad. The screen display prompts:

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HL 123-45-6789 E-15 08.00 03
Day:
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Enter the calendar day (21) the higher level is scheduled to begin, not necessarily the tour day. After the day is entered from the numeric keypad, the display prompts:

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HL 123-45-6789 E-15 08.00 03/213-27
enter START TIME (HH.hh):
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Enter the time the higher Level is to BEGIN (Hours and hundredths). After the start time (1000) has been entered from the numeric keypad, the screen display will prompt:

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HL 123-45-6789 E-15 08.00 03/21 10.00
enter ACC to accept – Clear to reject
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If data is correct, press the "ACC" key to process the transaction. The screen will remain locked in for the next identical HIGHER LEVEL transaction. You must press "CLEAR" after the last transaction has been completed.

If data is incorrect, press the CLEAR key and start again.

Note: all higher level must be supported by an approved assignment order (1723).

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Higher Level Authorization Input Overview:

1. Press the "HL" key
2. Swipe Authorizer Badge
3. Enter Password
4. Swipe Employee Badge or enter ID number
5. Press the "SEL" key to select the RSC (Rate Schedule Code)
6. Press the "ACC" key to accept the RSC selected
7. Enter the Level (2 digits)
8. Enter Number of Higher Level Hours Authorized (4 digits Hour and hundredths)
9. Enter Month (two digits)
10. Enter Calendar Day Higher Level is to Begin (2 digits)
11. Enter Time Higher Level is to Start (4 digits Hours and hundredths)
12. Press the "ACC" key to complete the transaction (or CLEAR/EXIT) to start over)
14. Press the "CLEAR" or "EXIT" key after the LAST transaction has been completed

Note: In the event more hours are worked at the higher level than were originally authorized, a second HL authorization must be made for the additional hours, or change the original authorization in the clock ring editor.

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AUTOMATIC HIGHER LEVEL

TACS will automatically credit higher level hours for specific categories of working certain positions, once the employee selects the operation number. The employee must have the proper LDC and D/A code in the Employee Master File for the system to generate the higher level. For example, a manual clerk, level 5 with an LDC 13 and a D/A 41-0, who is assigned to an LSM and instructed to move to operation 080 is paid level 6 for the amount of time the employee is in that operation. The higher level will automatically end whenever the employee moves to an operation number for which higher level is not payable, or punches OL or ET.

Automatic Higher Levels are generated for the following positions:

1. Manual Clerk - LSM "Qualified" to LSM Operations

Employee's Base Criteria:

Level = P-05

LDC = 14

D/A = 11-0, 31-0, 41-0, or 81-0

Automatic higher- level as P-06 for hours in

Operation Numbers: 080-087, 090-097

2. OCR Operator (Mail Processor) to Manual

Employee's Base Criteria:

Level = P-04

LDC = 11

D/A = 11-0, 31-0, or 41-0

Automatic higher level as P-05 for hours in

Operation Numbers: 030-079, 100-104,

110-130, 150-179

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3. Mailhandler to "Mark," Tow (Mule) or Forklift Operator

Employee's Base Criteria:

Level = M-04

LDC = 17

D/A = 12-0, 32-0, 42-0

Automatic higher level as M-05 for hours in

Operation Numbers: OII-016, 225, 229

4. CFS Clerks to Mail Processing

Employee's Base Criteria:

Level = P-04

LDC = 49

D/A = 11-0, 31-0, or 41-0

Automatic higher level as P-05 for hours in

Operation Numbers: 030-038, 040-044, 797

5. Motor Vehicle Operator

Employee's Base Criteria:

Level = P-05

LDC = may vary

D/A = 13-5, 33-5, 43-5

Automatic higher level as P-06 for hours in

Operation Number 766

SPECIAL NOTE:

DO NOT assign Operation Numbers 080-087, and 090-097 to Manual Clerks (level P-05) that are LSM Qualified "Base".

DO NOT assign Operation Numbers 011 through 016 to Mailhandlers (Level M-04) "Base".

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Automatic Higher Level (Bulk Mail Centers)

1. Clerk to Trainer - On the Job, Clerk Keying

Employee's Base Criteria:

Level = P-04 or P-05

LDC = 12, 13, 14, 15

D/A = 11-0, 31-0, 41-0, 81-0

*Automatic higher level as P-06 for hours in
Operation Number 197 or 198*

2. Mail Flow Controller - Intermittent

Employee's Base Criteria:

Level = P-05 or P-06, M-04 or M-05

LDC = 12, 13, 14

D/A = 11-0, 31-0, 41-0, 81-0, 12-0, 32-0, 42-0

*Automatic higher level as E-14 for hours in
Operation Number 119.*

3. Dock Clerk

Employee's Base Criteria:

Level = P-05

LDC = 12, 13, 14

D/A = 11-0, 31-0, 41-0

*Automatic higher level as P-06 for hours in
Operation Number 540-549.*

4. Bulk Mail Technician

Employee's Base Criteria

Level = P-05

LDC = 12, 13, 14, 17, 18

D/A = 11-0, 31-0, 41-0, 81-0

*Automatic higher level as P-06 for hours in
Operation Numbers 563, 569.*

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5 Mailhandler to Sack Sorter

Employee's Base Criteria:

Level =M-04

LDC =13, 14

D/A =12-0,32-0,42-0

*Automatic higher level as M-05 for hours in
Operation Number 140-143.*

6. Mailhandler to Tow (Mule) or Fork Lift Operator

Employee's Base Criteria:

Level =M-04

LDC = 12, 13, 14, 17

D/A =12-0,32-0,42-0

*Automatic higher level as M-05 for hours in
Operation Numbers 220-229.*

7. Mailhandler to Trainer - On The Job Keying

Employee's Base Criteria:

Level =M-04

LDC = 12, 13, 14, 15

D/A =12-0,32-0,42-0

*Automatic higher level as M-05 for hours in
Operation Number 197 and 198.*

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Authorizing Missing Clock Rings

When an employee is missing a basic Clock Ring(s), the employee is in an error status and will be listed on the Clock Ring Error Report. If the supervisor inputs the missing ring, a Form 1260 or 1261 is not required. However, if the timekeeper is inputting the clock rings, a Form 1260 or 1261 must be submitted to the timekeeper for the missing ring as documentation and authorization. Not all "missing ring" conditions cause an error report. For example, a carrier moves to another route while on the street. Such rings should be input at the EBR as soon as the data is available to the supervisor.

A supervisor can enter the missing clock ring(s) at the EBR or add the missing ring to the employee's record (from the 1260 or 1261) using the "Add" option on the Transaction Editor.

The Missing Ring Mode allows supervisors to enter missing clock rings at the EBR. The following is an example of how to input a missing Begin Tour for an employee on March 22 at 0850 in Operation 130.

The first step for entering the missing clock ring at the EBR is to press the 'Clear' key to clear the screen. When the supervisor swipes his or her Authorizer badge through the EBR, the screen prompts:

---- USPS Tue Mar 2001
enter PASSWORD

When the four digit password has been entered correctly, the screen prompts:

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Add Missing Ring	(3) Volume Data
Delete Bad Ring	Select

When (1) Add Missing Ring is selected the screen prompts:

Add Missing Ring For 00/00 0000
Month --

When the two code digit for the Month (03) has been entered correctly, the screen prompts:

Add Missing Ring For 03/00 0000
Day:

Enter the calendar day (22) that the missing clock rings is for. Remember, midnight (0000) starts the new calendar day. After the day has been entered, the screen prompts:

Add Missing Ring For 03/22 0000
Hour:

Enter the actual time in hours and hundredths (0850) for the missing clock ring from the numeric keypad. After the time for the missing clock ring has been entered, the screen prompts:

Add Missing Ring For 03/22 0850
enter FUNCTION

Press the appropriate Function key for the missing clock ring. Remember to enter the Operation number when selecting "BT", "EL" and "MV" functions. Operation numbers are not used when selecting "OL" and "ET" functions. After the function has been selected (BT), the screen prompts:

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Begin Tour Oper:000-LU
enter OPR or SEL LU or swipe BADGE:

After the operation number (130) has been entered, the screen prompts:

Begin Tour Oper:130
enter Local Unit or swipe BADGE

Swipe the employee's badge to complete the transaction. The screen will remain locked in for the next MISSING CLOCK RING transaction. You must press "CLEAR" after the last transaction has been completed.

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Missing Clock Ring Authorization Input Overview:

1. Press the "CLEAR" key, then Swipe Authorizer Badge
2. Enter Password
3. Select (1) Missing Clock Ring
4. Enter Month (2 digits) of Missing Clock Ring
5. Enter Day for the Missing Clock Ring (2 digits)
6. Enter Time for the Missing Clock Ring (4 digits - Hour and hundredths)
7. Press the appropriate Function Key for the Missing Clock Ring (BT, OL, EL, W or ET)
8. Enter the appropriate Operation Number if Missing Clock Ring is for a BT, IL or NW
9. Swipe Employee Badge or enter ID number
10. Press the "CLEAR" key after the LAST transaction has been completed

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Deletion of Erroneous Clock Rings

When an employee has erroneous clock ring(s), the employee will be listed on the Clock Ring Error Report. If the supervisor deletes the ring(s), no documentation is required. However, if a timekeeper deletes the clock ring(s), documentation is required to authorize the timekeeper to do so. Not all erroneous rings cause an error report. For example, a clerk clocked on a carrier's operation in error will not show up as an error. When erroneous ring(s) are discovered, they should be deleted and the correct ring(s) entered.

The Delete Bad Ring Mode allows supervisors to delete the rings at the EBR. It is the same as the Missing Clock Ring Mode except, after entering the password, select (2) Delete Bad ring when prompted. The following is an example of how to delete a bad begin tour ring for an employee on March 22 at 0850 in Operation 130.

The first step for deleting bad ring(s) at the EBR is to press the "Clear" key to clear the screen. When the supervisor swipes his or her Authorizer badge through the EBR, the screen prompts:

----- USPS ETC Tue Mar 22,2001
enter PASSWORD.

When the four-digit password has been entered correctly, the screen prompts:

Add Missing Ring	
Delete Bad Ring	Select

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When (2) Delete Bad Ring is selected, the screen prompts:

Delete Bad Ring For 00/00 0000
Month --

When the two digit code for the Month (03) has been entered correctly, the screen prompts:

Delete Bad Ring For 03/00 0000
Day:

Enter the calendar day (22) of the bad clock ring. (Remember, midnight 0000} starts the new calendar day). After the day has been entered, the screen prompts:

Delete Bad Ring For 03/22 0000
Hour:

Enter the actual time in Hours and hundredths (0850) for the bad clock ring from the numeric keypad. After the time for the bad clock ring has been entered, the screen prompts:

Delete Bad Ring For 03/22 0850
enter FUNCTION

Press the appropriate Function key for the bad clock ring. Remember to enter the operation number when selecting "BT", "IL" and "MV" functions. Operation numbers are not used when selecting "OL" and "ET" functions. After the function has been selected (BT), the screen prompts:

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Begin Tour Oper:000-LU
enter OPR or SEL LU or swipe BADGE:

After the operation number (130) has been entered, the screen prompts:

Begin Tour Oper:130
enter Local Unit or swipe BADGE

Swipe the employee's badge to complete the transaction. The screen will return to the menu screen to select your next entry. You must press "CLEAR" after the last transaction has been completed.

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Delete Bad Clock Ring Authorization Input Overview:

1. Press the "CLEAR" key, then **Swipe Authorizer Badge**
2. Enter Password
3. Select (2) Delete Bad Clock Ring
4. Enter Month (2 digits) of Bad Clock Ring
5. Enter Day for the Bad Clock Ring (2 digits)
6. Enter Time for the Bad Clock Ring (4 digits - Hour and hundredths)
7. Press the appropriate Function Key for the Bad Clock Ring (13T, OL, IL, MV or ET)
8. Enter the appropriate Operation Number if Bad Clock Ring is for a BT, U, or MV
9. Swipe Employee Badge or enter ID number
Press the "CLEAR" key after the LAST transaction has been completed

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Appendix 1

KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS

SHOW KEYS

Function	Keys
Display Error	Shift+Ctrl+E
Down	Down
Edit	Ctrl+E
List of Values	F9
Next Field	Tab
Next Record	Down
Previous Field	Shift+Tab
Previous Record	Up
Print	Ctrl+P
Return	Return
Scroll Down	PageDown
Scroll Up	PageUp
Show Keys	Ctrl+K
Up	Up

BUTTON SHORTCUTS

Button Name	Short-Cut
Clear	Alt-I
Find	Alt-f
Add	Alt-a
Delete	Alt-d
Change	Alt-h
Save	Alt-s
Close	Alt-c
Help	Alt-p
Duplicate	Alt-u
Calc	Alt-l
PreProc	Alt-o
Job Assgn	Alt-g
Add -CANCEL	Alt-l
Change -CANCEL	Alt-l
Next Emp	Alt-n
Conv Table	Alt-o
Run	Alt-u

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Appendix 2

TACS Reports

Active Operations Reports (TAC140R0)

- **Active Operations Report** is a listing of operations and local units that have been "turned on" or made valid for a particular finance number.
- **National Authorized Operations Report** provides a listing of nationally authorized operations, and CAG office and LDC Codes for which they are authorized.

Badge Reports (TAC050R0)

Badge Reports Module allows you to create and run 3 reports: for Badge Assignment, Unassigned Badges, and Badge Type Listing.

Clock Ring Reports (TAC800R0)

- **Clock Ring Errors Report** will display errors on a clock ring or set of clock rings that can not be posted for an employee. The report will also show employees who do not have time posted for a scheduled day or who do not crossfoot any day.
- **Missing Time Report** will show employees who do not have time posted for a scheduled day or who do not crossfoot on any day.
- **Overtime Alert Report** lists employees in an overtime status for the week or who are approaching overtime for the week.
- **Overtime and Leave Report** will list employees who have both overtime and leave on the same day.
- **Raw Ring Errors Report** shows raw ring errors.

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- **Ring Disallowance Report** lists employee clock-generated badge swipes that have been changed by a supervisor or timekeeper so that time is, in effect, "disallowed."
- **Self-Adjustment Report** lists all the users who made any type of change to their own clock rings.
- **Tour Deviations Report** is designed to allow the user the ability to select employees who deviate from their assigned schedule and/or lunch amounts.
- **Unauthorized Overtime Report** lists employees with overtime worked which exceeds the amount of overtime authorized.

EBR Network Reports (TAC620R0)

- **Collector/Poller Report** provides summary collector data for pollers, networks, and time clocks.
- **EBR Network Report** provides EBR network information.
- **EBR Time Clock Report** provides EBR Time Clock information.
- **Poller Log Report** provides poller information.

Employee Reports (TAC500R0)

- **Authorized Higher Level Report** lists employees who have been authorized Higher Level.
- **Automatic Higher Level Report** lists employees who have worked an operation that entitles them to automatic higher level.
- **Employee Everything Report** lists almost every thing in the TACS database for a particular employee for a particular year, pay period and week.
- **Employee File Comparison Report** lists TACS employees found with differences between what is in the master file in Minneapolis and TACS.

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- **Employee Listing Report** lists the employees within the office.
- **Employee Moves Report** displays the operations an employee has worked during the week.
- **Employees on the Clock Report** will display all employees currently on the clock.
- **Higher Level Details Report** will generate a report listing those employees on long term higher level details.
- **LTD Duty/REHAB Report** displays for each person on limited duty or rehabilitation, total hours to date for each operation. These are persons on Operation 959, or for whom the base Labor Distribution Code is 6900.
- **Carrier Moves Report** displays moves for letter carriers only.

Finance Reports (TAC100R0)

- **Hours and Dollars Report** displays the hours worked and an approximation of the cost, in dollars, for the selected criteria: pay location, finance unit finance number, weekly or range of weeks.
- **LDC/Operation Summary Report**
 - **The Operation Summary Report** totals work hours, overtime hours and sick leave hours by Operation or Operation/Local Unit code. These reports are based on operation hours attributed to the finance number you have selected.
 - **The LDC Summary Report** totals work hours, overtime hours and sick leave hours by LDC, LDC/Operation, or LDC/Operation/Local Unit code.
- **Station Summary Report** lists work, overtime and sick leave hours by LDC for carrier stations.

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- **Finance Description Report** will display information on finance number(s) selected, including ROG codes, CAG and office type.
- **Flash Reference Report** provides line item data totaling hours by LDC within function.
- **Finance Unit Descriptions Report** provides descriptions of finance units and pay locations.

LTATS Reports (TAC860R0)

- **LTATS - Loaned Employee Report** displays those employees 'loaned to' another office. It displays work hours, overtime, and Penalty Overtime.
- **LTATS - Missing CAG A to G Report displays missing LTATS (1236s)** for small offices on timecards.
- **LTATS - Summary Report** displays work and overtime hours that have been transferred to a different LDC/DA or loaned to another office.

Miscellaneous Site Report (TAC160R0) provides site descriptions and Finance and IS contacts for that site.

PPWk Reports (TAC840R0)

- **Non-Crossfoot Errors Report** lists employees who do not crossfoot for the week. This report is designed to be a tool at the end of the week, and it is recommended that it not be used until you are ready to release T&A data.
- **Pay Week Status Report** provides information regarding time transmitted to Minneapolis.
- **Weekly Form 1261 Report** provides employee clock rings in 1261 format.
- **Weekly Total Hours Report** provides the total amount of hours of each hours code and reason type recorded for the week.

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- **Pay Period Report** provides the status of aggregate pay period clock ring data.
- **Pay Week Status Detail Report** provides pay period status for individual employees: on hold, ready to upload, or closed.

Schedule Reports (TAC120R0)

- **Guarantee Waivers/No Lunch Report** will display authorizations for Guaranteed Time Waivers (Transaction Code 092), and No Lunch (Transaction Code 093).
- **Hours Analysis Report** displays work, overtime, sick leave and annual leave hours for each employee.
- **Hours Type Inquiry Report** lists employees with a specific hours type and/or the hours reason codes.
- **Master Schedule Report** identifies 23 predefined schedules.
- **REHAB/PTR Holidays Report** is designed to list REHAB (LDC 6900) and Part Time Regular employees (designation 3XX) who may be entitled to holiday leave but due to their work schedules the system does not automatically generate the holiday leave. This report is only available during weeks that contain a holiday.
- **Daily Hours Report** lists employees in performance cluster, finance number, sub-unit and employee order. The first line for each employee is the indicative data (Employee Id, Name, RSC, LDC, etc.). The next line will be the hours the employee has worked in his/her base job. Subsequent lines will reflect any hours worked in higher level positions.
- **Schedule Report** lists employees that are in a selected schedule.

Timecard Entry Report (TAC820R0)

Time Certification Report consists of "FRONT of TIMECARD" data. The employees are listed in: Performance cluster, Finance

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number, Sub-unit, and Employee order. This report must be generated weekly and saved for three years.

User Reports (TAC010R0)

- **The User Access Report** shows users who have access to the system.
- **The User Log Report** shows users who have logged on and off of TACS.

Valid Codes Report (TAC940R0)

Valid Codes Report provides a listing of valid national codes.

Archive Reports

The following 7 reports will be able to retrieve archive data in version 1 of TACS. Data that is archived is available for three years before being dropped.

Employee Reports

- Employee Everything Report
- Employee Listing Report
- Employee Moves Report

Finance Reports

- LDC/Operation Summary Report
- Station Summary

Schedule Reports

- Hours Analysis Report
- Daily Hours Report

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APPENDIX 3

Hours Codes/Reason Codes

HOURS CODES

The hours code is sometimes referred to as the payroll code.

010 - Begin Tour

011 - Move

012 - Out to Lunch

013 - In from Lunch

014 - End Tour

024 - AWOL

030 - Full LWOP Hours (Generated at mainframe)

031 - Partial LWOP Hours (Generated at mainframe)

032 - Telephone time

033 - Guarantee Telephone time

034 - Beeper Time

035 - Extra straight time

036 - Guarantee telephone overtime

043 - Penalty Overtime Payment (POP)

044 - Military LWOP

046 - Donated Leave - Personal

047 - Rural Free Saturday

048 - Holiday Schedule Premium

049 - OWCP LWOP Hours

050 - Rural Carrier Trips

051 - Rural carrier actual hours

052 - Work Hours

053 - Overtime Hours

054 - Night Work premium hours

055 - Annual Leave

056 - Sick Leave

057 - Holiday work

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058 - Holiday Leave
059 - Part Day LWOP
060 - Full Day LWOP
061 - Court Leave
062 - Guarantee time
063 - TE cross-foot (also for code 035)
065 - Meeting time
066 - Convention leave
067 - Military leave
068 - Guarantee overtime
069 - Blood donor leave
070 - Stewards duty time
071 - Continuation of pay leave
072 - Sunday Premium
073 - Out of schedule premium
074 - Christmas work
076 - Non-scheduled cross-foot
077 - Civil defense leave
078 - Act of nature leave
079 - Veterans funeral leave
080 - Relocation leave
081 - Civil disorder leave
082 - Travel within schedule
083 - Travel outside schedule
084 - Union official leave
085 - Voting leave
086 - Other paid leave
088 - Non-bargain reschedule premium
089 - Postmaster Org. leave
090 - Higher level authorization
091 - Overtime authorization
092 - Disallow guarantee time
093 - No lunch punch

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REASON CODES

The following are payroll codes with corresponding reason codes:

024 00 AWOL
 024 09 AWOL - Late
 049 00 OWCP - Regular
 049 99 IOD/OWCP - Family Medical Leave
 055 00 Annual leave - Regular
 055 01 Annual leave - Emergency
 055 09 Annual leave - Late
 055 99 Annual leave - Family Medical Leave
 056 00 Sick leave – Regular
 056 09 Sick leave - Late
 056 11 Sick leave - Restricted
 056 97 Sick leave - Dependent care
 056 98 Sick leave - FMLA Dependent care
 056 99 Sick leave - Family Medical Leave
 059 00 Part Day LWOP
 059 01 Part Day LWOP - in lieu of sick leave
 059 02 Part Day LWOP - Proffered
 059 03 Part Day LWOP - Personal
 059 04 Part Day LWOP - Other
 059 05 Part Day LWOP - Maternity
 059 06 Part Day LWOP - Suspension
 059 07 Part Day LWOP - Union Official
 059 08 Part Day LWOP – Suspending term
 059 09 Part Day LWOP - Late
 059 99 Part Day LWOP - Family Medical leave
 060 00 Full day LWOP
 060 01 Full day LWOP - in lieu of sick leave
 060 02 Full day LWOP - Proffered
 060 03 Full day LWOP - Personal
 060 04 Full day LWOP - Other

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060 05 Full day LWOP - Maternity
060 06 Full day LWOP - Suspension
060 07 Full day LWOP - Union official
060 08 Full day LWOP - Suspending term
060 09 Full day LWOP - Late
060 99 Full day LWOP - Family Medical Leave
071 00 COP - Regular
071 99 COP - Family Medical Leave
091 00 Overtime Authorization
091 01 OT Auth - Before Scheduled Tour
091 02 OT Auth - After Scheduled Tour
091 03 OT Auth - Full Tour
091 04 OT Auth - Before Scheduled Tour – Out of Schedule
091 05 OT Auth - After Scheduled Tour – Out of Schedule
091 06 OT Auth - Full Tour – Out of Schedule

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