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A local census worker will be canvassing in our neighborhood either on foot or in a car. All census workers may be identified by the government ID that they carry.

Census Workers Verify Addresses in the US

The initial phase of the 2010 Census has begun a week ahead of schedule according to Tom Mesenbourg, acting director of the US Census Bureau. "The primary goal of the census is to count everyone once, only once, and in the right place."

For this reason, census workers began the address canvassing phase and should conclude by mid-July. The census workers, identified by the official Census Badge they carry, will use hand-held computers equipped with GPS to increase geographic accuracy. The ability to capture GPS coordinates will greatly reduce the number of errors caused by using paper maps in previous counts.

At this time, workers are tasked to collect accurate mailing address and geographic location so that questionnaires may be mailed or hand-delivered next year.

What is the Census?

- The census is a count of everyone living in the United States every 10 years
- The census is mandated by the U.S. Constitution
- Your participation in the census is required by law.
- Federal law protects the information you share during the census
- Census data are used to distribute Congressional seats to the states, to make decisions about what community services to provide, and to distribute \$300 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year.

This information was obtained from, and additional information may be viewed at:

www.census.gov

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