Hello To All!

The Department of Elections is gearing up for an exciting and challenging election cycle. As always in a presidential election year, the world is watching Florida, particularly the I-4 corridor. We are ready for anything and everything. Online Poll Worker training will be expanded this year. You will see some new equipment to better serve our customers.

There have been some legislative changes that will greatly affect our jobs. A summary of those changes is included in the newsletter.

Locally, most of the 16 cities in Volusia County will have elections in 2012 as well as federal, state, and county elections. There are eight mayor races as well as several city commission/council races. Six of the seven County Council seats will also be on the ballot. Two School Board Member seats will see an election in the August Primary.

A major revision of precincts/polling places will occur after the Legislature redraws the political lines for Congress, State Senate, and State House seats. Currently, Volusia County has three Congressional Districts, four State Senate Districts, and six State Representative Districts.

Words cannot express my thanks to all who have stepped up to the plate to help me deliver fair and transparent elections. Thank you so very much!

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2011 Legislative Update

- Complete Rewrite of 3rd Party Voter Registrations.
- Requirement of polling place address to be included on Voter Information Card.
- Change of address within Florida is permitted over the phone or electronic means.
- Change of party and name can be done on signed written notice, not just on a voter registration application form.
- Reduces number of days for reporting requirements.
- Changes the Primary Election to 12 weeks prior to the General Election (Primary will be 8/14/2012).
- Signatures on petitions are valid for 2 years (formerly 4 years).
- Poll workers are prohibited from using address on ID for confirming elector’s address. Prohibits Poll Workers from requiring electors to recite address at the polls.
- Requires electors who change address from out-of-county at polling place (except active uniformed service members or family) to vote a provisional ballot.
- Requires the Division of Elections to prescribe forms for poll watchers; requires designation of poll watchers by party chairs; requires Supervisors of Elections to provide ID badge to poll watchers no later than 7 days prior to Early Voting.
- Provides that by 12/31/2013 all voting systems shall permit full placement of constitutional amendments on ballot.
- Begins early voting on the 10th day before elections; gives Supervisor of Election discretion to offer for other elections. Early voting shall be provided for no less than 6 hours and no more than 12 hours per day at each site.
- Requires Canvassing Boards to report all early votes and tabulated absentee results within 30 minutes after polls close, and precinct results a minimum of every 45 minutes thereafter.

Redistricting/Reapportionment

- One of the biggest issues that Departments of Elections state-wide face once every 10 years is reapportionment.
- Once the census is complete, city zone lines are redrawn, county council and school board districts are decided, the legislature draws congressional, state senate, and state house jurisdictional lines.
- After all of this is complete (probably May or June of 2012), Supervisors have maybe 2-3 weeks to add or reduce precincts and polling places.
- Criteria that will be used in adjusting precincts include: where the political lines are drawn, # of voters in the precinct, preferred method of voting (50% of the people who turn out to vote in Volusia will vote before Election day), location to other precincts and polling places, phone line and computer access, and turnout history by precinct.
This year the Department of Elections is implementing the use of EViDs both at Early Voting and on Election Day at the polls.

EViD (Electronic Voter Identification) is an electronic poll book that is replacing the need for bulky paper precinct registers at polling sites. Additionally, EViD will streamline the process of checking in voters by providing poll workers with printed information on what ballot style to issue, the proper disposition of voters needing assistance, and if a person is at the wrong polling site, provide the address of the correct location.

Each EViD station is a self-contained system with a touch screen, printer, magnetic stripe reader, signature pad and on-board voter registration file. During Election Day operations, each EViD communicates securely with elections headquarters to maintain up-to-the-minute accuracy on the Department of Elections voter registration file at every polling location.

- The voter’s Florida Driver License or Florida ID Card may be swiped on the EViD by a poll worker.
- Alternatively, if the person does not have a Florida Driver License or Florida ID Card, the record can be located on the EViD by entering a date of birth and name.
- If needed, a person’s name or residential address can be updated on the EViD.
- For voters attempting to check-in at the wrong polling location, EViD prints instructions to the correct site.

**Staffing**
Staffing for the January 31, 2012 Presidential Preference Primary Election (PPP) will begin shortly.

**Training**
Poll Workers who are staffed for the PPP will receive a Training Notice containing Online access information, the date, time and location for a classroom session.

**Online**
Poll Workers may be required to complete a portion of training online prior to attending a classroom session.

**Class Room**
Class Room training is scheduled for January 5 thru January 21.

Please arrive a few minutes early to check in; classes will begin on time!

**Location**
Westside - Department of Elections, Historic Courthouse
Eastside - Advanced Technology College (ATC) and Daytona State College (DSC)
WHAT’S NEW IN POLL WORKING TRAINING?

Training and Election Day Pay Rate
A standard training rate per position has been implemented to compensate for online and classroom training. **A Poll Worker will not be paid for training if he/she does not work on Election Day.**

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Availability to work in 2012

**Get Ready...Get Set...Go!** We are gearing up for a very busy 2012 Election Cycle. Please contact the training team if you are available to work the polls in 2012. Simply call the Department of Elections or email the training team at:

vcelectionteam@co.volusia.fl.us

Email
The training team anticipates using electronic mail to communicate more efficiently with poll workers. If an email address has not yet been provided, please do so by calling the Department of Elections or emailing the training team at:

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ATTENTION POLL WORKERS!
We need your email address in order to send important poll worker updates!