

Poll Watcher Training

2024



Training Introduction

Election Integrity is the right to vote in a free and fair election – one of our most basic American rights and one on which many of our other rights depend.

- **Uniformity for all** - All voters should have the same equal protection to vote
- **Voting in-person has the same Safeguards no matter** where or when voting occurs – **same rules should apply** – during early voting or on Election Day
- **Election Officers (EO)** are the 1st line of defense against election problems – they help run elections for Fairfax County and are trained by the County
- **Poll Watchers (PW)** are the 2nd line of defense – a second set of eyes to catch problems
 - Both need an understanding of Fairfax Election Day/Early Voting operations
 - Both must have a layman's understanding of the Code of VA 24.2
 - **Both must be a registered voter in Virginia** (§24.2-604C)

Poll Watcher Etiquette

- Walk in with the assumption that you are going to observe a well-run operation; that the Chief, Assistant Chief, and the Election Officers have been well trained, and they are doing their jobs to the best of their abilities
- No Rambo behavior! Be respectful, be professional. **Be Right, Be Polite!**
- If you notice something questionable, take your concerns first to the Chief or the Assistant Chief as a question, and then if there is still a concern, call or email the **HELPLINE:**

help@va.protectthevote.com

804-600-4809



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- Be respectful and courteous
- Know the process and observe
- Use the hotline and reporting form
- Know and always respect voting rights and laws protecting them

DON'TS

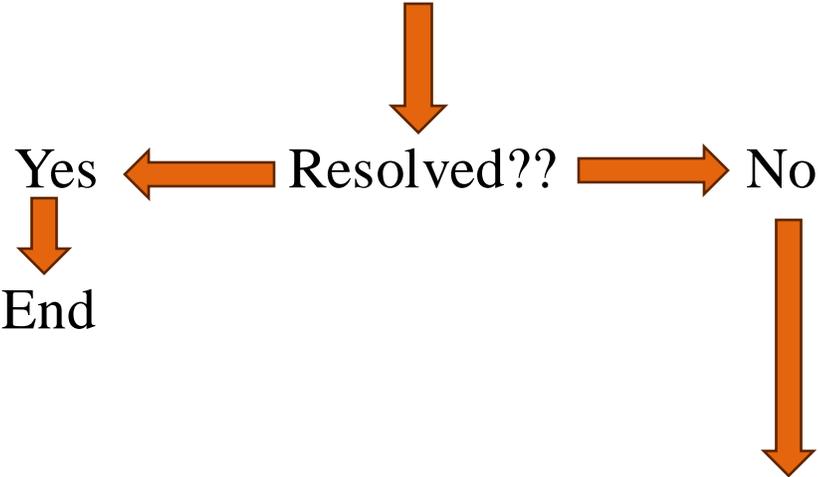
- Be disrespectful
- Be demanding
- Interfere or disrupt voting or the orderly conduct of the election
- Commit defamation or make unsubstantiated accusations
- Violate laws or voter rights



Remember: *YOU* represent the Republican Party

Issue Escalation Path

If you see or hear something you believe is being handled incorrectly, first pose your concern to the Chief or Assistant Chief as a question.



Call the RPV Hotline: **804-600-4809**

Include issue as an Incident on your Daily Report

Send email to: help@va.protectthevote.com

and cc: Pollwatchers@fairfaxgop.org

Training Objectives

- Inform Poll Watchers on the relevant election laws, procedures, and equipment for the 2024 Elections in Fairfax County
 - This is NOT a class on how to run the equipment; Poll Watchers do not touch any equipment, ballots, or forms
 - We have separate classes scheduled for working in the Central Absentee Precinct (CAP) for Absentee Ballot processing and for participating in Canvassing post the election
- Provide information on Poll Watcher roles and responsibilities and how to gather information on a Report Notes Form to report voting process data as well as any improper procedures
- Provide an online report template for you to report your observations via your computer/tablet after each shift you have poll watched and to collect needed data

Reporting Objectives

- Provide an online report template for you to report your observations via your computer/tablet after each shift you have poll watched and to collect the following data:
 - Daily DS200 scanner voting counts (public and protected counts)
 - Poll pad numbers
 - Red seal number (the red 1”x2” seal covering the the thumb drive compartment cover)
 - Zip ties seal numbers on DS200 lids and ballot compartments
 - Number of Absentee Ballots collected in the precinct drop box
 - Zip Tie seal number on the purple pouch on Election Day
 - Any FCOE instances of failures to follow proper procedures, or incidents reported to the Helpline

Report today to help reform elections tomorrow!

Sign-up for Poll Watching for Early In-Person Voting

Poll Watchers for Early Voting (In-Person)		
3 LOCATIONS (45 days)		
September 23 – November 5		
Early Voting Location	Address	Sign Up Link
Fairfax County Government Center	12000 GOVERNMENT CENTER PKWY, FAIRFAX, VA 22035	Sign Up
Mt. Vernon Governmental Center	2511 PARKER LN, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22306	Sign Up
North County Governmental Center	1801 CAMERON GLEN DR, Reston, VA 20190	Sign Up
13 SATELLITE LOCATIONS (10 days)		
October 27 – November 5		
Early Voting Location	Address	Sign Up Link
Burke Centre Library	5935 FREDS OAK RD, BURKE, VA, 22015	Sign Up
Centreville Regional Library	14200 SAINT GERMAIN DR, CENTREVILLE, VA, 20121	Sign Up
Franconia Governmental Center	6121 FRANCONIA RD, ALEXANDRIA, VA, 22310	Sign Up
* Lorton Library/Community Center	9520 Richmond Hwy, Lorton, VA 22079	Sign Up
Great Falls Library	9830 GEORGETOWN PIKE, GREAT FALLS, VA, 22066	Sign Up

Sign up for poll watching during Early Voting: 9/20 – 11/2

After your PW training, you will receive a link to all the online webpages for all the shift signups, similar to the graphic at left.

Click on a red SIGN-UP link in any of the 16 satellite sites where you can Poll Watch to choose specific dates/times.

Then, simply click on the time slots when you can Poll Watch, very much like how you signed up for PW training.

Keep your schedule confirmation email and use it if you need to change your shift – you can now self-cancel and reschedule yourself!



THANK YOU!