

Poll Watcher Training

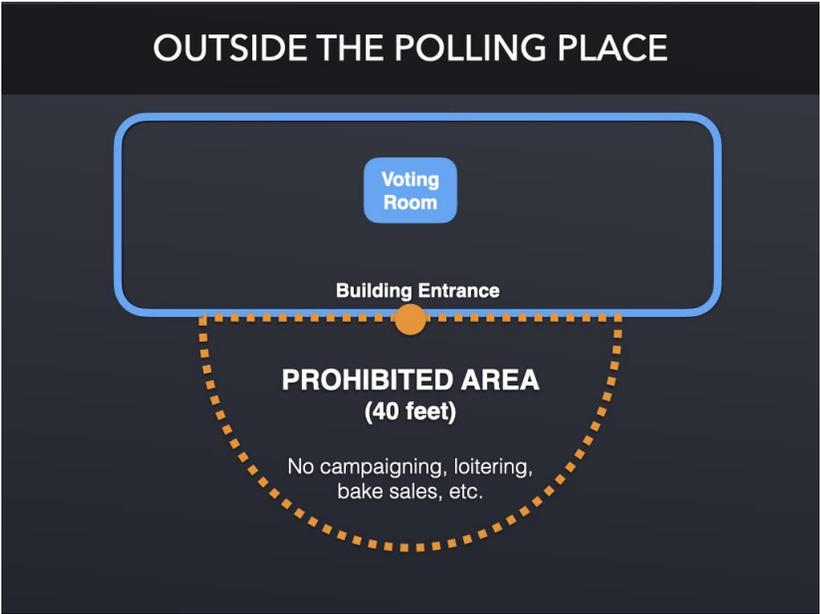
2024



POLLWATCHER BASICS



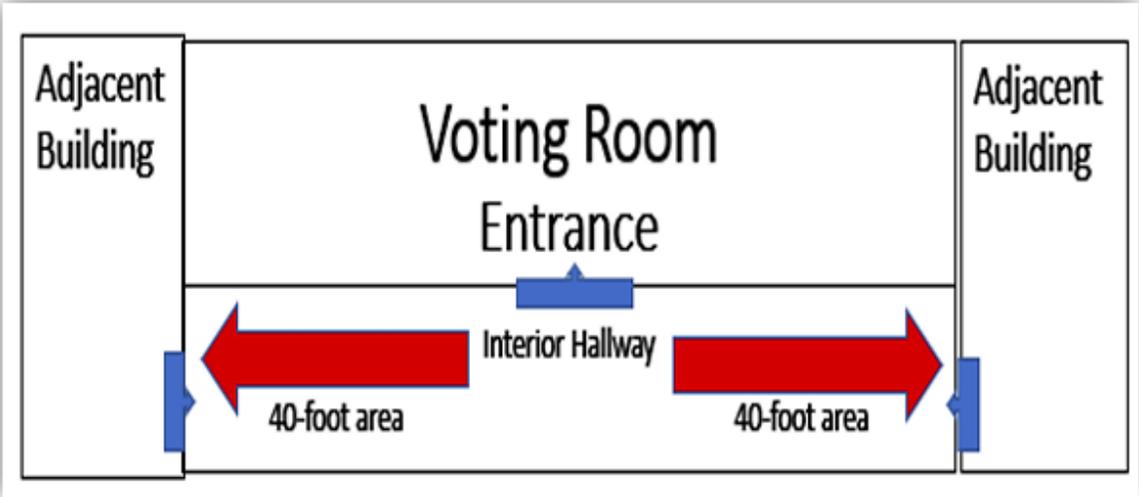
Outside the Precinct



No Campaigning or distribution of campaign materials within 40 feet of the precinct entrance.

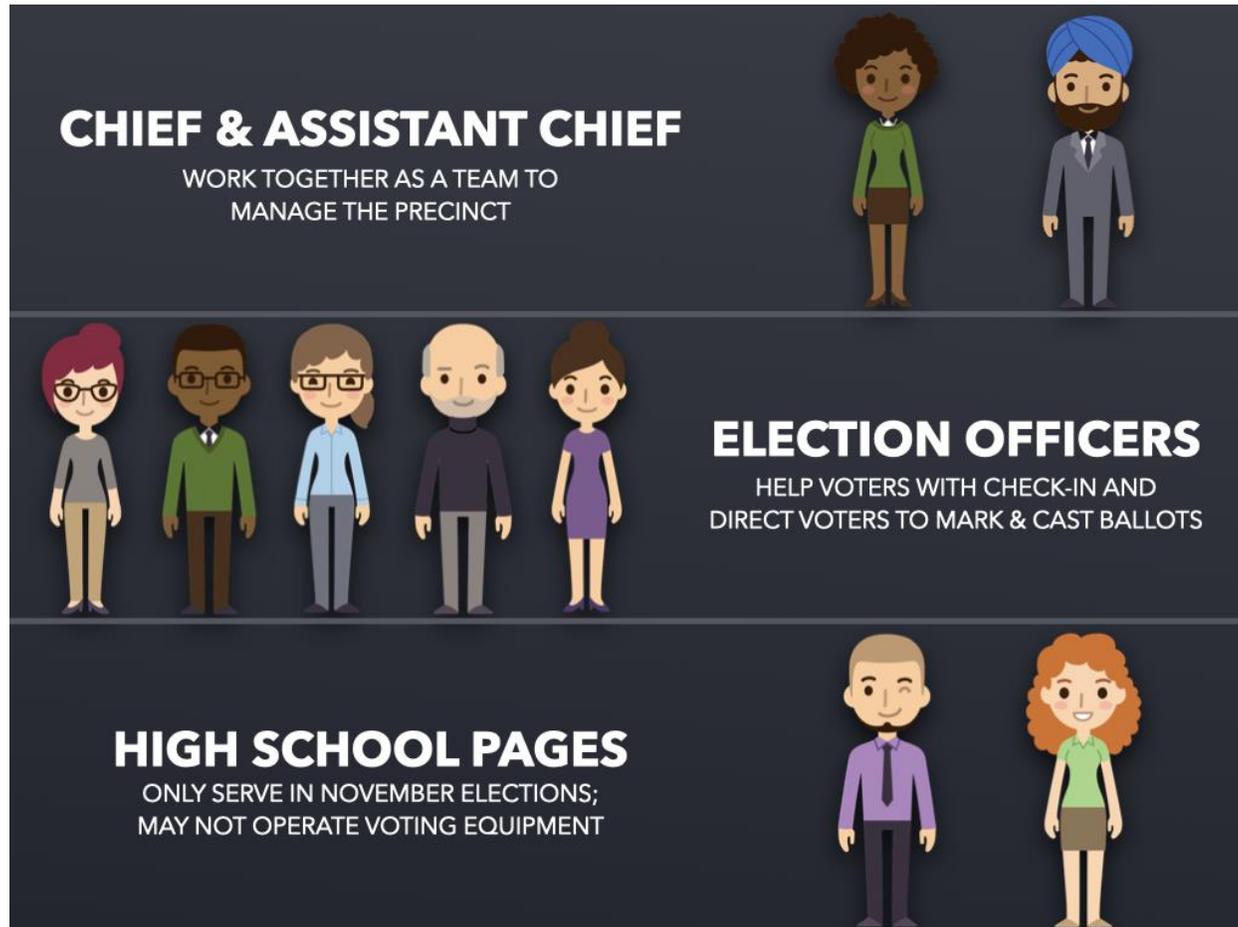
There will be other Republicans handing out sample ballots and engaging with voters outside the polling place.

Interior 40-foot marking for precincts with exception – Example



The 40' mark may be INSIDE the building, e.g., at the Greenspring precinct.

Who You May See Working in a Voting Location:

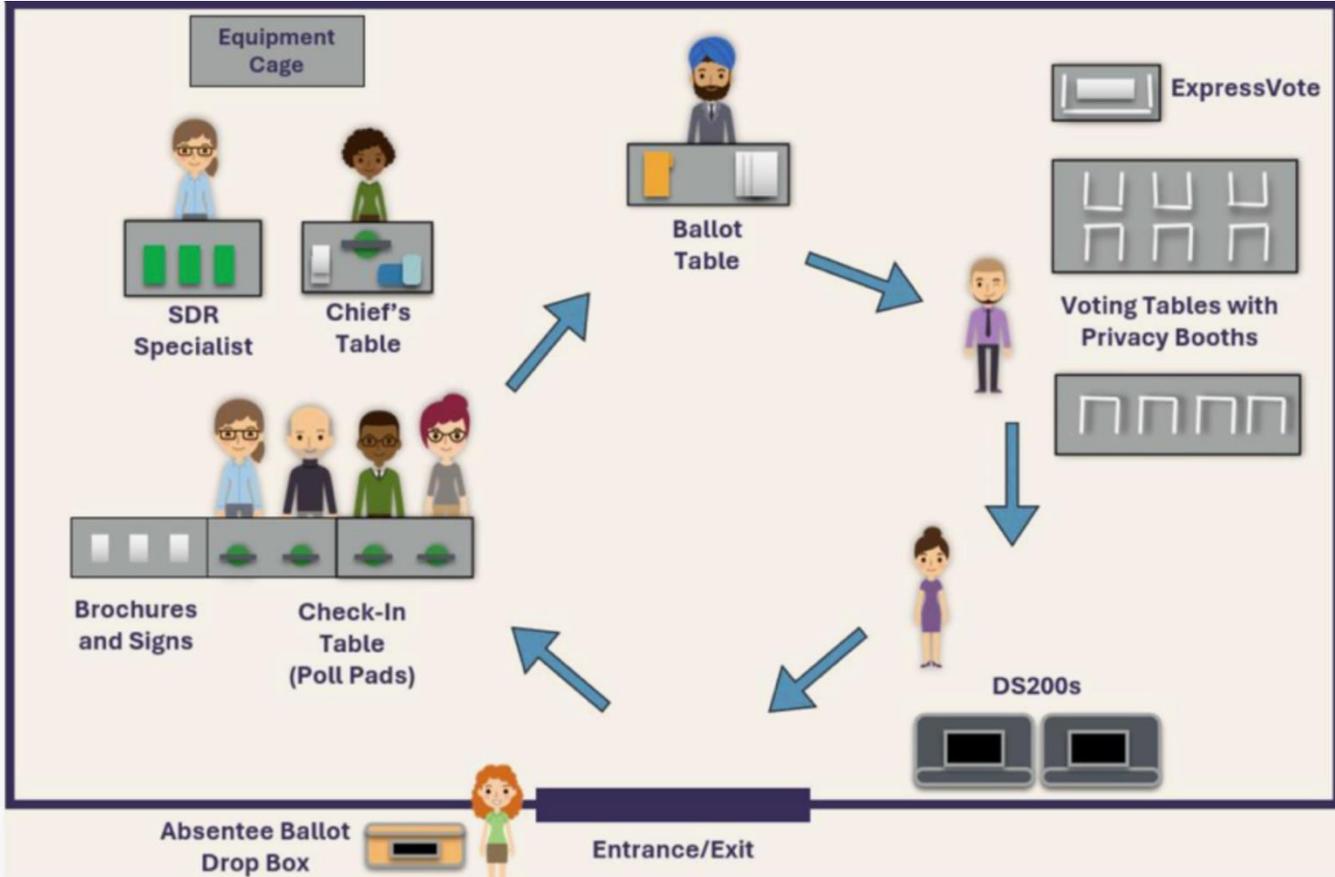


The Election Officer (EO) Team

Poll Watchers are allowed in the Precinct before, during, and after the polls are open.

Election Officer Rovers and Equipment Technicians may also be in a polling place.

Election Day Sample Voter Room Layout



Poll Watchers may sit or stand near the Check-in Table to observe the voter check-in process but won't be able to see the Poll Pads directly due to room layout.

Note the Absentee Ballot Drop Box on the lower left. This will usually be placed *inside* the polling place when there is room. If placed outside, the Drop Box must be manned by a dedicated EO.

Note: The ExpressVote machines are available upon request for any voter to use.

There will be a telephone at the chief's table or on the Poll Pad

During Early Voting; on Election Day, Chiefs use their own cell phone to receive voter calls requesting curbside voting.

Equipment You'll See



POLL PAD
ELECTRONIC POLLBOOK USED FOR VOTER LOOKUP & CHECK-IN

EXPRESSVOTE
ADA-COMPLIANT BALLOT MARKING DEVICE

DS200 DIGITAL SCANNER
BALLOT VOTING DEVICE

Printer for Ballot on Demand printing at check-in during Early Voting

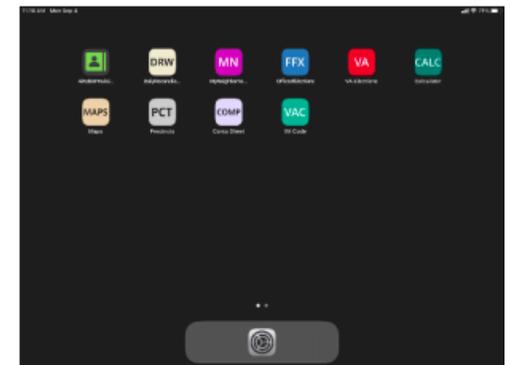


Poll Pad, the electronic register or poll pad of all Fairfax registered voters. It is used to find the voter in the registration database and “check-in” voters.

ExpressVote is an ADA-compliant ballot marking device for handicapped and foreign language voters. The voter makes his choices on a touch screen and then his ballot is printed. The voter then takes the printed ballot and enters it into the DS200 scanner.

Administrative iPad tablet for logging all provisional ballots and entering admin data.

The **DS200 Scanner** scans and tabulates all ballots and stores all the images on two thumb drives.



A Closer Look at the DS200 Scanner

Top lid and Ballot compartment box will both have zip ties with seal #s.

Red Seal Sticker covers the thumb drive compartment



Authorized Representative Letter

- After your training, you will be emailed a personalized copy of the Fairfax County Authorized Representative Letter. Print it out and bring at least one copy per shift.
 - **Note:** we ask all Poll Watchers to agree to a Code of Conduct as part of the shift sign-up process. The Code of Conduct will be shown as part of the messaging when you sign up for a shift in Argenta, the shift scheduling system.
- You must submit a copy of this letter *every time* you Poll Watch.
- Do not take pictures or videos of the precinct interior - not any voters nor any forms. You can see, hear, and observe, but not impede any precinct operations.
- Note: **November 5th** is not specific to that date alone but to the entire 2024 voting season and all election activities happening before, during, and after Election Day.




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AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE DESIGNATION

_____ is a qualified voter of the VA Commonwealth and is hereby designated as an authorized representative for the November 5, 2024 General Election.


Katherine C. Gorka
Chair, Fairfax County Republican Committee

§ 24.2-804.4. Polling places; authorized representatives of party or candidate; prohibited activities. (See also § 24.2-633, § 24.2-638, § 24.2-655, ELECT Guidance 9-10-2021, ELECT Advisory 10-6-2021)

A. The officers of election shall permit one authorized representative of each political party or independent candidate in a general or special election, or one authorized representative of each candidate in a primary election, to remain in the room in which the election is being conducted at all times. A representative may serve part of the day and be replaced by successive representatives. The officers of election shall have discretion to permit up to three authorized representatives of each political party or independent candidate in a primary election, to remain in the room in which the election is being conducted. The officers shall permit one such representative for each pollbook station. However, no more than one such representative for each pollbook station or three representatives of any political party or independent candidate, whichever number is larger, shall be permitted in the room at any one time.

B. Each authorized representative shall be a qualified voter of any jurisdiction of the Commonwealth. No candidate whose name is printed on the ballot shall serve as a representative of a party or candidate for purposes of this section.

Each representative shall present to the officers of election a written statement designating him to be a representative of the party or candidate that is signed by the county or city chairman of his political party, the independent candidate, or the primary candidate, as appropriate. If the county or city chairman is unavailable to sign such a written designation, such a designation may be made by the state or district chairman of the political party. However, no written designation made by a state or district chairman shall take precedence over a written designation made by the county or city chairman. Such statement, bearing the chairman's or candidate's original signature, may be photocopied, and such photocopy shall be as valid as if the copy had been signed.

C. Authorized representatives shall be allowed, whether in a regular polling place or central voter precinct, to be close enough to the voter check-in table to be able to hear and see what is occurring; however, such observation shall not violate the secret vote provision of Article II, Section 3 of the Constitution of Virginia or otherwise interfere with the orderly process of the election. Any representative who complains to the chief officer of election that he is unable to hear or see the process may accept the chief officer's decision, or if dissatisfied, he may immediately appeal the decision to the local electoral board or general registrar.

D. Authorized representatives shall be allowed, whether in a regular polling place or central absentee voter precinct, to use a handheld wireless communications device but shall not be allowed to use such a device to capture a digital image inside the polling place or central absentee voter precinct. The officers of election may prohibit the use of cellular telephones or other handheld wireless communications devices if such use will result in a violation of subsection A or C of §24.2-804 or §24.2-807.

E. Authorized representatives shall not be allowed in any case to provide assistance to any voter as permitted under §24.2-849 or to wear any indication that they are authorized to assist voters either inside or the polling place or within 40 feet of any entrance to the polling place.

F. The officers of election may require any person who is found by a majority of the officers present to be in violation of this section to remain outside of the prohibited area.

AUTHORIZED BY THE FAIRFAX COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

Authorized Representative Code of Conduct

As an Authorized Representative, I affirm that I am registered to vote in Virginia. I will be courteous with the public, election officials, election officers and all volunteers, regardless of political affiliation or any other personal attributes. I will comply with federal and Virginia laws including all laws listed on the Authorized Representative authorization form. If I observe non-compliance with election laws and required election processes, I will first communicate with the polling place Chief, and then with the legal resources (Hotline) provided by the Republican Party of Virginia. I will contact these same legal authorities to report incidents of harassment or intimidation of voters, election officials, election officers or any volunteers. As a representative of the Fairfax County Republican Committee, I will always perform my responsibilities as an Authorized Representative in a professional and polite manner.

Poll Watcher Responsibilities

1. **DON'T ARGUE:** You may ask questions of the Chief and the Assistant Chief and raise concerns. Do not dispute or challenge their determinations, or otherwise interfere with the conduct of the election. If your concern is not addressed, call the Helpline immediately at **804-600-4809**
2. **DOCUMENT THE FACTS:** Raise questions and concerns immediately – and then document each incident when you have time on your **Report Form**
3. **SPEAK ONLY WITH THE Chief and Assistant Chief:** Do not interrupt Election Officers from doing their jobs. When you're talking, you're not observing.
4. **Do Not Speak with Voters or Offer to Help Them**
5. **Do Not Touch any Machines, Ballots, or any Voting Forms. Do not photo anything - not voters, nor forms**
6. **BE PROFESSIONAL:** Avoid inflammatory language. Don't give them an excuse to expel you. If you're inside the polling place, you can observe, raise concerns, and report to the Helpline. If you are removed inappropriately, call the Helpline!
7. **STAY CURRENT: Check for PW resources throughout Election Season at:**
<https://fairfaxgop.org/fairfax-gop-poll-watcher-resources>

How to Prepare and What to Do

Get Ready:

1. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes that look respectable; dress in layers in anticipation of outside weather changes and inside temperature fluctuations
2. Do not wear ANYTHING political, law enforcement or military in nature – e.g., no MAGA hats or pins

Bring:

1. **At least one copy of your Fairfax GOP Letter of Authorization form and paper Report Form for each shift you work**
2. Job aid information: Pocket Guide
3. Charged cell phone so you can call the RPV Helpline 804-600-4809 (put it in your cellphone contact list)
4. Your own food and drink; don't eat/drink refreshments provided for the EOs
5. Reading material for slow times with few voters (e.g., initial days of early voting)

Introduce Yourself:

1. To the Chief and present your Letter of Authorization.
 - Note: By tradition in Fairfax County the Chief is a Republican, and the Assistant Chief is a Democrat (based on the party of the current sitting Governor).
2. The Chief will give you a sticker identifying you as a Republican and role as an AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE



THANK YOU!