The Patriot

Poll Workers of Okaloosa County *Summer 2016*

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Patriot Poll Workers,

First, let me tell you how extremely proud I am of the job you did in March. With everything new, you conducted such a smooth election that many voters did not even realize changes had been made! I continue to hear nothing but positive comments when I'm out in the community from voters who appreciate how smooth the process was for them. Even at our summer conference, I heard nothing but praise from other counties who couldn't believe we made so many changes and had virtually no problems. Well done, all!

As I warned you, there are changes ahead for August and November. Though we have done our best to minimize them, some of them are changes sent down from lawmakers.

They have added three new forms of photo ID to the list of approved IDs, bringing the total up to 12. The first two are pretty straightforward: Florida Conceal Carry Permits and Veteran's Health ID cards issued by the VA. The third is actually pretty broad and covers many more potential forms of ID—Employee ID cards issued by any branch of the Federal, State, County or Municipal Government. As many of these IDs don't have signatures on them, I suspect most people will still just produce a driver's license.

Another change that doesn't really impact you directly is a change in terminology. They changed the wording in the law so now we will refer to all things absentee as "vote by mail." So don't be surprised if the EViD screen now says "Voter has requested to vote by mail" or "Voter has voted by mail" instead of the verbiage you're used to. We'll know more by the time training classes start.

As of this writing, the races are now solidified. It looks like all but one of the local races (County Commission, Dist. 1) will be open to all voters, though we will still have different ballot styles for Republicans, Democrats and Non-Party voters. We have another surprise this year, too—the first-ever statewide Libertarian Party Primary! That means that all precincts will have no fewer than four ballot styles. The good news is that the heavier the Primary ballot is, the less there will be on the General election ballot!

In any case, I know you will all do well. We all learned many valuable lessons in March and I just know that we'll be the usual well oiled machine by the time November gets here!

Have a safe summer and come back in August refreshed and raring to go!

Jane's Corner

After years of honing our skills with the same old equipment, we began the new election year with virtually everything new. You tackled the training classes and workshops with enthusiasm and excitement, and it paid off with a smooth election. There were the expected hiccups, and I am so proud of how you handled the issues that came up. Thank you all for your input at After-Action meetings and with emails to help us have an even better election in August.

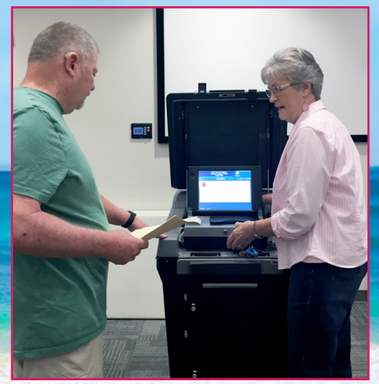
As usual, there will be changes for the next election, and I think, so far, they are all good ones that will make things even easier for us.

We are waiting on some changes in the software for the EViDs in order to make some last-minute corrections in the manual pages. And, YES, we will have some revised pages to give you at the July and August classes.

My life is richer working with the patriotic and dedicated poll workers in Okaloosa County. We are so proud of you and the tremendous job you do. Thanks for all the volunteer hours, the training hours, the positive attitudes and all the smiles we saw on election day. I'm looking forward to seeing all those smiling faces at the upcoming classes as we get ready for another great election. Give yourselves a big pat on the back!

Jane

New Procedures Training



2016 Election-Specific Training Classes

Classes are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Day	Date	Time	Location	Who
August 30, 2016 - Primary Election Classes				
Tues.	July 19	9:00 am	New Beginnings Church, Crestview	Trainers **ONLY**
Wed.	July 20	9:00 am	New Beginnings Church, Crestview	Clerks/Assistant Clerks
Thurs.	July 21	1:00 pm	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Clerks/Assistant Clerks
		5:30 pm	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Clerks/Assistant Clerks
Tues.	July 26	9:00 am	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Experienced Inspectors
		1:00 pm	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Experienced Inspectors
		5:30 pm	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Experienced Inspectors
Thurs.	July 28	1:00 pm	Woodlawn Baptist Church, Crestview	Experienced Inspectors
		5:30 pm	Woodlawn Baptist Church, Crestview	Experienced Inspectors
Tues.	Aug. 2	9:00 am	First Presbyterian Church, Niceville	Experienced Inspectors in **ONLY** **Pcts 16/37, 20, 25/36/43, 26/40, and 46**
		1:00 pm	First Presbyterian Church, Niceville	Experienced Inspectors
Thurs.	Aug. 4	9:00 am	New Beginnings Church, Crestview	North County Bailiffs
Fri.	Aug. 5	9:00 am	Salvation Army Chapel, FWB	South County Bailiffs
Tues.	Aug. 9	9:00 am	Trinity United Methodist Church 403 Racetrack Rd NW, FWB	**NEW POLL WORKERS (never worked OR not worked since 2013)**
Thurs.	Aug. 11	9:00 am	New Beginnings Church 412 James Lee Blvd W, Crestview	**NEW POLL WORKERS (never worked OR not worked since 2013)**
November 8, 2016 - General Election Classes				
Mon.	Sep. 26	9:00 am	New Beginnings Church, Crestview	Trainers **ONLY**
Wed.	Sep. 28	9:00 am	New Beginnings Church, Crestview	Clerks/Assistant Clerks
Thurs.	Sep. 29	1:00 pm	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Clerks/Assistant Clerks
		5:30 pm	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Clerks/Assistant Clerks
Tues.	Oct. 4	9:00 am	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Experienced Inspectors
		1:00 pm	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Experienced Inspectors
		5:30 pm	Trinity United Methodist Church, FWB	Experienced Inspectors
Thurs.	Oct. 6	1:00 pm	Woodlawn Baptist Church, Crestview	Experienced Inspectors
		5:30 pm	Woodlawn Baptist Church, Crestview	Experienced Inspectors
Tues.	Oct. 11	9:00 am	First Presbyterian Church, Niceville	Experienced Inspectors in **ONLY** **Pcts 16/37, 20, 25/36/43, 26/40, and 46**
		1:00 pm	First Presbyterian Church, Niceville	Experienced Inspectors
Thurs.	Oct. 13	9:00 am	New Beginnings Church, Crestview	North County Bailiffs
Fri.	Oct. 14	9:00 am	Salvation Army Chapel, FWB	South County Bailiffs
Tues.	Oct. 18	9:00 am	Trinity United Methodist Church 403 Racetrack Rd NW, FWB	**NEW POLL WORKERS (never worked OR not worked since 2013)**
Thurs.	Oct. 20	9:00 am	New Beginnings Church 412 James Lee Blvd W, Crestview	**NEW POLL WORKERS (never worked OR not worked since 2013)**

Please note: This 2016 Training Classes schedule is strictly for your planning purposes. Reserve the training date of your choice on your calendar **now.**

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