

Pollworker Points...

October 2002

GENERAL ELECTION TRAINING SCHEDULE

Please note that there has been a change in the schedule for Precinct Supervisors and Voter Registration Technicians. Workers assigned to these positions with their alternates from the entire county will train in one session at Pasco Hernando College in New Port Richey.

Reminder notices about your scheduled training for the General Election will be in the mail soon. Inspectors from the southwest region of the county received notices before the Primary Election with a training date of September 4, 2002, for the General Election. The correct date of October 30, 2002, will be reflected on your reminder card. Please call Joyce or Eleanor as soon as possible to let them know if you cannot be at your training session or work on November 5th.

Election Date

**General Election
November 5th**



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Pasco County DOES have the Touch! Congratulations for a Job Well Done!

Thank you to all the pollworkers who served Pasco County on September 10, 2002. Your dedication and hard work made our county shine! Through your efforts and attentiveness, our election was a great success.

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Our Voting System Supervisors were an integral part of our victory. With endless training sessions (both optional and mandatory), their attention to detail and "A Reader by their side" their task flowed evenly throughout the day. Results started pouring in around 9:10 p.m. and continued until the last precinct reported. The dedication, support and attentiveness of our Voting System Supervisors are very much appreciated. Great job!

To all pollworkers who worked tirelessly through our 9:00 p.m. closing time...**THANK YOU!!!** We could not do this without you and please be aware that you are the Key to our Success. We are very proud to have you as part of our team!

See you in November. ■

Training Dates for General Election

WEST PASCO

Precinct Supervisors

Pasco Hernando Community College
Room C-205
October 26th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Voter Registration Technicians

Pasco Hernando Community College
Room C-205
October 26th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Clerks and Assistant Clerks

River Ridge Middle/High School
October 29th, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Poll Deputies

River Ridge Middle/High School
October 30th, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Inspectors

River Ridge Middle/High School
Northwest Inspectors
October 29th, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Southwest Inspectors
October 30th, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

EAST AND CENTRAL PASCO

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Voting System Supervisors

This position will be trained in small group classes over several days. You will only be required to attend one three (3) hour session. The dates and times shown are for all the classes. You will be assigned specific sessions to attend.

CENTRAL - School Board Meeting Room
October 24th, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

EAST - Election Support Center
October 23rd, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WEST - Pasco Hernando Community College - Room C-205
October 21st-22nd, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

REMINDERS

1. Read your training manual and bring it to our training session. (Only new workers will be issued training manuals at the next training session)
2. Take your manual to work election day.
3. Deputies, wear your hat and badge to work.
4. Attendance at your training session is mandatory in order to work election day.

A Special Thank You!

Thank you to all of our fellow county workers who "gave us a hand" on Election Day. Thanks for arranging time off to attend training sessions and assisting us at the polls. Your professionalism and knowledge was invaluable to us on Election Day. Keep up the great work and see you in November!

Deputies... Where are You?

Every election year we recruit, train and swear in new deputies. Somehow, by the time Election Day nears, we are short of deputies. Where have they gone? If you or someone you know would like to become a deputy, have them call Eleanor (East and Central) or Joyce (West) for a background clearance application. We still have time before the General Election in November.

FYI...



Some procedural concerns to address prior to November 5 ...

Though election day in Pasco County was a great success, there are always areas in which we can improve and better serve our voters. Below is a list of areas we found where more care and attention need to be given.

Precinct Supervisors and Clerks ...

- 1) When your Voting System Supervisor gives you **the red bag** at the end of the day, it **should be returned in the GREEN BAG**, not the gray one.
- 2) **Polling places must be returned to the condition in which you found them that morning.** If tables/chairs need to be put back, then do so. Clean up after yourselves. It is more and more difficult to find polling places. We are guests in their facilities so we must accommodate them, not vice versa. This is not optional.
- 3) **ALL voting units** are to be set up and electronically opened. Some clerks made the decision to leave some unopened. Voting System Supervisors have been instructed to be sure they are all open. Let them do their job.

ALL Pollworkers ...

- 1) Please use common courtesy with voters who might need some sort of assistance at the polls – not just with voting – but with mobility issues, etc.
 - a. If someone needs a chair, offer them one.
 - b. If someone needs an arm for steadying themselves, offer them one.
 - c. Etc., etc., etc.Just remember ... it never hurts to be courteous.
- 2) Don't turn any voter away without exhausting all resources available to you for assisting. Many people will show up at the wrong precinct in November because they did not receive or did not look at their new voter ID card. If they are not on your precinct register, first ask for their new voter ID card. Check the precinct on it where they should be voting. If they don't have it, then be sure to call the phone bank.
- 3) Remember ... the voting system supervisors are in charge of the equipment. They have a procedure they are required to follow in opening the units for voting and in closing down at the end of the day. Please don't jump ahead of them or try to supersede their task.
- 4) Study the manual!!!!!!
- 5) Voter signature and photo identification is used **only** to compare those two items – photo and signature. Do not use it to compare spelling of name or addresses. Too many people were inconvenienced on election day because a precinct register inspector made an inappropriate comparison.
- 6) When your task assignment is at the demonstrator unit, don't be overly aggressive. People are allowed to vote without receiving a demonstration of the voting equipment. It is their choice.
- 7) Read the message on the signature line on the precinct register – then follow procedures in your manual.

Voting System Supervisors ...

- 1) At 7:00 a.m., let voters begin to vote on those machines that are already opened electronically...**even if** other machines aren't yet opened or you don't have your zero tape.
- 2) **ALL PEB's ...** green- banded master, red-banded activators and demonstrators ...are all to be returned in the red bag.

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