

DECEMBER 2014

**The Winning Name Revealed!** See page two- "What is in a name".

## Review of Persons Assisting Voters:

A voter may ask for assistance in reading and/or marking the ballot because of blindness, disability, or illiteracy. The voter may choose anyone he or she wants to provide assistance (including two poll workers, each from a different political party) with the exception of:

- His/her employer
- An agent of his/her employer
- An officer or agent of his/her union
- A candidate on the precinct's ballot

A **Declaration of Elector Unable to Mark Ballot** form must be completed if the voter requires assistance in marking the ballot. The form is required when, once the voter has verbalized his/her selection, the assistant either:

- Makes the selection on the voting machine
- Fills-in the circle on a paper ballot

However, a Declaration of Elector Unable to Mark Ballot form is not required if the voter makes the selection on the screen or paper ballot and he/she simply asks the assistant for help in reading the ballot.

(Substitute Senate Bill Number 205, R.C. 3505.24 - Page 36 in training manual)

## OUR MISSION

"To recruit, train, and place the best poll workers who are committed to serving voters with excellence and civic pride."

## GOOD TO KNOW

• **Lost Voters?** Whenever a voting location change is made, the Board of Elections mails a notice before the next election to every voter who is affected by the change. Should a voter not vote in that election, there is a chance that he/she may forget about the location change and go to the old location.

• **OOPS!** Election Day texts to VLM's were incomplete due to a restriction in the number of characters allowed. In the future we will keep text messages to 150 characters or less or send multiple texts when needed.

GENERAL INFORMATION

## VOTING LOCATION MANAGER

**Courtney** "the crew does the job" **Chapman, VLM Lid 1116, Mayfair Village Retirement Community**

Mr. Chapman's words of wisdom to VLMs:

1. Relationships are everything; I make sure that everyone is introduced to each other first thing in the morning.
2. I tell my crew that we are the face of government and our behavior is how the voters see our government in operation.
3. We are here to find ways for people to vote.

Though his management style is well grounded, his career with the OSU Dept. of Aviation had him in the air over Don Scott Airport before there were fences or a control tower. Courtney is also retired from the Ohio National Guard, the Ohio Emergency Management Agency and currently serves as a reservist with FEMA. When asked why he works as a PEO, "Having served 16 years on Worthington City Council I wanted to see how the voting process worked on the other side."

-Thank you Courtney for your great service.



ROSTER JUDGE

The Board of Elections had 30 Standby poll workers ready to be placed on Election Day morning. They arrived at either the BOE Office or Warehouse at 5:30 AM and were assigned to voting locations from there. Thank you to all of our Stand By poll workers who were willing to go wherever needed.

Stand By

VOTING MACHINE JUDGE

For the November Election, voters had the option to vote on the machine or request a paper ballot. Only 76 out of 192,399 voters requested a paper ballot. Thank you for your professionalism and dedication to providing informed assistance to the voter. As a result, you helped to instill trust in the voting process.

PAPER BALLOT JUDGE

Your dedication to processing the voters correctly paid off for the November Election with 96% of the Provisional ballots cast counted. This is up from the Primary Election by 4%. With your continued diligence and our commitment to training excellence we have a great chance of achieving 100%.



★ PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

**PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS Quiz**

1. A voter's name is in your Signature Poll Book but he/she gives you a current address that is not in your Location Street Guide (yellow pages). You should:
  - a. Have the voter vote a provisional ballot
  - b. Use the County Street and Road guide to determine the voter's new voting location, complete a Voter Transfer Form, and send the voter to his/her correct voting location.
  - c. Tell the voter that he/she cannot vote and should simply go home



**May 5, 2015**  
Primary Election

**2014 General Election Totals:**

- Registered Voters: 803,863
- Ballots Cast Total: 299,136
- Election Day Voters: 192,399  
*(incl. 12 Curbside Voters)*
- Absentee Voters: 100,126
- Provisional Voters: 6,747

**Voter Turn Out: 37.21%**

Please Note:  
Numbers taken from "Official Canvass" posted by the BOE 11/21/2014

**What is in a name?**

"Morse Code", a system of sending messages. ALSO

**Morse** our new location.

**Code** defined as:

1. A system of letters, numbers, or symbols into which normal language is converted to allow information to be communicated briefly, or electronically
2. A system of accepted laws and regulations that govern procedure or behavior
3. A set of unwritten rules concerning acceptable standards of behavior, i.e. moral code.

There were 21 names submitted. Thanks to our winner who chose to remain anonymous!

**What is the Champions of Democracy program?**

The BOE partners with corporations and agencies in on-site recruitment and training of employees to serve as poll workers.

Thank you November Election Champions:

- AEP
- Bureau of Worker's Compensation
- City of Columbus
- COTA
- Franklin County Courts
- Jobs & Family Services
- John Glenn School (OSU)
- Motorists Mutual Insurance
- Nationwide
- State Auto

*(If your company/agency would be interested in becoming a Champion of Democracy, please contact Steve at 525.5353).*

Franklin County Board of Elections  
**NEEDS YOU**



**Poll Worker Recruitment**

The Secretary of State's office has done a great job in helping all 88 counties recruit poll workers.

Statewide they had over 1300 voters express interest for November.

Through the SOS Website, Franklin County signed up 94 PEOs to serve on Election Day.

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**As a Precinct Election Official**

- Get a front row seat on Election Day by staffing a polling place
- Do your part for your country, state and local community
- Earn extra spending money in the process

SECRETARY OF STATE

FAQ

★ DICTIONARY OF TERMS

**1. Which of the following is a TRUE statement concerning those conducting Exit Polls at a voting location (Training Manual page 200):**

- a. They must be outside of the 100-ft "No Campaigning" boundary
- b. They must bring poll workers coffee and donuts upon arrival
- c. They must be outside of the building but are allowed inside the 100-ft boundary

**2. The Voter Contact Page is used (Training Manual page 204):**

- a. To record names and phone numbers of voters who were asked to leave because of an emergency in the voting location
- b. To record the names and phone numbers of voters who wear contact lenses.
- c. To record the names and phone numbers of people checking the posted pink, green and white Voter Registration Lists.

**KNOW SOMEONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO BE A POLL WORKER?**

Have them call us at 614/525-5393 or go on line at <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov/precinct-official/>



Problems and Solutions Answer: 1=b  
Dictionary of Terms Answers: 1=c, 2=a

