

Election Operations 2018 Review

Montgomery County Board of Elections



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of Candidates filed at Montgomery Board

2018

190 candidates

2014

134 candidates



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Local Contests

- ☐ County Executive
- ☐ County Council
- ☐ State's Attorney
- ☐ Clerk of the Circuit Courts
- ☐ Register of Wills
- ☐ Sheriff
- ☐ Board of Education
- ☐ Central Committee
- ☐ Write-In



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Public Election Fund Implemented in 2018 Government Roles

Per Maryland Election Law Code Ann. Section 13-505, a County may elect to establish a system of public campaign financing for elective offices in the Executive and Legislative Branches of the County's government. This Program is to be administered by the Chief Financial Officer of the County and is subject to regulation and oversight by the Maryland State Board of Elections. The County will set the criteria that candidates must satisfy to become eligible for participation in the Program.



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Public Election Fund 2018 Participants

Applicants	39
Qualified	25 (64%)
Not Qualified	14 (36%)



Public Election Fund

Minimum Requirements

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Elective Office	Number of Qualifying Contributions (\$5.00 minimum - \$150.00 Maximum)	Aggregate Total
County Executive	500	\$40,000.00
At-Large Councilmember	250	\$20,000.00
District Councilmember	125	\$10,000.00

Supply Warehouse



919,300 Ballots – 2.75m Pieces of Paper



Setting Up Ballots



Ballot Packing for Early Voting



Equipment Packed for Delivery



Early Voting Set-Up



Election Night Returns



Election Night Returns



Audit Process



Equipment Returns



Polling Places

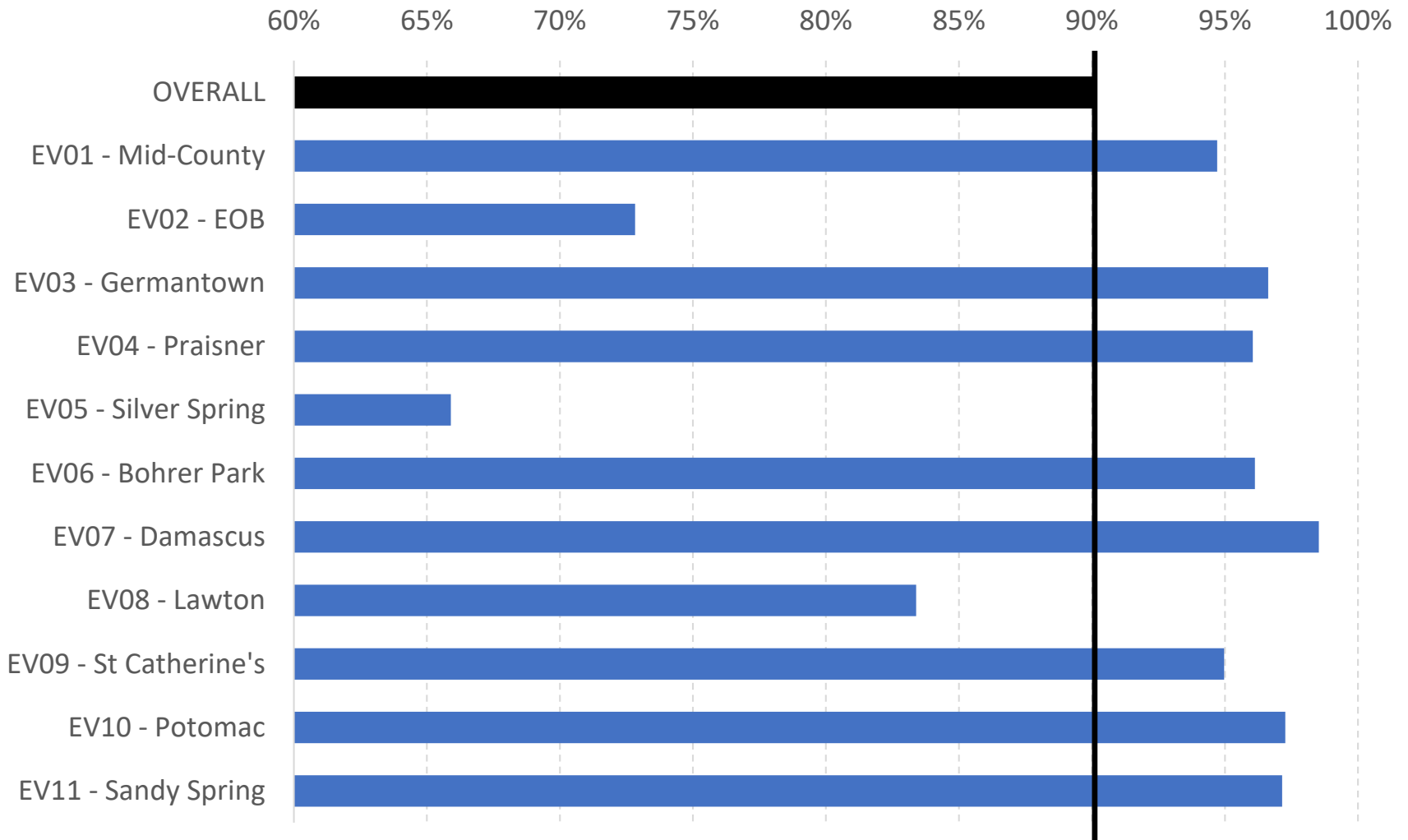
11 Early Voting Centers
236 Election Day Polling Places
258 Total Precincts



How did you travel to your voting location?

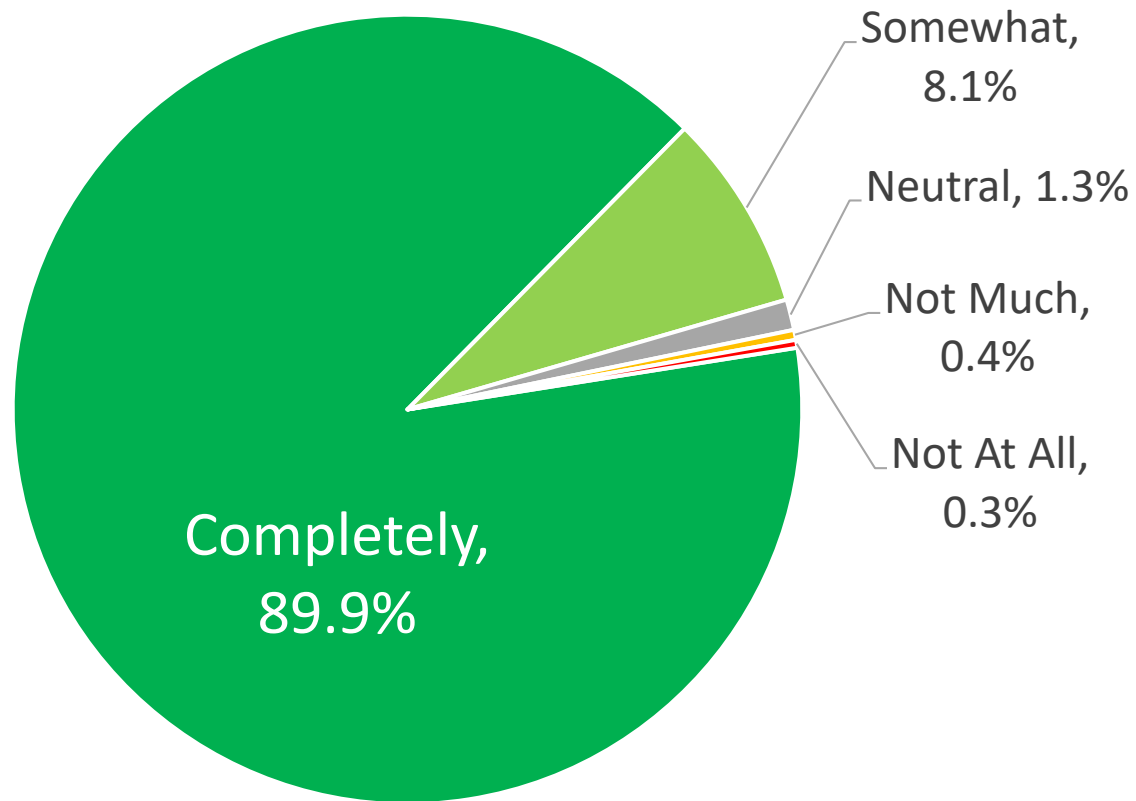
	Early Voting	Election Day
Drive	90.1%	83.1%
Walk/bike	7.8%	15.7%
Public transit	2.1%	1.2%

% of Voters Driving to Early Voting Centers

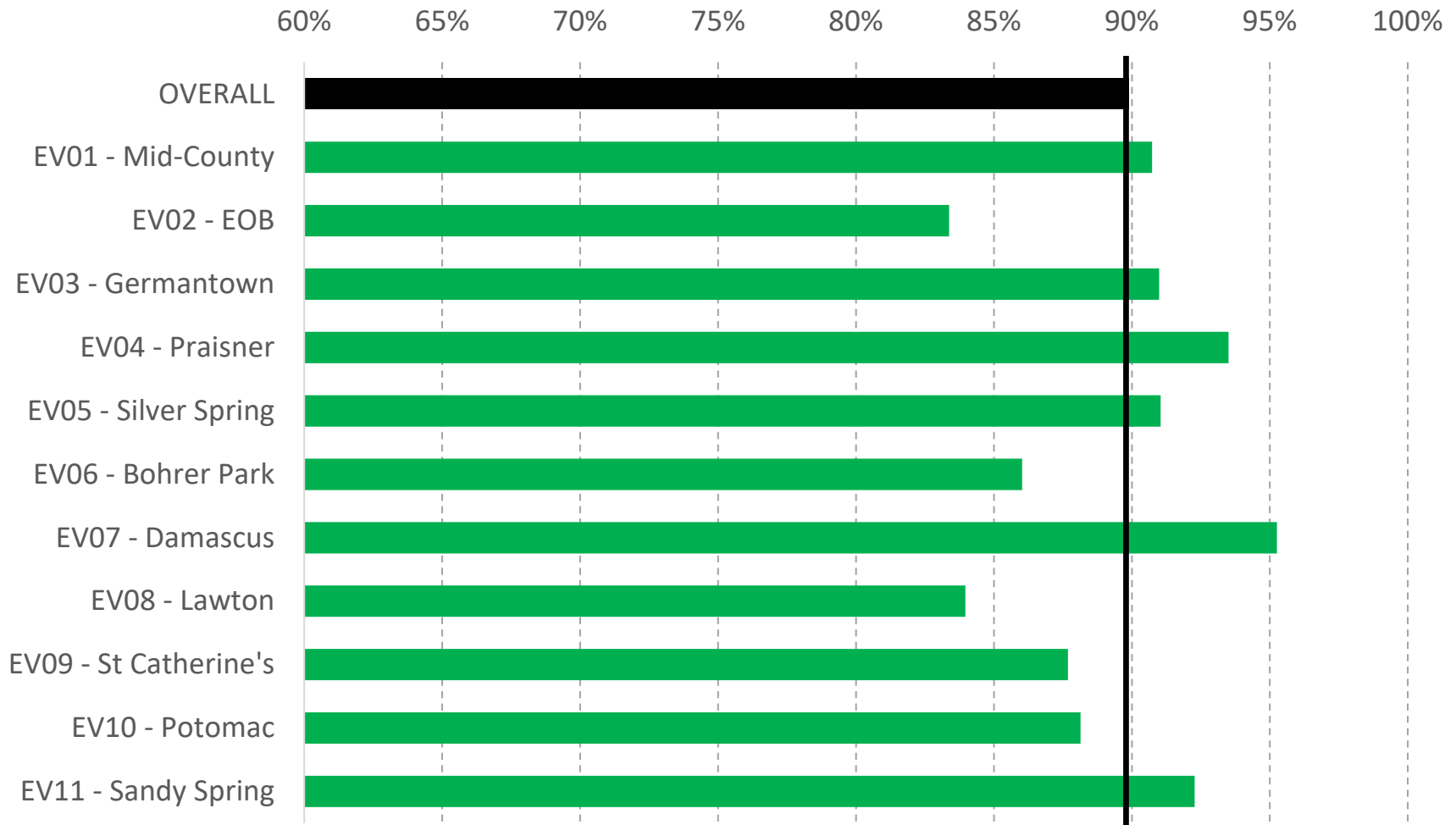


2018 General Election

How convenient was your Early Voting Center?

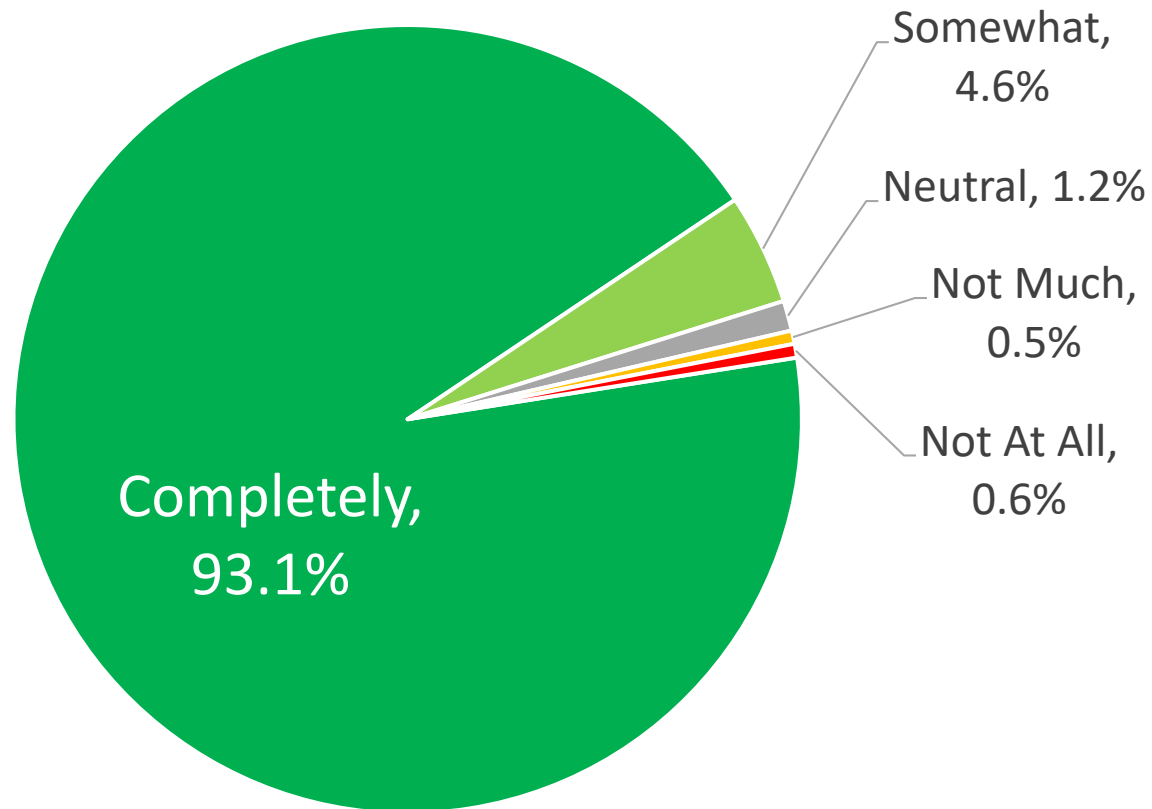


% of Early Voting Centers Rated as “Completely Convenient”



2018 General Election

*How convenient was your
Election Day polling place?*



Polling Place ADA Compliance



ADA and Polling Place Remediation

**VOTER
REST AREA**



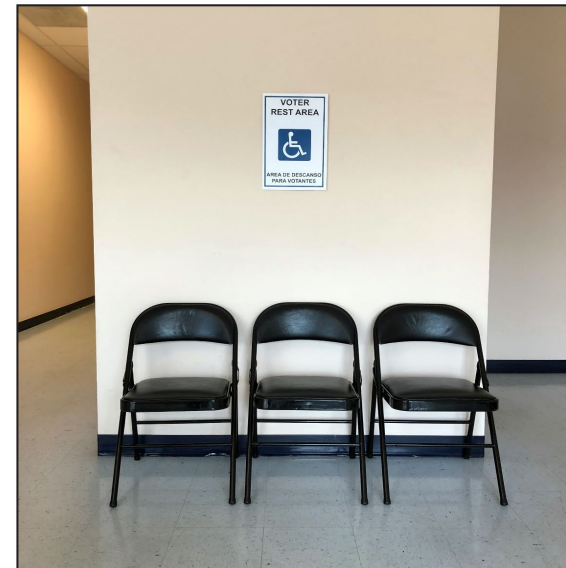
**AREA DE DESCANSO
PARA VOTANTES**

Setup of Voter Rest Area

- ① See the example below.
- ② Place a “Voter Rest Area” sign for voters along the path to the polling room; halfway between main entrance & polling room entrance.

Mission: To ease the distance traveled for voters with special needs and elderly voters.

Thank you



Polling Place Support Program



Polling Place Support Program



Purpose

- Started in 1994
- Election Judge accountability and support
- Comply with State laws and regulations
- Program is a State mandated program
- Provide on-site observation of polling place setup and the voting process at 236 polling places by trained personnel
- Provide on-site support to Election Judges as needed

Program Components

- Assign BOE staff to implement program
- Contract with Montgomery County League of Women Voters to implement program
- Schedule training and debriefing dates
- Establish and assign polling place routes
- Prepare materials and supplies
- Train Election Day observers
- **Election Day polling place visits**
- Debrief observers
- Prepare and distribute Polling Place Observation Report to BOE and Election Judges



Arrange Contract For Program Staffing

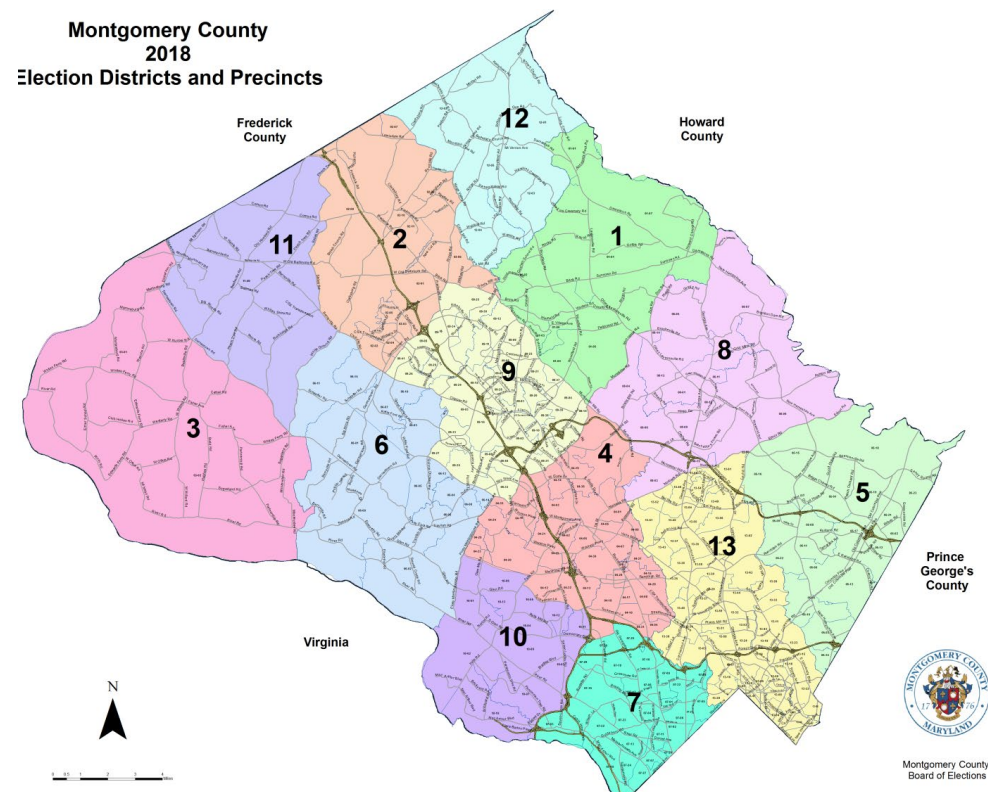


Contractual agreement between Montgomery County Board of Elections and the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County

- ❖ Remuneration
- ❖ Route Staffing

Schedule Training/Debriefing Dates

- Place training and debriefing dates on election calendar
- Establish and assign routes
- BOE staff member to create route maps
- Three to five routes to each polling place
- Assign personnel to routes

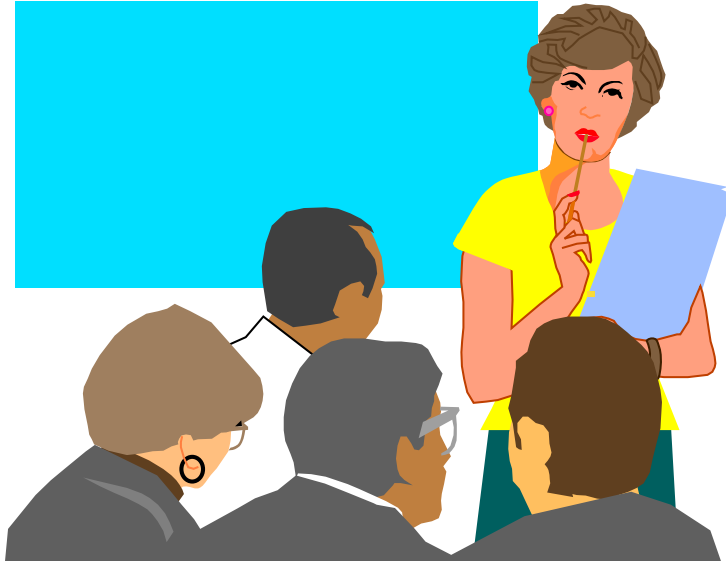


Prepare Materials and Supplies

- Design training workshop
 - Prepare agenda
 - Prepare visuals
- Assemble workshop folders
- Assemble route packets
(Polling Place Observation forms, maps)
- Assemble Emergency Polling Place Supply Packet
- Pack route bags



Conduct Training Workshop



- Overview of Election Day program responsibilities
- Specific legal polling place procedure instructions
- Distribute and receive confidentiality agreements
- Distribute program supplies and materials

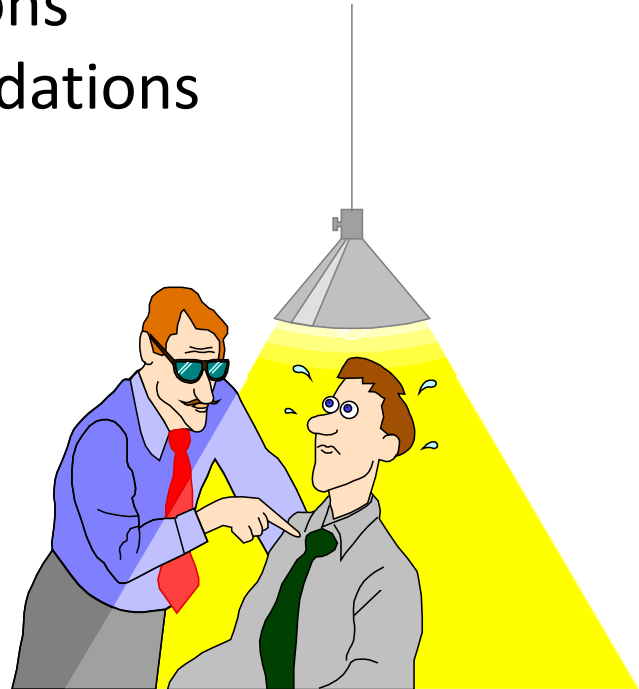
Election Day Polling Place Visits

- Visit polling places between 7:30 AM and 3:00 PM
- Observe polling place setup and Election Judges' processing voters
- Record observations on questionnaire
- Review procedures with Election Judges, if necessary
- If necessary, call the Board of Elections
- Replenish supplies, if necessary
- Complete state questionnaire



Program Debriefing

- Collect program materials
- Discuss Election Day situations
- Discuss program recommendations



Report To Montgomery Co. Board Of Elections & State Board of Elections



- Review Support Program precinct reports
- Record comments and statistics
- Compile report to Board of Elections
- Enter comments on polling place performance report
- Distribute reports to Election Judge Coordinator
- Forward completed questionnaire to the state for audit

Help Desk



Help Desk



- Provide phone support for early voting and polling place operations
- Customized communications using Everbridge software as a routine, text response system for Election Day to track setup, opening, and ballot usage

S: Montgomery County Board of Elections - Reply "YES" once your polling place is set up and ready for Election Day.

1. YES

Reply with your choice number.

YES

Help Desk

2018 Primary Election

354 Early Voting calls

492 Election Day calls

2018 General Election

492 Early Voting calls

723 Election Day calls

