

**ELECTIONS WOULD NOT RUN
WITHOUT THE PEOPLE WHO VOLUNTEER TO RUN THEM.**

OFFICER CONNECTION

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Summer Primary: Staffing Update

While we have over 2k election officers on the rolls, this August's election will only require 1/4 be in the field. The first round of assignments for August have already been completed so if you have not heard from us by now, this is why. It is not personal, you are still a valued election officer, and we encourage you to continue to brag on yourself for that and use it to recruit your friends and colleagues. Additionally, with the election being right in the middle of summer vacation season, it is expected that approximately 150 people will drop out before election day. November assignments will be sent in early September.

Why wasn't I contacted to work this election?

Precinct Assignments By Election Type

- Presidential Election:** 8-12 officers
- General Election:** 7-10 officers
- Primary Election:** 5-7 officers
- Special Election:** 5-6 officers

Headcounts include the required Chief, AO, and EPS

Make Sure That You Vote Early!

Whether you are assigned to serve for August's Primary or any election in the future, it is important to plan ahead for how you will cast YOUR OWN vote for the election. Virginia law prohibits officers from leaving their service site on election day, but it is not guaranteed that you will be working at your home precinct. For that reason, we encourage officers to vote by another method. Early Voting is available prior to every election, and your fellow election officers are more than happy to help you make your voice heard ahead of the big day. Mail voting is also available with ballots accepted right up to 7pm on election day. Either make sure it is post-marked and mailed by election day, or bring it along to place into the drop box at the precinct you are working on election day. (Dropbox returns are not site-specific)

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Stats and Accomplishments

Thank You to Our Election Officers!

We extend our sincere gratitude to all of our election officers for their dedication and service throughout a full and active election calendar. Your professionalism, resilience, and steadfast commitment ensure that every election is conducted fairly, accurately, and with integrity. Our community depends on your continued efforts, and we deeply appreciate the time, care, and responsibility you bring to this essential civic work.



Yolanda Montgomery,
Vice-Chair, PWC Electoral Board

VA House of Delegates, District 23

January 13

Officers Assigned	
New Officers	0
Language Officers	4
Early Voting	18
Total Assignments	100

Voters Served	
Early Voting	782
By Mail & Provisional	946
Election Day	1,059
Total Voters	3,163

Woodbridge District Board Supervisor

March 10

Officers Assigned	
New Officers	0
Language Officers	8
Early Voting	18
Total Assignments	110

Voters Served	
Early Voting	861
By Mail & Provisional	964
Election Day	2,085
Total Voters	4,198

Redistricting Constitutional Amendment

April 21

Officers Assigned	
New Officers	69
Language Officers	40
Early Voting	62
Total Assignments	743

Voters Served	
Early Voting	48,096
By Mail & Provisional	21,503
Election Day	77,029
Total Voters	146,628

Reminders and Updates

Provisionals

The number of Provisional Ballot errors has been steadily decreasing since last November! The number one stumbling block that still remains? Voters in the wrong precinct. Take a Sec and Double Check. **Before you begin to fill out any provisional paperwork, use the pollbook at the chief station to confirm the voter's assigned precinct.** With a short drive, they may be able to vote on the machine, ensuring their vote counts right then and saving time for everyone involved.

Hand Counts

Handcounts are rare and only allowed under very specific circumstances. **Handcounting is reserved ONLY for ballots that have not been scanned** and were instead collected in the emergency ballot slot on the black ballot box. The slot is fitted with a bag that keeps these separate from the scanned ballots that fall all the way to the bottom. If you utilize your emergency ballot slot, call Chief HQ, so that your SA, Deputy, and GR can come to assist. DO NOT count the scanned ballots in bottom of the ballot box at the end of the night. The scanner already counted those, so trust your machines to do their job.

Acceptable IDs

The ONLY drivers licenses that are acceptable at check-in are drivers licenses from the state of Virginia. Drivers' licenses are not federally issued documents and thus out-of-state licenses are not acceptable forms of identification for voters in Virginia. Review the full Acceptable IDs List online at pwcvotes.org.

Accountability Officers (Assistant Chiefs)

Good job this past election! We saw a significant improvement in 2 of 3 common mistake categories! With only a couple of small exceptions, documents came back with the appropriate number of signatures and end of night paperwork was filed into the correct return envelopes. **Keep up the good work on checking for document completion and proper return.** Accountability Officers will be assigned for future elections.

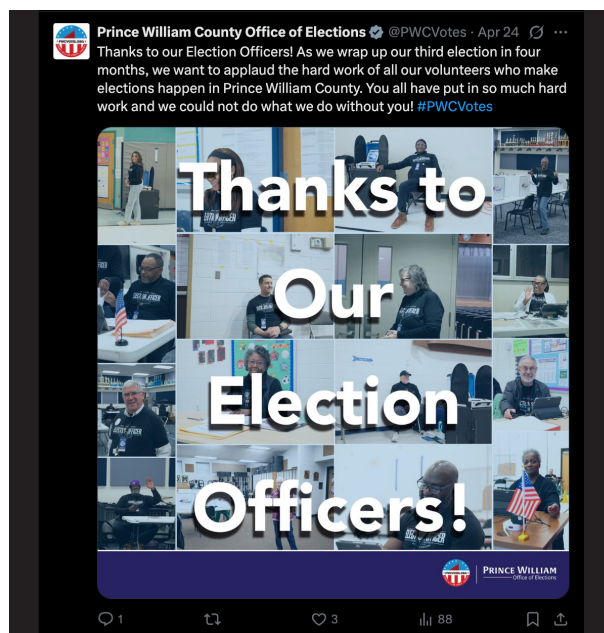
Keep your T-shirt and Badge in a Safe Place

Your EO badge and t-shirt are how voters identify you in the polling place. **Know where they are between elections so that you are always prepared.** New badge designs are issued ahead of November elections and will be used for all elections until the following November. T-shirts are issued ahead of your first election in service. If your t-shirt is showing signs of extended wear, contact us for a replacement.

No New Manuals this Year

Due to delays with certification at the state level, we are unable to purchase our new HART Vanguard scanners and touchwriters this year. **The manual that was issued in 2024 will remain in use for the rest of this calendar year.** Trainees will be provided with a 2026 addendum at their August and November classes for updates on laws and procedures that will go into effect with the new administrative year on July 1.

Tweet of Appreciation! (x.com/PWCVotes)



Officer Spotlight

Name: Tessie Collins

Position: Chief

Precinct: 315, Williams Elementary School

Term: 10 years

Like many of our EOs, Tessie Collins did not set out to be an election officer. She fell into it on accident one day, while on an errand to pay her property taxes.

Below is an excerpt from our interview.

What made you want to be an election officer?

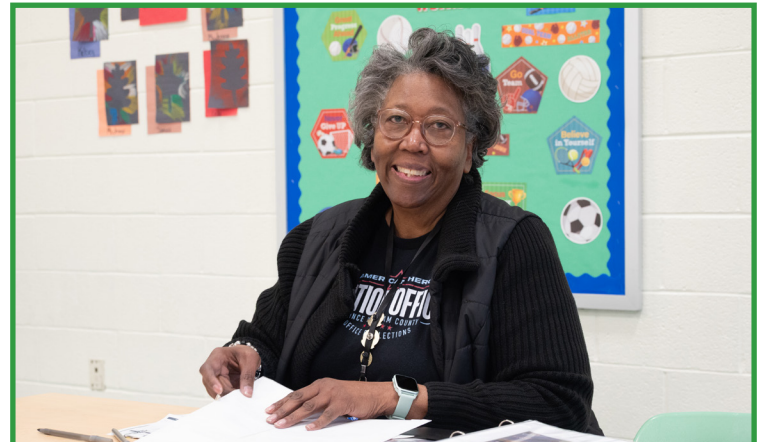
I did not set out to do this. I was over at Ferlazzo to pay my property taxes and they were having a job fair, and Office of Elections had a table set up there. One of the first things I noticed when I walked out into the atrium, in the lobby, was nobody was at that table. Everybody else had folks at their table and this little table was sitting over in the corner and I was curious as to what she was doing. So after I paid my property taxes, I went over and I asked, "do you have the plague or something as to why nobody is at your table?". She went on to talk about the Office of Elections and said she was recruiting officers, and asked if I'd ever thought about it, and I said no, I'd never thought about it. So she went on to explain about what officers do, and that there was training, and told me to give it some thought, and I thought 'oh well, okay'. So she handed me the application and I filled it out. Then I went home and didn't think about it and didn't hear from anybody for almost a year. Well, then I got a call one day and they say "Isn't it time for you to serve?" and I said "Well, I don't know, is it?" So I went to training and I've been here ever since.

What advice would you give to new election officers?

You have to simply want to do this. It is a commitment of your time. It is not just election day because you have to show up for the training, you have to be prepared when you do show up. So, you have to want to do this and if you're not willing to commit to doing it, then don't do it.

What's been your favorite part about being an election officer?

Probably seeing the people and being able to serve in your neighborhood. I was at Graham Park, which is not far from where I live, and to be able to see neighbors and a lot of people I don't see on more of a regular basis - it's always nice to say hi, especially to some of the older ones, to see how they're doing. I've watched families from "we just got married" to "oh, the baby is now three years old". So it's nice. For me, being an election officer is the ultimate community service. You do something that does help the community and people, and at the same time you get to meet and see a lot of folks in the community that you don't see on a more regular basis.



"For me, being an election officer is the ultimate community service."

-Chief Tessie Collins

THANK YOU CHIEF COLLINS!



**Refer a friend to our Staffing Team
and you could be assigned together!**

November Election: EO Buddy Plan

Prince William is in need of Republican election officers to remain compliant with Va Code § 24.2-115. Refer a Republican friend to our EO Staffing Team by August 1st, and be assigned to work in the same precinct for the November 3 Election. Email electionofficer@pwcgov.org for more information. Conditions Apply.

**New officers must be approved by the local party chairs and appointed by the PWC Electoral Board. Individuals must then complete all required trainings and be available to serve from 5:00 AM through the completion of duties on Election Day.*



All in the Family

The Masarick brothers, Jon (Chief, 104) and Tom (Chief, 204), have a combined 50 years serving as election officers with Prince William County!

A Message from Jon Alvarez, Deputy Director of Operations

To our election officers, thank you for the hard work, time, and dedication you continue to give throughout each election cycle. Conducting elections is a tremendous responsibility, and your efforts play a vital role in making every election run smoothly. Our community truly values the work you do and the commitment you bring to serving voters. Your service is greatly appreciated, and we could not do this work without you.

Jonathan Alvarez,
Deputy Director of Operations, PWC Office of Elections

As Always, Thank You.

Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another.

- Erma Bombeck, American Humorist (February 21, 1927 – April 22, 1996)