

MONTANA STATEWIDE HOTLINE

Command Center Calls

755	Notification of stickers being used violating spoiled ballot process MCA 13-13-117 (voters must be issued a new ballot) contacted the MTVIP County Coordinators to watch for this.
850	People walking around Expo Park (Cascade County) inside the polling locations wearing vests. The vests are not marked, the Republican poll watchers are sitting behind the election judges. These people are walking around.
1019	Poll watcher in Lake County made a mistake on her own ballot and was given a sticker to put on the ballot
1022	Thompson Falls (Sanders County) is also using stickers instead of spoiled ballots
1054	Cascade County the vested patrols are Democrats determining how many people have voted. They are roving from precinct to precinct not interacting with voters, only the election judges. The vested patrols are asking for number of voters
1059	Missoula County counted votes the night before the elections, observed a lot of wasted time
1114	Cascade County poll watcher in precinct 23A was questioned by the EA and asked what she was doing there. PW explained to EA she was a poll watcher. All MT VIP poll watcher names were submitted to the County Election Administrators, the first time this had ever been done in the MT VIP counties and this poll watcher was questioned.
1155	Candidates are poll watchers in Cascade County
1208	Lewis and Clark County long lines around the building, inside they are counting ballots, a lot of jamming in the machines. Several out of county license plates observed in the parking lot
1223	Lake County report at 632am At 632am in Whitefish Senior Center precinct 47, a Ms Metcalf who describes herself as a Democrat election attorney and a legal spectator for the Democrat party arrives at polls. The Chief Election Judge Elizabeth James Hall, turned her into an election judge as they were short 2 judges, she was making calls to the Clerk in Whitefish to resolve concerns on behalf of the Chief Election Judge. Ms Metcalf takes a phone call and then leaves the premises and states she will return, another poll watcher has come to replace her. Chief election Judge states poll watchers can leave the premises and come and go as they please. There is no record she was sworn in as a judge nor that she completed the paperwork to be paid. Her term of election "spectator" is odd, as that is not commonly used in MT
1305	Lewis and Clark County Library polling locations 5 copies of Time magazine Sept edition with Obama on the cover on display upon entering the facility.

1309	Lake County Election judges are encouraging the sticker use and not using a new ballot. Offered a new ballot or to put a sticker on the ballot. Group standing out in the parking lot in Lake County passing out pamphlets paid for by the MT Native Votes, hired people to stand out front of the polls, but outside the 100' radius. None of the pamphlets were left around the voting area. Judges were very good about keeping everything cleaned up.
1312	Yellowstone County is using the stickers
1356	Lewis and Clark County ---Brian Miller, Democrat poll watcher and husband of Janet Eck, HD82 candidate, was "assisting" voters. Miller accosted a voter "did the registrar tell her that if she was voting provisional that she had to give proof in 24 hours, would you mind coming with me and we will talk to the county people". Miller was alleging she was not being informed that her vote wouldn't count if it is provisional. MT VIP PW asked if the voter had a problem with Miller as she was leaving, Miller then accosted MT VIP PW for talking to the voter. Voter walked to her car then came back and stated that Miller had violated her privacy by watching where she dropped her ballot.
	Lewis and Clark County (cont) Miler called the SOS office (SOS asst Gary?) reports there is a problem with the precincts telling people they had to vote at the county instead of their old polling site. Gary? shows up and tells Miller, that Miller could just make an announcement that people can vote in their old precincts. Miller asks MTVIP PW if he should make the announcement. MTVIP PW states, "I wouldn't".
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1356	Lewis and Clark County there is a 2-3 hour wait 2 county clerks are registering people. Brian Miller the Democrat poll watcher just switched off with an attorney from his firm--Brenda Lindlief-Hal. Upon arrival she goes to the registration table and announces she is there to help. She posts a sign on the table where the voters in line walk by her. The sign reads "VOTER RIGHTS INFORMATION". Brian Miller was assisting people, talking to voters, telling them they only need a social security card and giving the impression he was in some official capacity.
1531	Cascade County Provisional Ballots Table is manned by Carly Boland candidate for office HD 20 Great Falls . Carly is writing down the names of the provisional ballots. Carly got up and left. Rina the Cascade County EA told MT VIP PW "Carly was asked to leave so there."
1542	Lewis and Clark County MT VIP PW spoke to the county election official, Marilyn, referred PW to County Attorney Paul Stahl, PW Stahl asks what the attorney Brenda is doing wrong, PW states she is interacting with the voters. Stahl states "what's wrong with that?", and walked away into the hallway. Democrat Poll Watcher Attorney had a book (Election Integrity) and passing out pens and acts as an information person very aggressive with people in line. Stahl asks what is the problem with what she is doing. Then asks PW what party he is with, PW states "Republican", Stahl states, " well that's the problem" (you are Republican). Marilyn states she will have Paulette (Chief EA) talk to the woman, Stahl then states the democrat attorney poll watcher is fine.
Dec 23 2012	<i>Followup converstation with Marilyn EA confirmed the Democrat election attorney was asked several times by Marilyn and then Paulette DeHart County Clerk and Recorder to stop interfering with the voters in line, she refused.</i>
Dec 23 2012	<i>During the followup converstation, Clerk and Recorder DeHart states they will have to start hiring security.</i>
1710	Lake County Arlee polling location is using stickers. A group of students that had registered were not on the register. Whole class at the high school had been registered at the school, none of them were registered. <i>(Appears the schools are registering the students a year in advance.)</i>
1730	Lewis and Clark County Brenda, the Democarar poll watching attorney is assisting the voters waiting for same day registration in Lewis & Clark County by asking their name and making a phone call to determine if they are regisitered or not. Also cookies and water have shown up at L&C County from a mysterious source, which the person delivering would not reveal when asked.
Dec 23 2012	<i>Followup question with Lewis and Clark EA to determine who the attorney was calling, EA assumes it was the Democrat Party, it was not the County office</i>

1745	<p>Cascade County 4-7 Democrat Attorneys sitting at a table in the Metro entrance (all voting takes place at the Metro) and have a sign up saying “If you have trouble voting, ask me” Anders Blewett (legislator), Anderson, Donovan, Bill Benson (County Commissioner) Shantel one of the Cascade County EA overruled the original directive not to give the voter sign in poll register to the Democrat Carol Bronson (Neighborhood Works) and her husband Bill Bronson. So Carol thumbs thru the register and stopped thumbing thru when voters came up to vote.</p>
1909	<p>Cascade County election worker came in thru a propped open outside back door with a box of ballots. Worker goes to bathroom with the ballots, PW follows her. Shantel EA accompanied by 4 Democrat attorneys surround PW-- Gray Bell, Andersons husband and wife and Zatig. PW states, "so whatever my question warranted must be pretty important". Shantel EA told PW never to talk to one of her employees, so PW asked the attorneys what they would do, if they saw someone carrying in a box of ballots with no identification. The attorneys stalk PW around the polling area and listen to her call to the command center. She is requested to spell each of the attorneys names as they listen.</p>
1925	<p>Cascade County Tom Jacobsen Candidate HD handing out water food working the lines with a shopping cart, and with Andrew Blewett with his Senator name tag on—Blewett is not on the ballot. This was front page election coverage in the local paper</p>
1936	<p>Cascade County Linda EA told the three judges in precinct 22A not to seal the ballots tonight , 170 people still need to vote they are going to need the ballots and they are letting the judges go right now, Precinct 18D ran out of ballots,</p>
2155	<p>Sanders County PW Followed the ballots EA refused to allow observers to view the opening of the ballot box or to observe the ballots being taken out of the boxes to be taken to the counting area.</p>
2200	<p>Same Day Registration circus at Lewis and Clark County Poll Watcher was surrounded by about 7 "thugs" upon leaving the city-county building. They were taking his pictures and flashes were going off in his eyes. As he left he noticed someone following him, he made several turns and determined it was two cars following. He had earlier in the evening asked who provided the cases of food and beverages. A person "Brenda" was sitting a table in the foyer with a sign stating "VOTER RIGA24:B34HTS INFORMATION". She was making phone calls as people came to the table. She was acting as though she was an election official although it clear thru observation she was connected with the two other females working the lines of voters--Both had Tester and Bullock pins on and would cover them when in line of sight of the poll watcher.</p>