

## **JOB PROFILE**

### **POLL WORKER: DEPUTY**

#### **Description**

The deputy, deputized by the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office, greets voters, designates and monitors the no solicitation area outside of the polling room and offers "I Voted" stickers to voters exiting the polling location. The deputy is the first and last impression for a voter.

#### **Purpose**

The deputy ensures that solicitation remains outside of the no solicitation zone. Additionally, it is important that only those allowed in the polling room enter.

#### **Terms and Definitions**

*No Solicitation Zone* – 150-foot radius from entrance to polling location within which no solicitation of voters may occur.

*Solicitation* – attempting to seek a vote, information, contribution, signature on a petition; distributing or attempting to distribute political or campaign materials; selling or attempting to sell an item; and engaging in any activity with the intent to influence or effect of influencing a voter.

*Observers* – Anyone who wishes to watch the opening and closing procedures without interfering with the process; no ID or pre-registration necessary.

*Poll Watchers* – Individuals are to register with the SOE under a party, candidate or issue; deputy and clerk are provided with list of names; only one poll watcher per party/candidate/issue (designated badge color) may be in the polling room at the same time.

#### **Procedures**

The clerk provides the deputy with a checklist of tasks to complete before opening the poll and after closing the poll. The deputy supervises the area outside the polling location for safety, ADA compliance and adherence to no solicitation rules and greets voters. The deputy leaves the polling location when the clerk has completed all closing tasks and leaves to return election materials.

#### **Guiding Florida Statute(s)**

101.131, 102.014, 102.031, 102.101