

SUMMER 2019



LEE COUNTY ELECTIONS

A MESSAGE FROM TOMMY...

The 2020 election season is fast approaching! Not surprisingly, cybersecurity was one of the main topics covered at the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections annual summer conference.

There has been extensive media coverage, and speculation about the Florida counties possibly hacked in 2016. Rest assured that Lee County was not involved. I firmly believe that what happens to one Florida county affects all Florida counties.

To that effect, this office is committed to continually and consistently monitoring its network databases and computer systems to ensure secure elections.

On January 6, 2017, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) designated “election systems” as part of this country’s Critical Infrastructure (CI). The term “election systems” is used to describe the physical and cyber systems, as well as assets so vital to the United States that disabling or destroying them would have a debilitating impact on our physical, economic, or public health safety.

Since then, our office and elections offices across Florida have taken extraordinary steps to prevent cyber or physical intrusion. Lee County was the first in the state to install an advanced intrusion detection and blocking system early in 2017.



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In 2018, Florida collaborated with the Center of Internet Security (CIS). The CIS provided all counties with an additional layer of cybersecurity, the ALBERT server. Lee Elections acquired the ALBERT server with grant funds from the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). The ALBERT server is an intrusion detection tool monitored round-the-clock by the CIS. The CIS immediately reports any suspicious activity to our cybersecurity administrator.

In mid-2018 we received additional HAVA funds to enhance security leading up to the midterm elections. Funds totaling \$456,000 were used to reinforce our physical and cyber-security. Lee Elections utilized all funds except \$30,000. Those funds were returned and will be available to us for use in the future.

In 2019, the state Legislature allocated 2.8 million dollars in returned HAVA grant funds for distribution among Florida's 67 County Supervisor of Elections so they can continue to upgrade physical and cybersecurity.

We have specific targets to consider when implementing physical and cybersecurity features. By addressing - Prevention, Detection, and Recovery, we:

- Restrict and secure network access through Multi-Factor Authentication.
- Set up video monitoring in sensitive areas.
- Install security shutters to prevent illegal entry and acts of nature that affect elections.
- Use security guards to defend against bad actors trying to disrupt operations.
- Use an electronic key-card system to prevent unauthorized access to sensitive and secure areas of our offices by the public.
- Use multiple software tools to monitor our network to search for suspicious behavior.
- Regularly review and store network logs.
- Store redundant data backups across multiple secure locations.
- Ensure software is auto-updated with the latest security patches.
- Monitor hardware for firmware and bios updates regularly.
- Provide continuous training, testing, and assessment of staff, so they are aware of and respond appropriately to phishing and other social engineering attacks.

Our partnerships with CIS, FBI, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, (MS-ISAC), Election Infrastructure Information Sharing & Analysis Center (EI-ISAC), and our relationship with the Florida Department of State give me confidence to assure voters in Lee County and Florida that their votes are secure and counted!

We will continue to take every step necessary to prevent bad actors from disrupting any part of our operations.

Tommy Doyle



Join our team as a Poll Worker for the 2020 Elections!

Presidential Preference Primary Election - March 17, 2020
Primary Election - August 18, 2020
General Election - November 3, 2020

To be a Poll Worker in Lee County, you must:

- Be a registered voter in Lee County.
- Read, write, and speak the English language.
- Have an email address.
- Be able to lift 15-30 lbs.
- Be able to sit or stand for extended periods of time.
- Complete a mandatory online training class and attend a hands-on training class at the Elections Center before each election.
- Have dependable transportation.
- Serve the public in a courteous, patient, and efficient manner.
- Be nonpartisan on Election Day.
- Be able to work a minimum of 14 hours.
- Abide by a no smoking policy at the polls.

All Poll Workers positions are paid positions on Election Day! For more information or to submit a Poll Worker Interest Application visit lee.vote.

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Social Media is one of the most popular forms of news consumption in today's world. Lee Elections uses Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to keep our public informed about the many things happening in Lee County and Florida elections.

We provide information on election dates, voter registration deadlines, early voting dates, times, and locations, outreach events, current affairs, how to be election ready, and fun facts about elections.

Lee Elections has two Facebook accounts, Tommy Doyle's official Facebook as Supervisor of Elections and the Lee County Supervisor of Elections page where we post the majority of information. Our Lee County Supervisor of Elections Facebook page continues to be our most popular platform with just over 1,000 followers.

Our goals are to impart valuable information to our constituents through our social media platforms, to foster engagement with our online community, and to encourage voter participation.

We encourage you to follow us and stay connected with Lee Elections!

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