



Handling Issues

On Election Day

What is an Issue anyway?

- ◆ Management problem
- ◆ Personnel problem
- ◆ Training problem
- ◆ Legal problem
- ◆ Emergency
- ◆ Disaster

Management Problems

- ◆ Not enough
 - Ballots
 - Eligibility slips
 - Precinct officials
- ◆ Misprinted ballots
- ◆ Wrong ballots at the polls

Personnel Problems

- ◆ Precinct election officials don't show up
- ◆ Personality conflicts between workers

Training Problems

- ◆ Precinct election officials send voters away
- ◆ Staff members failed to send UOCAVA ballots to voters who applied at a previous election

Legal Problems

- ◆ Management, personnel, & training problems that arise after it is too late to change gracefully
- ◆ Anything that requires a lawyer to solve

Emergency

- ◆ An unexpected situation or sudden occurrence of a serious and urgent nature that demands immediate action.
- ◆ Fire
- ◆ Flood
- ◆ Tornado
- ◆ Blizzard
- ◆ Ice Storm

Disaster

- ◆ An occurrence causing widespread destruction and distress.
- ◆ A total failure.



Avoiding Problems



The easy answer:

- ◆ Control Everything

Be Prepared

- ◆ Election Laws of Iowa
- ◆ Administrative Rules
- ◆ Auditor's Guide to



Plan for the Worst



- ◆ Watch the weather
- ◆ Watch the news
- ◆ Communication from polls

A mostly true story

- ◆ Situation:
 - Presidential Election
 - New Voting System
- ◆ Loretta the Precinct Chairperson
- ◆ Inexperienced Election Deputy
- ◆ Saint Jude

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Emergencies

- ◆ Administrative Rules
- ◆ 721—21.1 Emergency election procedures
 - Weather
 - Natural disasters
 - War
 - Election Contest finds no winner

Other Emergency Rules

- ◆ 721—22.50 Voting System Security
- ◆ Includes polling place evacuation rules

Emergency Contact Information

- ◆ Have a list and keep it visible.
- ◆ Who do you need to call in an emergency?
 - County Attorney
 - Sheriff
 - State Election Office
 - Voter Registration

Think before you act

- ◆ Have a plan and follow it.
- ◆ Ask for help.
- ◆ Never lie.
- ◆ Don't panic.



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