



Arlington Fire District

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“Safeguarding Our Community”

POLL WATCHER’S CERTIFICATE

DATE OF ELECTION: _____

The undersigned hereby appoints:

NAME OF POLL WATCHER
(PRINT)

To act as a Poll Watcher on my behalf at the Annual Fire Commissioner Election
at the following polling site:

- WARDS 3, 4, & 6 - Arlington Fire District Headquarters, 11 Burnett Boulevard, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

- WARDS 1, 2, & 5 – Red Oaks Mill Fire Company, 213 Vassar Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Name of Candidate (Print)

Signature of Candidate



ARLINGTON FIRE DISTRICT

POLL WATCHER'S GUIDE

OVERVIEW

To ensure fairness and honest elections, Poll Watchers are designated by a candidate which are on the ballot.

THE ROLE OF THE POLL WATCHER

To observe the Annual Fire Commissioner Election at either polling site on behalf of a particular candidate and where they observe irregularities, report these observations to either the Election Chairperson or the Election Inspector(s).

POLL WATCHER QUALIFICATIONS

Must be registered voters that reside in the Arlington Fire District. Poll Watchers must present the attached “*Poll Watcher Certificate*” signed by the candidate to one of the Election Inspector (s) or Election Chairperson. Candidates running for the position of Fire Commissioner can not participate as a Poll Watcher.

NUMBER OF POLL WATCHERS

The Arlington Fire District allows up to two (2) Poll Watchers at each polling site. The polling sites are Arlington Fire District Headquarters located at 11 Burnett Boulevard for Wards 3, 4, & 6 and Red Oaks Mill Fire Company located at 213 Vassar Road for Wards 1, 2 & 5.

POLL WATCHER RIGHTS

The Poll Watcher *may*:

- Arrive fifteen (15) minutes early to observe the opening of the polls.
- Shall sit in a place designated by the Election Chairperson.
- Shall observe the closing of the polls and the final canvass.
- Challenge individual voters on the basis of:
 - Signature Authenticity
 - Residence
 - Multiple Voting
 - Qualification to Vote
 - Electioneering

POLL WATCHER LIMITATIONS

The Poll Watcher *may not*:

- Electioneer in any manner.
 - Electioneering includes soliciting votes, wearing, carrying, or distributing literature, posters, banners, or buttons or displaying refreshments showing a candidate's name.
- Tamper with election materials.
- Interfere with the election process, including not communicating with individuals casting or waiting to cast their ballot.
- Protest a vote ruling.
- Accompany a voter to the voting booth.

In the event that a Poll Watcher act in a manner which is inappropriate in the opinion of the Election Chairperson, then the Poll Watcher must leave the polling site and may not be replaced. The Election Chairperson has the right to contact the Town of Poughkeepsie Police, if necessary.

IF YOU SEE A VIOLATION

Poll watchers are not law enforcement officers; however, they may attempt to enforce their candidate's rights by reporting a violation to any of the following:

- Election Chairperson; or
- Election Inspector(s).