2022 Recap

- Redistricting
- Congressional District 1 Special Election
- Mis/Disinformation
- Recounts
- Post Election Review - OSS
- Onboarding/Training refresh

Office of the Secretary of State's Duties

- Chief state election official

- Train and certify county election administrators

- Administer the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS)

- SVRS interfaces with:
  - Driver & Vehicle Services (DVS) database
  - Social Security Administration database
  - Department of Health database
  - ERIC files (shared information with other states)

OSS Duties

- Administer database of candidates and election results
- Certify that election equipment meets state standards
- Provide election administration guides
- Voter education and outreach
- Post election audits
- Rulemaking authority
- Not a legal advisor or enforcement agency (no guns and badges)

County Duties

Elections is one of many responsibilities for county auditors

- **Voter registration**: data entry, verification, and maintenance

- **Ballots**: layout, proofing, and printing for state elections

- **Voting equipment**: purchase, program, test

- **Absentee voting**: issue ballots, AB board (review, processing & counting)

- **Training and certification**: city/school district/township clerks and election judges

- **Election results**: compile, transmit to OSS website, review and proof

- **Post-election**: canvass, hand count audit, post voting history and enter Election Day registrations; forward potential violations to county attorney as appropriate

Municipal Duties

- Elections one of many city clerk duties

- Determine precinct boundaries, polling locations

- Hire election judges & assign to precincts

- Train and certify election judges if duty delegated by county

- Health care facility absentee voting

- Administer absentee balloting, if delegated by county

Cyber Navigator Program

- Started late 2019

- Bill Ekblad
  - retired naval cryptologist stationed in the Middle East and Germany to fight cyberattacks coming from around the world

- Focus on connecting county elections staff with their I/T staff

- Partnered with federal intelligence agencies

- Classified security briefings

Minnesota Voting Equipment

M100

Accu-Vote

DS200

- All voting systems must be certified by the OSS before it can be used in an election
- Public accuracy tests

VerityScan

ImageCast Evolution

AutoMARK

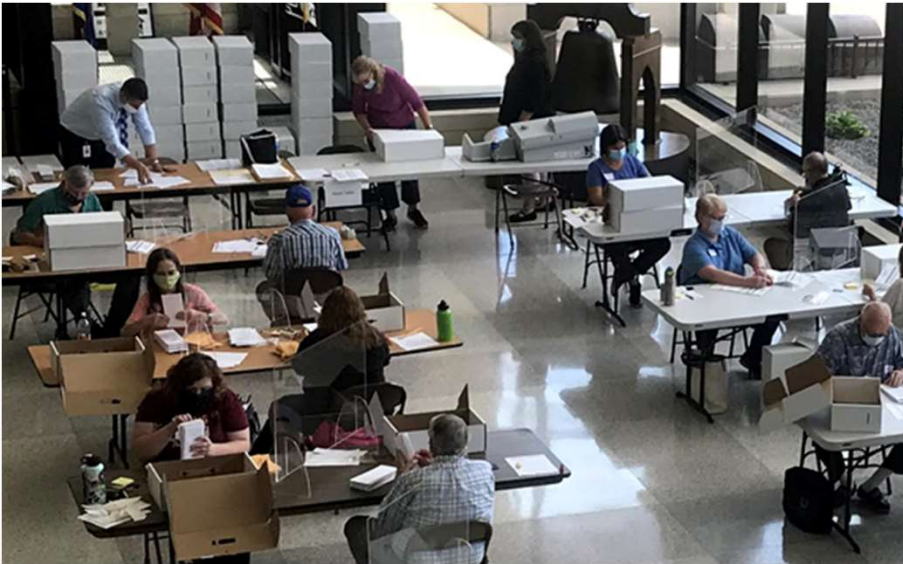ImageCase Evolution

Verity TouchWrite

OmniBallot

Voting System Testing

- Thorough pre- testing of tabulators and assistive voting devices

- Public Accuracy Test
  - Within 14 days of the election
  - Two election judges of different major political parties
  - Pre marked ballots and results spreadsheet
  - Must be 100 percent accurate

Absentee Voting

- Absentee ballot applications entered/verified in SVRS

- Every ballot tied to a record; ensure duplicate ballots are not cast

- Voter must provide identifying information on application and AB signature envelope

- Absentee ballot board reviews AB signature envelopes before they are accepted/counted

- Information is immediately recorded in SVRS

- Reflected on polling place rosters

Polling Places

- Party balanced election judges manage polling places

- Only authorized persons allowed in the polling place

- No electioneering within 100 feet

- Physical controls – voting equipment locks, seals

- Election judges conduct audits to verify the number of ballots cast matches the number of voters

- Closing of the polls open to the public

- Official results tapes printed/signed at the polling places

Post-Election Activities

- <u>Un</u>official results posted on OSS website, updated every 10 minutes

- Results include polling place and absentee/mail ballots

- Materials returned to city clerk/county auditor

- Counties verify official results tapes and summary statements and prepare abstracts

- Election results are certified by canvassing boards

  - Cities/Townships/School Districts Boards

  - Counties and State Canvassing Boards

- Data entry – posting voting history and entering Election Day registrations

Post-Election Activities

Post-Election Review (Hand Count Audit)

- Every county randomly selects precincts to be reviewed. The number depends on the number of registered voters in the county. Each congressional district in the state must have at least four precincts drawn.

- The results for President/Governor, U.S. Representative and U.S Senator are recounted by hand

- Additional precincts reviewed if the hand count differs from the certified results by more than:
    - 2 votes in a precinct where fewer than 1,200 voters cast ballots,
    - 3 votes in a precinct where between 1,200 and 1,599 voters cast ballots,
    - 4 votes in a precinct where between 1,600 and 1,999 voters cast ballots, or
    - 5 votes in a precinct where 2,000 or more voters cast ballots

- Post-election review has <u>never</u> required escalation

- OSS further audits four randomly selected precincts in each congressional district