If you felt a little winded on election day, you weren’t alone.

More than 162,000 voters came to Johnson County polling locations on November 6. That’s the most we’ve ever seen on any election day, ever.

Our consolidation of polling places, from 284 to 221, was banking on the continued success of advance voting. Advance voting remained popular, with 43 percent of our voters casting ballots before election day.

But that percentage was actually down from the 50-percent advance turnout we saw in 2008. That year, we had about 142,000 voters at the polls.

So, in 2012, we saw nearly a 15-percent increase in election-day voters with a 20-percent decrease in polling places.

Talk about pressure testing! Our average number of voters at polling places increased almost 50 percent, from 500 in 2008 to 733 in 2012. Many of you served more than 1,000 voters at your location.

With few exceptions, this increase was handled incredibly well.

The election also was the largest test of our photo identification verification procedures, and the refinement we took over the year, and with your help resulted in a smooth day from that perspective.

We expected more provisional ballots, and we did have about 10 percent more than in 2008, but these were driven primarily by the surge of voting at the polls leading to persons showing up to vote at the wrong polling place.

Your emphasis on a perfect election, with zero defects as we target so often in training, was evident. We had relatively few voter complaints and most came from the first couple of hours we were open.

In many ways, the election was an anti-climactic crescendo to a busy year of elections. Our office conducted seven elections in 2012, against a backdrop of new legislation and census changes that led to 11th-hour redistricting of state jurisdictions less than two months before the August election.

The combination of changes and elections made 2012 the most active year, in terms of election administration, in Johnson County history.

This probably doesn’t surprise you, because you lived it with us. To your credit, though, this isn’t evident to many outside of our office. Your reliability and commitment made this look like any other year.

Looking like any other year is a good thing in election administration. We always feel best, looking back, when people have to be reminded how busy things were.

Looking forward, though, all of us at our office hope 2013 marks perfection in another way. We wish you and your family an absolutely perfect year.

We know we’ll see many of you very soon with our spring elections. In the meantime, please know that our holiday hearts are filled with gratitude for all you and your fellow election workers have done for our office and for Johnson County’s voters.
You were busy on November 6th. There were 24 polling places that each served more than 1,000 voters.

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2. 1278: Chapel Oaks SDA  
3. 1267: Sacred Heart Parish Center  
4. 1262: Central Church Nazarene  
5. 1235: Christ Lutheran  
6. 1219: Roeland Park Com Center  
7. 1201: VFW De Soto  
8. 1200: Meneilly Center  
9. 1198: Legacy Christian BV  
10. 1172: Faith Lutheran  
11. 1244: Advent Lutheran  
12. 1236: Sacred Heart of Jesus  
13. 1164: Cure of Ars  
14. 1164: Central Baptist Seminary  
15. 1166: Christ Comm Ch. Olathe  
16. 1145: Grace Fellowship  
17. 1129: KS National Guard Armory  
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19. 1112: Sacred Heart of Jesus  
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21. 1084: Central Baptist Seminary  
22. 1066: Christ Comm Ch. Olathe  
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Polling Places

Election Workers

Three Ways to Vote

Option 1 - Advance Vote in Person  
Option 2 - Advance Vote by Mail  
Option 3 - Vote on Election Day at your Polling Place  

Polling Place Assignments

We attempt to accommodate all requests for specific location assignments. There are times when we ask you to assist us in staffing a location where cancellations have occurred.

There were 333 cancellations before the November election that lead to the - - - - - - PARK

ELECTION WORKER SHUFFLE!!!

We called and you said yes! Thank you to each of you who moved for us the last week before November 6th. We appreciate your cooperation. You helped big time in staffing the polls.

Voters.

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Accuracy and Effective Election Worker Training

Kansas Senate Bill 479, passed in 2004, states:

- **County Election Officers are required to provide instruction to election board judges and clerks before each election.**

Election Worker Training is required and more uniform across Kansas than ever before.

Election Workers today have more duties and more complexity in those duties. Many of these changes were brought about by the Help America Vote Act passed by Congress.

Supervising Judges are also required to attend a mandatory meeting on the weekend before every election.

November 6, 2012 Milestones

- Registered Voters 383,491
- Advance Voters by Mail 45,845 issued 36,136 returned
- 4 Advance Voting Location Voters 76,670
- Polling Place Voters 162,868
- Voter Turnout - 72 percent
- 211 Polling Locations
- 1539 Election Workers, includes 184 Students 160 Newbies - November 191 Newbies - August 351 Total Fall Newbies
- 1822 Election Workers Trained
- 333 Election Worker cancellations throughout the assignment process
- 232 Temporary Election Staff
- 16 Full-Time Election Office Staff

High School Students in November

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Training Dates – 2013

**February 26, 2013 Primary Election:**

- **Election Worker Training:**
  - February 12, 14, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Newbies
  - February 16, 9 a.m. - Noon - Refresher
  - February 16, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Refresher

- **Mandatory Supervising Judge Meeting:**
  - Election Office:
    - February 24, times to be determined

**April 2, 2013 General Election:**

- **Election Worker Training:**
  - Newbie
  - Refresher
  - Supervising Judge Meetings

⇒ All trainings will be announced later. The Spring General is the Tuesday after Easter. The scheduling of training cannot be confirmed at this time.

⇒ **Be prepared** for several Polling Place changes in the Spring because of the unavailability of some locations.

All assigned election workers will be notified of exact dates, times and locations as finalized.

Election Worker News Updates

We post election training updates and news bits quarterly on our website. Go to www.jocoelection.org, click on “For Election Workers”, then click on NEWS.

- Your 2013 Availability form has come to you with your newsletter.
- On the Availability form you can take an educated guess of what your life will be like in two to four months to be able to work the upcoming Spring Elections.
- If plans change and you can or cannot work, please call or email us your updated status to work.
- If your address changes, remember you need to re-register to vote. That will update your address information with the Election Worker Department.
- If your phone number or email changes, please call or send us a note to keep our records updated.
- We will be in need of pumping up the ranks of Election Workers for 2014. Please feel free to send us contacts or friends you think would be interested in working at the polling places.

Call: 913-715-6836
Email: electionworker@jocoelection.org

Thank you!