Voting Equipment Frequently Mentioned By Voters
Election Supply Carrier (big blue box):
Setting-Up the Polls & Storing (Some) Ballots

- Big blue box.
- Contains all polling equipment including:
  - Electronic Poll Books
  - Paper Ballots
  - Ballot Scanner/Ballot Box
  - Voter Registration Forms
  - Voting Booths

- Might be referred to as a “lock box”

EJ-Handbook: Ch. 4, Pg. 18-20 “Opening, Checking, and Securing the ESC.”
• Tablets used to check-in voters in the polling place.
  • Note: contains city-wide database of registered voters, voter status, and polling place locations.

• Voters must fill-out an “Application for Ballot” for election judges to search a voter’s name.

• Maintains wireless internet connection through a Verizon Jetpack.
  • Note: Connectivity issues are common on Election Day.

Electronic Poll Book:
Voter Registration and Check-in

• EJ-Handbook: Ch. 5, Pg. 24-27 “Set up the electronic poll book.”
• EJ-Handbook: Ch. 6, Pg. 46-48.
Ballot Scanner and Ballot Box: Paper Voting

- Voters must insert ballots into ballot scanner to vote.
- Catches issues with ballots including:
  - Under-votes
  - Over-votes
  - Ballot Defects
- Election Judges may override ballot rejects, but are required to confirm override with voter through verbal confirmation.
- Often reported to be malfunctioning

- EJ-Handbook: Ch. 5, Pg. 32-24 for ballot scanner assembly.
- EJ-Handbook: Ch. 6, Pg. 74-75 for ballot scanner procedures and errors.
IMPORTANT: How Election Judges Should Handle **Ballot Scanner Malfunctions**

- **Ballot scanner malfunctions are likely to happen and might not be cause for alarm – if handled correctly by the election judge.**
  - If the ballot scanner stops working on Election Day, and it is not fixed in a timely manner—causing voters to wait—election judges are permitted to have voters submit ballots in the big blue box (ESC).
    - Note: Occurs during a power outage or if the ballot scanner is malfunctioning.
    - Note: Election Judges must: (1) notify election coordinator, and (2) call Election Central.
  - Located on the left-hand side of the big blue box (ESC) is a slot where voters must deposit their completed ballots.
    - Note: Voters should use their privacy sleeves while depositing their vote.
  - Elections judges must seal this box prior to allowing voters to deposit ballots using an orange accountability seal.

- EJ-Handbook: Ch. 6, Pg. 76.
- EJ-Handbook: Pg. 112 "What if the ballot scanner stops working on Election Day?"
Electronic voting
(Touch Screen Voting Unit)

- Allows voters with disabilities to vote. Includes:
  - Sip-and-Puff port.
  - Audio-Visual aids (headphones).
- Any voter may request electronic voting over paper ballots.
- Shows voters a printout of their completed to review before submission of ballot.
- ALL components of the touchscreen unit are located in compartments on the bottom of the unit (shown in the two pictures on the right).
- It can be problematic if there is no functional touch screen machine in a precinct.

- EJ-Handbook: Ch. 5, Pg. 35-38 “Set up the touchscreen unit.”
- EJ-Handbook: Ch. 6, Pg. 68-73 “Touchscreen unit voting.”
Voting Forms: Ballots and Affidavits
When to Use? Various situations, including the following:

1) When someone has assisted a voter (highlighted), i.e. for language assistance or disability assistance

2) When someone requested a Vote by Mail ballot but now is voting in-person