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**New Election Equipment Training and  
Mock Election**

**December 15, 2014 – Beloit, WI:** Municipalities throughout Rock County have purchased new vote tabulating equipment that will be used for all elections starting in 2015. The City of Beloit Clerk's office will offer an introduction to the new equipment, training, and a mock election for election workers, the public, and any other interested parties per the schedule below. All sessions will be held in the training area on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of Beloit City Hall, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511.

**Schedule of Training Sessions:**

- Wednesday, January 7, 2015, at 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, January 8, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.
- Friday, January 9, 2015, at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, January 12, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.

The DS200 Ballot Tabulator and Scanner will replace the Eagle Optech tabulator, which was used for the last time at the November 4<sup>th</sup> Election. The DS200 takes a digital image of each ballot cast and tallies the votes on the ballot. It features a large touch screen that provides instructions and communicates over-votes or other voting errors to the voter in real time. The thermal paper eliminates the need for expensive ink cartridges. The DS200 also includes an internal modem which allows election results to be reported directly to Rock County from each polling place after the polls close. The Automark handicap accessible ballot-marking machine will still be available at each polling place to assist voters with marking their ballots.

All of these training sessions are open to the public, and the media is encouraged to attend.

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