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Elections Alberta responds to loss of Poll Book

EDMONTON – Elections Alberta has learned that an election worker in the Calgary-Currie electoral division lost a poll book. The poll book contained personal elector information relating to a single polling subdivision within the Calgary-Currie Electoral Division.

The poll book contained names and addresses and may have contained phone numbers of 366 electors at 199 addresses in polling subdivision number six.

Elections Alberta was notified of the loss on April 22, 2012, and took action immediately. The loss was reported to the Calgary Police Service and to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

The Chief Electoral Officer has delivered a letter to each of the individuals whose names were included in the poll book. The letter provides an overview of the situation and provides a contact number should those people affected have any questions.

Elections Alberta continues its investigation into the loss. To date, the poll book has not been recovered.

Elections Alberta apologizes to the individuals involved and is working directly with them to respond to their questions and assist in mitigating any further risk.

There are severe penalties for anyone using elector information for any purpose not authorized by the *Election Act*. These penalties include a fine of up to \$100,000 or one year of imprisonment, or both.

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