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They watched 2 Georgia election workers face abuse, and it's compelling them to serve in 2024

“There was always a focus on, what if there's a fire, what if there's a flood,” says Jennifer Morrell, a former elections official. “I think that has shifted to include threats of violence and acts of violence.”

Morrell—who now runs the Elections Group, a firm advising election departments around the country—says election professionals are adapting in other ways. Some provide de-escalation training and offer mental health resources to staffers, and many coordinate with local law enforcement.

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