

Onondaga County Sheriff's Office News

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Travel Advisory issued for Waterways in Onondaga County

County of Onondaga, New York- The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office has issued a travel advisory for all waterways in Onondaga County due to elevated and hazardous levels.

The Sheriff's Office is urging boaters to use extreme caution while on the waterways in Onondaga County. Due to the recent heavy rainfall, all waterways are at an elevated and hazardous level. The New York State Canal System is running much higher than seasonal levels. These levels, along with the exceptionally fast current, creates a situation where large amounts of dangerous debris such as trees and branches are washed off the shore and into the waterways, often floating unseen below the surface making navigation extremely hazardous. Shorelines are submerged making docks and other structures impossible to observe.

Until the water levels go down, boaters are also advised to operate at a reduced speed so as not to create a wake, which causes significant erosion and damage to the expanded water's edge.

The Sheriff's Office Navigation Unit will continue to monitor the water levels.

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