

# Onondaga County Sheriff's Office News

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## K-9 Deputies Graduate Tomorrow with New Partners

**Onondaga County, New York** – The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce the 2017 spring canine graduation ceremony to be held tomorrow morning at 9:00 am.

K-9 handler and instructor, Deputy Craig Belcher along with his new canine partner, one year old German shepherd named Olum, will graduate tomorrow from the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office Canine Academy. Deputy Belcher, who has been a handler for the past 15 years, has had two canine partners over the course of his career. Tomorrow he will graduate with his third partner, along with two other canine handlers.

Deputy Bill June, also with the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office, will graduate with his canine partner, Yello. Deputy June has been a member of the Sheriff's Office since 2005 and had previously served as a detective with the Criminal Investigation Division before taking on the position as canine handler earlier this year.

The Academy, which was instructed by Deputy Craig Belcher along with the assistance from Officer William Arpei of the Saratoga Springs Police Department, began on March 24th, 2017 and consisted of 400 hours of various training methods to include patrol tracking, building searches, obedience, agility and officer protection training.

In addition to the two graduating members of Onondaga County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Damon Stewart of the Fulton County Sheriff's Department and his canine partner, Grip will also graduate at the ceremony, which will take place at the Firefighter's Memorial Park located at the corners of South State Street at East Genesee Street in the city of Syracuse.

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