



ONONDAGA COUNTY
SHERIFF'S
OFFICE

**Welcome to the
Onondaga County Sheriff's Office
Police Department**

Are You Ready To Stand Out?



Recruitment Video



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Our Mission

It is the Mission of the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office Police Department to provide the citizens of Onondaga County a full service professional law enforcement agency to protect life and property, reduce the opportunity for crime and disorder, enforce all laws, assist victims and provide other police related services as required by the community. The daily focus of the Police Department is to successfully execute our law enforcement operations with compassion and courage, holding ourselves and each other accountable for our actions at all times, with the goal to provide the highest level of Police service to safeguard the community.



Uniform Patrol Division

The Uniformed Patrol Division provides law enforcement services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to the residents of Onondaga County. With approximately 827 square miles to patrol (35 miles in length and 30 miles in width) and over 2,600 miles of highways, roads and streets in Onondaga County, these Deputies strive to control crime and improve the quality of life in our community. Few would dispute the fact that deputies assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division are the backbone of the Sheriff's Office. These are the men and women who are the first to respond to the call for help. They are almost always the first to arrive on a scene and give aid and comfort to the injured. They often put themselves in harm's way every day they are on the job to stabilize a violent domestic call or when they search a dark building for a dangerous suspect.



Aviation Unit

Air-1 is a multi-mission helicopter capable of performing numerous functions including:

Patrol:

Night Sun lighting

FLIR (Forward Looking Infrared) -

locating heat sources and videotaping

Coordinating resources from an elevated platform

Video downlink/videotaping capabilities

Search and Rescue:

Locating and rescuing victims

Fire Assistance:

Locating fire/heat sources and transporting personnel/services into difficult areas



Bomb Unit



This team consists of deputies who are Certified Bomb Technicians and Hazardous Materials Technicians, as well as apprentice technicians who assist in the safe removal and disposal of suspected devices. They are trained and certified at the 5-week F.B.I. Hazardous Devices School. Also, there is mandatory monthly Bomb Technician training and mandatory recertification mandated by the F.B.I. Hazardous Devices School and the F.B.I. Bomb Data Center.

Underwater Search & Recovery Team



The Underwater Search and Recovery Team is a specialized unit of Deputies from the Sheriff's Office Police Department. Deputies assigned to the Team do so in addition to their regular duties and on a volunteer basis.

Members of the Team are responsible for providing underwater search and recovery of drowning victims, evidence to a crime, and items deemed a hazard to navigation. The Team also provides rescue services to victims of water accidents.

Navigation Unit



Deputies reassigned to this team during boating season are responsible for enforcing all New York State Navigation Laws, and patrolling and enforcing boating laws on all navigable waterways within and bordering Onondaga County. Some of their duties include law enforcement, accident investigation, search and rescue operations, commercial vessel inspections, marine inspections, and providing boater safety education.

SWAT

Deputies on this team are selected after exhibiting the ability to meet stringent standards and, once selected, they attend a comprehensive and grueling two-week basic training course hosted by the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office. Their duties include handling barricaded gunmen, hostage situations and civil disturbances, assisting in negotiations with suicidal persons, apprehending highly dangerous suspects, and performing high-risk drug raids. Each assignment requires careful planning and coordination of the members, each assigned to a specific team: Entry, Reconnaissance, Marksmen, or Negotiation. A specific assignment may also require the use of the Mobile Command Center. Furthermore, members of this team receive monthly training to perfect the skills needed for these specialized tasks.



Criminal Investigations Division

- Major Crimes Unit
- Fire Investigation Unit
- Intelligence Unit
- Special Investigations Unit
- Truth Verification Unit

Special Crimes:

- Abused Person Unit
- Cyber Forensic Unit
- Property Unit



Benefits

Salary:

- Probationary rate for 1st year \$52,986
- Upon completion of 1st year \$61,281
- Current top Salary \$75,423
- Pay increases after 1,2,4 and 7 years of service.

Vacation:

After 1 year of service you receive 11 days of vacation, and will increase up to 22 days per year.

Personal Leave: 3 Personal Leave days each year, after completion of 1 full year of continuous service.

Holidays: 12 paid holidays each year

Health & Dental: A choice of select HMO's for individual or family coverage.

Sick Leave: Sick leave credits are earned at the rate of 10 days per year.

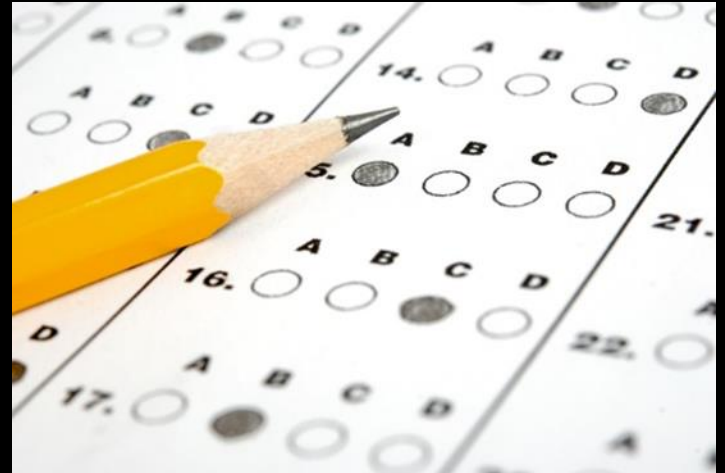
Retirement: NYS Retirement Plan. You can retire at 50% pay after 20 years of service.



Qualifications

On the date of examination:

- Must pass NYS Civil Service Exam.
- Must be at least 19 years and 6 months of age.
- Must be a citizen of the United States.



On the date of appointment:

- Must be a resident of Onondaga County or any adjoining county. (Madison, Cayuga, Oswego or Cortland).
- Must be a high school graduate, possess a GED, or possess a U.S. Armed Forces General Education Certificate.
- Must possess a valid N.Y. State Driver's License.
- Must be 20 years of age.

Special Necessary Requirements

- No felony convictions (Conviction of a misdemeanor may bar appointment).
- Successful completion of the N.Y. State Municipal Training Council and Onondaga County Sheriff's Office Training and Evaluation Program.
- Must meet the prescribed general physical conditions as stated in the Municipal Police Training. . Council Standards.



How To Apply

You may obtain an application for examination at the Onondaga County Department of Personnel between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, at the Self Service Examination Center; located in the basement of the Civic Center during and after business hours.

You may also log on the County Personnel website. www.ongov.net

or

Contact the Sheriff's Community Relations Unit at (315) 435-3006

APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

LAST NAME

STREET ADDRESS

POSITION DESIRED?

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR EMPLOYMENT?

☐ YES ☐ NO -- IF YES...

MONTH & YEAR:

Steps In The Hiring Process

- Successfully passing Civil Service Examination.
- Physical Agility Assessment (Cooper Standards).
- Advancing through Canvass Interview .
- Advancing through Board Interview.
- Successfully completing Background Check.
- Passing a Polygraph examination.
- Passing a Psychological examination.
- Successful completion of Drug Testing.



Suggested Tools /Tips

- Familiarize yourself with the appropriate Police Officer test prep material to prepare for examination.
- Start practicing for the physical agility test.
- Request an appointment with the training department for a job shadow experience.
- Maintain a positive standing within the community.
- Contact recruiter for any additional questions.

