



POLICE CHIEF A
EXAM #70-023370 (PROM)
ONEIDA COUNTY ANNOUNCES
PROMOTIONAL CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

JANUARY 9, 2026
APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE

FEBRUARY 28, 2026
EXAMINATION DATE

- APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 04:30 PM ON THE APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE
- EXAM FEES HAVE BEEN WAIVED FOR THIS CIVIL SERVICE EXAM

STARTING SALARY/RANGE: Varies by Civil Division

VACANCIES: The eligible list, established as a result of this examination, will be used to fill any appropriate vacancies which may occur in these titles under the jurisdiction of the Oneida County Commissioner of Personnel.

In accordance with Section 52 of the Civil Service Law, preference in appointment(s) will be given to employees permanently employed in any Oneida County department in which a vacancy occurs, after which appointments will be made from among all eligibles employed in Oneida County departments.

Appointments to a School, Library, Town, Village, or other civil division will be limited to those people holding full-time, permanent competitive status within the civil division only.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates must meet minimum qualifications on or before the date of examination.

Candidates must have permanent, full-time competitive status for a period of **twenty-four (24) months as a Police Sergeant or forty-eight (48) months as a Police Officer**, or if jurisdiction does not have Police Sergeant must have **permanent, full-time competitive status for a period of twenty-four (24) months as a Police Officer** in the respective City, Town, or Village within Oneida County Civil Service jurisdiction immediately preceding the date of this examination.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Possession of a valid New York State driver's license at time of application. License must remain valid throughout appointment to meet the transportation requirements of the job.

NOTE: Candidates permanently appointed to a qualifying title and had provisional service in the same title immediately preceding the permanent appointment, such provisional service may be counted towards meeting the time in title required to apply for this examination per Civil Service Law Section 52.10.

DUTIES: This is an administrative position involving responsibility for all police functions and requires ability to plan and direct related law enforcement activities. The work is performed in accordance with established policies and objectives and is subject to administrative direction from the governing board or body. There is also responsibility for providing initial and continuing training for subordinates and for ensuring that high standards of conduct are maintained. Supervision is exercised over the work of subordinate department personnel. The incumbent does related work as required.

SENIORITY CREDIT: Computation of seniority points will begin from the date of original entry in the permanent, full-time classified service of the jurisdiction in which promotion is sought, followed by continuous service, preceding the establishment of the eligible list. Candidates permanently appointed to a qualifying title and had provisional service in the same title immediately preceding the permanent appointment, such provisional service may be counted towards seniority credit. Points will be added to an eligible score, as follows:

*Less than 1 year -	0 points	*Over 16 years up to 21 years -	4 points
*1 year up to 6 years -	1 point	*Over 21 years up to 26 years -	5 points
*Over 6 years up to 11 years -	2 points	*Over 26 years -	6 points
*Over 11 years up to 16 years -	3 point		

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SUBJECTS OF EXAMINATION: There will be a written test which you must pass to be considered for appointment. The written test will be designed to evaluate knowledge, skills, and/or abilities in such areas as:

1. KNOWLEDGE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT METHODS, PRACTICES, AND PROCEDURES:

These questions test knowledge of accepted police methods and practices and/or their application to situations in the police field. The questions are a sampling of the various knowledge that police personnel may be required to possess during their day-to-day, work-related activities. Areas covered include investigation procedures, patrol techniques, police-community relations, courtroom procedures, personnel practices, policy making and budgeting procedures.

2. KNOWLEDGE OF NEW YORK STATE LAWS - CRIMINAL:

These questions test the candidates' knowledge of the laws in effect on January 1, 2026. This portion of the test is a sampling of the various sections of the law that police personnel may encounter during their day-to-day work-related activities. Laws covered may include the Penal Law, Criminal Procedure Law, Vehicle and Traffic Law, Family Court Act, and other laws relevant to law enforcement in New York State.

3. ADMINISTRATION - POLICE:

These questions test the knowledge of the managerial functions involved in directing an A level police department. These questions cover such areas as: developing objectives and formulating policies; making decisions based on the context of the administrator's position and authority; forecasting and planning; organizing; developing personnel; coordinating and informing; guiding and leading; testing and evaluating; and budgeting.

4. SUPERVISION:

These questions test knowledge of the principles and practices employed in planning, organizing, and controlling the activities of a work unit toward predetermined objectives. The concepts covered, usually in a situational question format, include such topics as assigning and reviewing work; evaluating performance; maintaining work standards; motivating and developing subordinates; implementing procedural change; increasing efficiency; and dealing with problems of absenteeism, morale, and discipline.

5. UNDERSTANDING AND INTERPRETING WRITTEN MATERIAL:

These questions test how well you comprehend written material. You will be provided with brief reading selections and will be asked questions about the selections. All the information required to answer the questions will be presented in the selections; you will not be required to have any special knowledge relating to the subject areas of the selections.

6. PREPARING WRITTEN MATERIAL IN A POLICE SETTING:

These questions test the ability to prepare the types of reports that police personnel write. Some questions test the ability to present information clearly and accurately. They consist of restatements of information given in note form. You must choose the best version from each set of four choices. Other questions test the ability to organize paragraphs. They consist of paragraphs with their sentences out of order. For each of the paragraphs you must choose, from four suggestions, the best order of the sentences.

CALCULATORS ARE PROHIBITED

TEST GUIDE: A Guide for the Written Test for **Police Chief/Assistant Chief** is available at the New York State website: <https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm> Candidates not having access to a computer or the internet may request copy of the test guide from the municipal civil service office conducting this examination using the contact information found elsewhere on this announcement.

EXAM SERIES: Police Chief/Assistant Chief

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR MULTIPLE CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS
SCHEDULED ON THE SAME DATE**

If you have applied for other civil service exams in another jurisdiction (state, county, city) scheduled for the same date, **YOU** must decide to take all the exams at one test site. Submit a completed **CROSS-FILER NOTIFICATION** form to our office at time of application. If you have applied for a State exam, **YOU MUST** take all exam titles at the state exam site. You will be advised in your admission letter when and where to report for your examinations. If you have any questions, please contact the Oneida County Department of Personnel at **315-798-5726**, and where to report for your examinations. If you have any questions, please contact the Oneida County Department of Personnel at **315-798-5726**.

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**For further information contact: ONEIDA COUNTY DEPT. OF PERSONNEL, 800 PARK AVE., UTICA, NY 13501
TELEPHONE: (315) 798-5726**

CHARLES P. KLEIN, COMMISSIONER

GENERAL INFORMATION

EMERGENCY CANCELLATION OF EXAMINATIONS: Tune to – Spectrum News; WUTR; WKTV; Radio Stations 96.1, 96.9, 97.9. **OR** Like and Follow us on Facebook at ‘Oneida County Civil Service’.

1. **APPLICATIONS:** Candidate must complete a separate Oneida County Civil Service Application for each Civil Service Examination or employment opportunity that they are applying for. Applicants must answer every question on the application and make sure that the application is complete in all respects. **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE DISAPPROVED.** All applications shall be filed with the Oneida County Department of Personnel. Applications received after the last filing date will be rejected. Apply online at: <https://oneida-portal.mycivilservice.com/post/exams>
2. **ADDRESS CHANGE:** Failure to notify this office of a change of address may result in disqualification for examination or certification for appointment following examination. No attempt will be made to locate candidates who have moved.
3. **RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS/MILITARY/DISABILITY:** Please indicate on your application if special exam arrangements for testing are needed. Please review instruction F on the civil service application for further instructions.
4. **ALTERNATE TEST DATES:** Please review ‘The Alternate Test Date Policy’ located on our website at <https://ocgov.net/departments/civil-service/rules-and-policies/>.
5. **VETERANS:** Please review instruction G on the civil service application.
6. **ADMISSION NOTICE:** Applications are reviewed for qualifying status. If your exam application is disapproved, you will be notified of the reason and given an opportunity to amend your application. All amendments to applications are due by the amendment due date listed on your disapproval letter. **IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE AN ADMISSION LETTER THREE (3) DAYS BEFORE THE EXAM DATE, PLEASE CALL: (315) 798-5726.** Collect calls will not be accepted.
7. **ELIGIBLE LISTS:** Appointments from an eligible list must be made from the top three candidates willing to accept appointment. The duration of an eligible list may be fixed for a minimum period of one (1) year **OR** up to a maximum period of four (4) years depending on examination type. Changing conditions may make it advisable to certify to future vacancies at higher or lower salaries than those announced.
8. **FOREIGN EDUCATION:** High school from other than U.S. schools may be verified by a transcript and against college-entry requirements in the corresponding country. Applicable documentation must be submitted. If your degree and/or college credit was awarded by an educational institution outside of the United States and its territories, you must provide independent verification of equivalency. A list of acceptable companies providing this service may be obtained in person from the Oneida County Department of Personnel, by mail (include a self-addressed, stamped envelope) **OR** on the New York State Department of Civil Service website: www.cs.ny.gov/jobseeker/degrees.cfm. You will be responsible for the required evaluation fee.
9. Federal and State Law prohibit discrimination because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, disability, marital status or genetic predisposition or carrier status.
10. This examination is being prepared and rated in accordance with section 23(2) of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Law, Rules, and Regulations dealing with the preparation and rating of examinations, as well as establishment and certification of eligible lists for positions in the classified service, will apply to this examination.
11. **ADDITIONAL CREDIT:** In conformance with section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, **children of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty** shall be entitled to receive an additional ten points in a competitive examination for original appointment in the same municipality in which his or her parent has served. If you are qualified to participate in this examination and are a child of a firefighter or police officer killed in the line of duty in this municipality, please inform this office of this matter when you submit your application for examination. A candidate claiming such credit has a minimum of two months from the application deadline to provide the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. However, no credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.
12. **BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION:** Applicants may be required to undergo a state and national criminal history background investigation, which will include a fingerprint check, to determine suitability for appointment. Failure to meet the standards for the background investigation may result in disqualification.
13. **APPLICATION FEE WAIVER:** A waiver of the application fee will be allowed if you are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. In addition, a waiver of the application fee will be allowed if you are determined eligible for Medicaid, receiving Supplemental Security Income payment, receiving Public Assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance) or are certified Job Training Partnership Act/Workforce Investment Act eligible through a State or local social service agency. **All claims for application fee waiver are subject to verification. If you can verify eligibility for application fee waiver, complete a Request for Application Fee Waiver and Certification form and submit it with your application. The form is available on our website <https://ocgov.net/departments/civil-service/forms/> and in the Oneida County Department of Personnel, 800 Park Avenue 6th Floor, Utica, NY 13501. You may also call (315) 798-5726 to request a copy.**
14. **EXAMINATION ATTENDANCE POLICY:** Failure to appear for two (2) consecutive examinations administered by Oneida County Civil Service within an 18-month period will result in disqualification from future examination for a two-year period, per Oneida County Civil Service Rule IX.

ONEIDA COUNTY EXAM ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE ACCESSED ON OUR WEBSITE: <https://ocgov.net/departments/civil-service/>

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