



# ONEIDA

## FACT SHEET

## ONEIDA INDIAN NATION POLICE DEPARTMENT

Established in 1993, the Oneida Indian Nation Police Department – the eighth largest of 171 tribal police agencies currently operating in the country – is a professionally trained law enforcement agency empowered by the sovereign authority of the Oneida Indian Nation. Members of the force are deputized by federal authority. Because of the department's high standards of professionalism, the department has been nationally accredited since 1998.

The department's headquarters is in Canastota.

### ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

- There are 38 sworn officers and six non-sworn employees.
- Officers are commissioned as Bureau of Indian Affairs Deputy Special Officers under the U.S. Department of the Interior.
- The department consciously recruits veteran law enforcement professionals for staff positions.
- The department has more than 1,000 combined years of service as state troopers, police chiefs, sheriffs, deputies, and municipal police officers.
- Members of the department specialize in different topics such as disaster preparedness, task force operations, hostage negotiation, major case management, emergency medical technician certification, defensive driving, security management, crime prevention, hunter safety, computerized voice stress analysis, and risk management investigations.
- Officers must comply with job-related physical standards upon entry and are required to maintain these standards throughout their tenure with the department.

### DUTIES

- Serving the government, community, lands, and enterprises of the Oneida Indian Nation.
- Preserving the peace, protecting property, detecting crime, and enforcing federal and Oneida Indian Nation laws and ordinances.
- Responsible for the safety of more than 5 million yearly visitors to Turning Stone Resort Casino and other enterprises.
- Responsible for the safety of 4,800 Oneida Nation employees.
- Investigate violations of the General Crimes Act and Major Crime Act (Title 18 of the U.S. Code).
- Members of the department's Bureau of Investigation conduct criminal, non-criminal, and background employment investigations for Oneida Nation enterprises.
- Developing community policing through partnerships.
- Keeping officers at the forefront of the profession.



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## ONGOING TRAINING

- Department has a full-time training coordinator and certified physical fitness instructor.
- Officers are involved in at least 40 hours of in-service training each year, including proficiency in firearms and use of force, community policing concepts, cultural sensitivity, leadership, ethics, and physical fitness.
- Community policing concepts establish the department as the community's protector.
- All training handled by state-certified master instructors.
- Training exceeds all federal and state training standards.
- Equipment used includes computer-based training, operations of a fully encrypted multi-channel inter-agency radio system, Emergency-911 capabilities.

## HONORS

- The department is the first tribal police force in the U.S. and one of only seven police agencies of any kind in New York State to receive accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).
- Officers decorated for participation in Katrina relief efforts.
- First Aid Agency of the Year, National Safety Council, 1996.
- Several officers have earned medals from participating in the International and New York State Police Olympics.



- Several honors for life-saving endeavors.
- Named best-dressed department in the country by "Law and Order" magazine.
- Member, Advisory Council of the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center (Northeast)
- Member of the Mid-Atlantic Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Record (MAGLOCLEN).
- Member of the Advisory Committee to the National Task Force on community preparedness and response.

## REQUIREMENTS

- New York State resident, 25 years of age.
- Five-plus years of law enforcement experience in New York State as a Division of Criminal Justice Services certified police officer.
- Associates degree in criminal justice, business, public administration or related field.
- Pass thorough physical exam, strength and agility test.
- New York State driver's license with satisfactory driving record.
- Valid New York State pistol permit.
- Good moral character, no criminal convictions, good credit history, satisfactory work record.
- Pass extensive background investigation.