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MADISON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
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#60066530 DEPUTY SHERIFF
(Open Competitive)

DATE OF EXAMINATION:
October 17, 2026

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL:
August 28, 2026

To apply for exams:

- **Online:** Go to <https://madison-portal.mycivilservice.com/exams>.
- **By Mail:** Applications can be downloaded from the Department of Human Resources website at: <https://www.madisoncounty.ny.gov/301/Human-Resources-Forms>.
- Applications must be received or postmarked by the application deadline. Carefully compare your qualifications against the minimum qualifications listed on the announcement and apply for only those examinations for which you clearly meet the required qualifications.

SALARY: \$33.57/hour (2026 Hire Rate) \$34.57/hour (2026 MPTC Rate)

VACANCIES: The eligible list established as a result of this examination will be used to fill vacancies as they occur in the Madison County Sheriff's Office.

RESIDENCY: Candidates must have been legal residents of Madison County, Onondaga County, Cortland County, Chenango County, Otsego County, Oneida County or Oswego County for at least one (1) month immediately preceding the date of the written test and for at least one (1) month prior to the date of appointment. Preference in certification may be given to successful candidates who have been legal residents of Madison County or the jurisdiction in which appointment is to be made for at least one (1) month prior to the date of certification.

MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY: If you have applied to take a written test announced by either one (1) or several local jurisdictions (county, town, city) scheduled to be held on the same test date as this written test, you must notify each of the local jurisdictions no later than two (2) weeks before the test date, so they can make arrangements for taking all tests at one test site. All examinations for positions in State government will be held at a State examination center. If you are cross filing, you are required to complete the Madison County Cross Filer Notification form to indicate what exams you are taking and where you will be sitting to take exams scheduled on the same date. The cross filer form can be downloaded from the Human Resources website at <https://www.madisoncounty.ny.gov/DocumentCenter/View/21791/Cross-Filer-Form-Fillable> or call 315-366-2341 to obtain a copy.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves responsibility for the protection of lives and property and the enforcement of laws and ordinances in the County. On an assigned shift, an incumbent assists in the investigation of offenses, the apprehension of violators, and conducts routine patrol operations in accordance with standard departmental operating procedures. The work is performed under the general supervision of a higher-ranking officer who gives specific instructions and assistance when special problems arise. The incumbent does related work as required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates must meet the following requirements by the written examination date unless otherwise indicated:

Education: Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma as described in Section 58 of the Civil Service Law.**

****Anticipated Eligibility – Educational Requirements:** According to Civil Service Law, Section 54 which became effective September 4, 2024, applicants who are within 12 months of attaining the minimum educational requirements following the date of the examination, may take the civil service exam, but will be restricted from certification until such a time that the minimum educational requirements are met.

Age: Candidates must be at least 19 years of age on or before October 17, 2026 to be admitted to the written test. Eligibility for appointment as a Deputy Sheriff begins when the candidate reaches age 20. Candidates who reach their 43rd birthday on or before the date of the written examination (October 17, 2026) are not qualified except as follows:

Candidates may have a period of military duty or terminal leave up to seven (7) years, as defined in Section 243 (10-a) of the Military Law, deducted from their age for the purpose of meeting the age requirement.

Citizenship: United States citizenship is required at time of appointment. It is not necessary for admission to the examination.

Driver's License: Candidates must possess a valid New York State driver's license at time of appointment and maintenance of said license for the duration of appointment.

INVESTIGATIVE SCREENING: As stated in Section 58 of the Civil Service Law, there will be a background investigation conducted in accordance with the standards of the municipal police training council (MPTC). Derogatory information will be evaluated and may result in disqualification. All convictions must be reported. Conviction of a felony or misdemeanor, or any falsified or omitted information, may bar appointment, or result in removal after appointment, depending upon the relationship of the violation or omission to the duties of the position. **Fingerprinting is required.**

PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION: As stated in Section 58 of the Civil Service Law, you will be required to participate in a psychological evaluation to determine your fitness to perform the essential duties of the position prior to appointment. Failure to meet the standards may result in your offer of employment being rescinded or in your disqualification. An eligible will be called for a psychological assessment as needed to fill existing and anticipated vacancies.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROFESSIONAL POLICING ACT OF 2021: Under the provisions of the Professional Policing Act of 2021, New York State Title 9 NYCRR Part 6000 and Title 9 NYCRR Part 6056 were amended to prescribe minimum training, background, and character standards for appointment of persons to police officer/deputy sheriff positions. Under the provisions of Part 6000 and Part 6056, applicants may be determined to lack good moral character if:

1. You were previously appointed as a police officer/deputy sheriff in New York State, were removed from said employment for cause, had your training certificate permanently invalidated by the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services and are listed on their decertification index;

2. You are listed on the National Decertification Index after having been decertified as a police officer/deputy sheriff in any state other than New York State;
3. Within three (3) years from the date of application, you:
 - a. Engaged in criminal activity, whether criminally charged or prosecuted, regardless of where the act took place, if said conduct would constitute an offense in New York, which is defined as:
 - (i) Any felony offense;
 - (ii) Any sex offense or sexually violent offense as defined in Article 6C of the Correction Law;
 - (iii) All serious offenses defined in Subdivision 17 of Section 265 of the Penal Law;
 - (iv) Crimes involving official misconduct and obstruction of public servants as defined in Article 195 of the Penal Law; crimes involving bribery of a public servant as defined in Article 200 of the Penal Law; crimes involving perjury as defined in Article 210 of the Penal Law; and/or crimes relating to judicial proceedings as defined in Article 215 of the Penal Law;
 - (v) Crimes involving forgery as defined in Article 170 of the Penal Law; crimes involving false written statements as defined in Article 175 of the Penal Law; crimes involving fraud as defined in Article 190 of the Penal Law;
 - (vi) Crimes involving assault and menacing as defined in Article 120 of the Penal Law; crimes involving obscenity as defined in Article 235 of the Penal Law; crimes against public sensibilities as defined in Article 245 of the Penal Law; or crimes against public order as defined in Article 240 of the Penal Law.
4. Engaged in the unlawful use of any controlled substances.
5. Made false statement(s) or engaged in conduct that subverts or attempts to subvert the police/deputy sheriff employment application process.
6. Received a dishonorable discharge from any of the Armed Forces of the United States which has not been adjusted under the terms of the New York State Restoration of Honor Act.

PRE-PLACEMENT PHYSICAL AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES SCREENING: When you are offered a permanent, full-time or permanent, part-time appointment at Madison County, the offer of employment will be contingent upon successful completion of a pre-placement physical and controlled substance screening prior to employment. Candidates must meet the medical standards prescribed by the Municipal Police Training Council (MPTC). Copies of the physical fitness and medical standards are available upon request from the Madison County Department of Human Resources.

SUBJECTS OF EXAMINATION: A written test designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and/or abilities in the following areas:

Situational Judgment - These questions test for the ability to identify appropriate and effective responses to work-related challenges. You will be presented with scenarios that reflect the types of challenges one could encounter in a work environment. Each scenario will be followed by several responses to the scenario. You must rate the effectiveness of each response.

Language Fluency - These questions test for the ability to read, understand, and present a clear and accurate summary of information. For some questions, you will be given a brief reading passage followed by four statements, each summarizing the information. You must then choose the best version. For other questions, you will be given several sentences, one of which contains a spelling, grammatical, or punctuation error. You must then select the line that contains the error.

Information Ordering and Language Sequencing - These questions test for the ability to properly identify the sequence or order of events, or to organize information to fit a timeline. You will be given a brief reading passage followed by one or more questions. You must identify the proper sequence of events in order to answer one or more questions.

Problem Sensitivity and Reasoning - These questions test for the ability to apply information and to identify a problem or potential problem. For some questions, you will be given information in the form of policies, rules, regulations, or laws, which will be followed by a situation. You must then identify the problem and apply the information to select the best course of action to take. For other questions, you will be given a scenario and mock witness statements. You must use this information to answer one or more questions about the scenario.

Selective Attention - These questions test for the ability to focus on completing a task and to pay attention to important details while performing repetitive and monotonous tasks. You will be presented with a series of letters, symbols, and/or numbers. You must select the choice that contains the series of letters, symbols, and/or number that matches exactly.

Visualization - These questions test for the ability to imagine how something will look when it is moved around or when its parts are changed, moved, or rearranged. You will be presented with an image of a face followed by four images of faces. Each face is disguised or altered in some way. Three of the images have a difference in facial structure or facial features. You must select the choice that contains the image with the identical facial structure and facial features.

Spatial Orientation - These questions test for the ability to understand how to navigate within spaces or how to get from one point to another. You will be provided with a map followed by one or more questions. You must imagine yourself at a certain location and orient yourself to the direction in which you would move to get to another location by the shortest (least distance) route.

TEST GUIDE: A Guide for the Written Test for **Entry-Level Law Enforcement** 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.

CALCULATOR: THE USE OF A CALCULATOR IS PROHIBITED FOR THIS EXAM.

QUALIFYING PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST: Candidates must meet the physical fitness and medical standards prescribed by the Madison County Department of Human Resources. Candidates must pass the written test to be scheduled for the qualifying physical fitness test. The test will consist of three elements: sit-ups, push-ups and a 1.5 mile run which are essential for satisfactory performance of the duties of Deputy Sheriff. All elements are scored on a pass/fail basis and candidates must satisfactorily complete each element of the test to successfully complete the test. Unsuccessful candidates will be considered for retesting between 30-60 days of the original physical fitness test. Candidates who pass the qualifying physical fitness test and who are given a conditional offer of employment will be scheduled to take the required medical examination and controlled substances screening.

The three (3) elements measured in the qualifying physical fitness test are muscular endurance, absolute strength and cardiovascular capacity. The following is a brief description of the physical fitness test:

Muscular Endurance – The requirement is for a number of bent-leg sit-ups to be performed in one (1) minute.

Push Up – This test measures muscular endurance of the upper body (anterior deltoid, pectorals major and triceps). The requirement is for a number of full body repetitions that a candidate must complete without breaks.

Cardiovascular Activity – 1.5 mile run; the requirement is for the attainment of a score calculated in minutes and seconds.

SEX / AGE	TEST – MINIMUM STANDARDS		
MALE	SIT-UP	PUSH-UP	1.5 MILE RUN
19-29	38	29	12:38
30-39	35	24	12:58
40-49	29	18	13:50
FEMALE	SIT-UP	PUSH-UP	1.5 MILE RUN
19-29	32	15	14:50
30-39	25	11	15:43
40-49	20	9	16:31

The Municipal Police Training Council adopted the physical fitness-screening test based on the model formulated by the Cooper Institute of Aerobics Research. The minimum passing scores, depending on age and sex, represent the fortieth (40th) percentile of physical fitness as established by the Cooper Institute. Failure on a part of qualifying test will remove your name from further consideration for appointment.

RETEST POLICY FOR PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST: When a candidate fails any or all portions of the required physical fitness test for law enforcement positions, he/she shall have the opportunity for one (1) retest. The candidate must contact the Madison County Department of Human Resources to schedule the retest. The Madison County Department of Human Resources is responsible for making the arrangements for the retest.

The candidate must actually take the physical agility retest not sooner than thirty (30) calendar days but not later than sixty (60) calendar days from the date they failed to successfully complete the first physical agility test. The candidate will be responsible for the fee for the retest if applicable.

The candidate’s failure to complete the agility retest within the timeframe specified above shall result in the removal of their name from the applicable eligible list.

CONTINUOUS RECRUITMENT ELIGIBLE LISTS: This examination is being held on a continuous recruitment basis. The Deputy Sheriff exam will be held periodically. Candidates who meet the qualifications and pass the exam will have their names placed on the eligible list in order of final scores, regardless of the date on which they filed or took the test. Generally, the names of qualified candidates will remain on the eligible list for one (1) year. Madison County Department of Human Resources reserves the right to terminate this special recruitment program.

TIME AND PLACE OF EXAMINATION: Accepted candidates will be notified by letter when and where to appear for this examination. If notice of acceptance or disapproval is not received at least three days prior to the examination date, please call this office at (315) 366-2341.

IDENTIFICATION: Bring positive identification to the written examination such as a driver's license, passport or student identification which contains a photo and your signature. Candidates will not be admitted without the proper identification.

SECTION 23-2: The written test is being prepared and rated by the New York State Department of Civil Service in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Rules and Regulations dealing with the rating of examinations will apply to the written test.

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.

VETERAN’S CREDIT: Veterans or disabled veterans who are eligible for additional credit must submit an application for veteran’s credit with their application for examination or at any time between the dates of their application for examination and the date of the establishment of the resulting eligible list. [Applications](#) for veteran’s credit are available from this office. Veteran’s credit can only be added to a passing score on the examination.

Candidates currently in the armed forces may apply for and be conditionally granted veteran’s credit in examinations. Any candidate who applies for such credit must provide proof of military status to receive the conditional credit. No credit may be granted after the establishment of the list. It is the responsibility of the candidate to provide appropriate documentary proof as defined in Section 85 of Civil Service Law and that the candidate received an honorable discharge or was released under honorable conditions in order to be certified at a score including veteran’s credit.

THOSE REQUIRING RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS, DISABLED PERSONS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY: IF SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR TESTING ARE REQUIRED, INDICATE THIS ON YOUR APPLICATION FORM.

BE SURE TO ENTER YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ON YOUR APPLICATION WHEN YOU FILE. QUALIFIED CANDIDATES MUST BRING THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER TO THE EXAMINATION AS THIS WILL BE USED AS THEIR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER IN THE EXAMINATION.

ISSUED: July 22, 2026

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