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Vision: A vibrant community where every citizen has the opportunity to be healthy, safe and successful

Mission: Provide strategic and responsive public services that are fiscally responsible and sensitive to the diverse and changing needs of our community

FIRE TRAINING INSTRUCTOR (COUNTY)

Civil Service Exam held in Ontario County
(Open to the public)

<u>Exam Date</u> October 21, 2023	<u>Exam Number</u> 64-345	<u>Application Fee*</u> \$20.00 (Do not send cash)	<u>Application Deadline</u> September 13, 2023
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*The non-refundable Application and Administrative Fees must be submitted at time of application (credit or debit card only).

A *Fee Waiver is available to candidates who meet the requirements.

Pay Rate: Ontario County 2023 starting salary: \$54,620 (\$28.01/hr.).

Residency Requirements: Candidates must have their domicile as New York State for at least one month immediately preceding the examination date.

➤ It is the applicants' responsibility to clearly show that they meet the **minimum qualifications** for the position.

Qualifications:

County Values: All employees of Ontario County are expected to uphold and exhibit the County's shared values and behaviors to achieve the County's Vision and Mission.

Minimum Qualifications:

1. Three (3) years' experience as an interior firefighter: AND
2. Two (2) years' experience as a Training Officer of routine fire training skills OR a company officer (Lieutenant or higher); AND
3. Completion of Fire Service Instructor course in the State Fire Training Programs:

NOTE: If candidate is claiming two years' experience as a company Training Officer they must have also completed the 'Introduction to Fire Officer' course.

Special Requirements - for Appointment:

1. Certain assignments made to employees in this class will require reasonable access to transportation to meet field work requirements made in the ordinary course of business in a timely and efficient manner.
2. **PLUS** meet the medical fitness requirements for wearing respiratory protection equipment prescribed in 29 C.F.R. Section 1910.134 if they conduct State Fire Training courses which require the use of respiratory protection equipment.

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Special Requirements: (continued):

NOTE: Volunteer firefighting experience will be accepted on a prorated basis and must be documented.

- Volunteer experience shall be defined as:
 - Actual time spent in firefighting training;
 - Attending official department functions
 - Responding to emergency situations as a member of an emergency fire department.
- Time spent in fund raising, parades, or social or sporting events will not be credited.
- The time claimed must be verified by the submission of copies of official department documents and completion of an official verification form.
- Information without substantiation by official documents is insufficient.

Anticipated Eligibility: Applicants who lack thirty days, or less, of meeting the minimum qualifications by the date of the examination will be admitted conditionally to the examination. However, proof of the additional days' qualifications must be submitted prior to the establishment of the eligible list.

Vacancy: This examination is being held to establish an Eligible List to fill future vacancies in this title, which may occur during the life of the Eligible List. An eligible may receive only one Permanent appointment from this Eligible List. If an eligible accepts a Contingent-Permanent appointment their name will be removed from the Eligible List only for the department or agency in which she/he received the Contingent-Permanent appointment. Once appointed, there will be a probation period of 8 to 52-weeks based on performance of duties.

Eligible Lists established by Ontario County Department of Human Resources are used to fill vacancies in Ontario County Government, its Cities, Towns, Villages, School Districts, Fire Districts, and public libraries, the Finger Lakes Community College, Geneva Housing Authority, and the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES.

In accordance with Section 23-4 (a) of the Civil Service Law, **preference in appointment** may be given to residents in the jurisdiction where the vacancy exists. When preference in certification is given, an eligible must have been a resident of such municipality for at least one month prior to the date of certification and must be a resident of such municipality at the time of certification and appointment. Applicants must list a home address to be considered for preference in certification.

Job Description: The work involves the planning and conducting of training programs for firefighting personnel in accordance with the minimum standards for firefighting personnel. The incumbent serves as the designated County Fire Instructor, and is responsible for the training program provided by the municipality to firefighting personnel. The work is performed under the general direction of the Director of Emergency Management. Does related work as required.

Controlled Substance Screening: When you are offered a full-time or part-time, permanent or contingent permanent appointment at Ontario County, you will be required to complete a controlled substances screening prior to employment.

Background Investigation: Candidates may be subject to a thorough background investigation and psychological evaluation to determine suitability for appointment. Applicants may be required to authorize access to educational, employment, criminal history and other records check as part of such investigation. Criminal convictions or other offenses are subject to evaluation and may result in disqualification. Applicants will be required to submit the necessary fees for the fingerprint processing, where required.

Special requirement for appointment in school districts or BOCES: Per Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000, and by Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, to be employed in a position designated by a School District or BOCES as involving direct contact with students, a clearance for employment from the State Education Department is required.

Subjects of Examination: A test designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and/or abilities in the following areas:

- 1. Preparing written material** - These questions test for the ability to present information clearly and accurately, and to organize paragraphs logically and comprehensibly. For some questions, you will be given information in two or three sentences followed by four restatements of the information. You must then choose the best version. For other questions, you will be given paragraphs with their sentences out of order. You must then choose, from four suggestions, the best order for the sentences.
- 2. Fire prevention, fire inspections, and fire hazards** - These questions test for a knowledge of the methods, principles, practices, and equipment of fire prevention, conducting fire inspections, and dealing with fire hazards. The questions cover such areas as the following: fire prevention campaigns; automatic and other extinguishment systems; alarms; dealing with building owners and managers; characteristics of combustible materials; recognizing proper and improper practices related to fire prevention; and codes and regulations related to fire prevention.
- 3. Rescue techniques and firefighting practices** - These questions test for knowledge of such areas as: rescue techniques; knot-tying; rescue-related tools and equipment; firefighting practices; building materials and construction types; fire behavior characteristics; fire scene size-up; ventilation; extinguishing agents and application procedures; hoses, nozzles, and water streams; hand and power tools; ladders and elevating platforms; self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA); fire cause and origin; and aspects of the Incident Management System.
- 4. Principles and practices of staff development and training** - These questions test for the knowledge and abilities used to develop and deliver training. They address topics such as the assessment of training needs; instructional design; training methods and techniques; the use of training aids, materials, and technology; motivation; learning theory; classroom management; the evaluation of learning outcomes; and the usage of training-related data.

Test guide: The New York State Department of Civil Service has not prepared a test guide for this examination. However, candidates may find information in the publication 'General Guide to Written Tests' helpful in preparing for this test. This publication is available on line at: <https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm>.

Candidates are allowed to use quiet, hand-held, solar or battery powered calculators. Devices with Typewriter Keyboards, Spell Checkers, personal Digital Assistants, Address Books, Language Translators, Dictionaries, or any similar devices are prohibited. Cell phones, SmartWatches or any similar electronic devices are prohibited. You may not bring books or other reference materials. **You will not be permitted to use the calculator function of your cell phone.**

EMERGENCY CANCELLATION OF EXAMS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON:

Ontario County Human Resources Webpage at <http://www.ontariocountyny.gov/94/Human-Resources> and NOTICE will be emailed to all approved Applicants no later than 7:30 AM the day of the scheduled exam.

Applications and further information may be obtained by visiting the ONTARIO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES website at www.ontariocountyny.gov/HumanResources. Completed applications and application fees must be electronically submitted by 11:59 p.m. on **SEPTEMBER 13, 2023**.

It is the candidates' responsibility to keep their contact information (email address, phone number & USPS mailing address) current. The Address Change Form can be found at the Ontario County Department of Human Resources website: www.ontariocountyny.gov/HumanResources. To be considered for preference in certification based on residency, you must include the city and/or town/village and school district you live in. All communication is done electronically through the applicant provided email address.

If candidate **fails to receive an admission letter** at least seven days prior to the examination date, you should contact the Department of Human Resources immediately.

Most written tests are held on Saturdays. If you cannot take the test on the announced test date due to a conflict with a religious observance or practice, check the box under “**Religious Accommodation**”. We will make arrangements for you to take the test on a different date (usually the following business day).

Disabled persons: If special arrangements for testing are required, indicate this on your application form.

CROSSFILER: Applying for Civil Service Examinations in Multiple Agencies When The Exams are Scheduled on Same Date: If you have applied to take a written test for other local jurisdictions (county, town, city) that is scheduled on the same test date as this written test, you must notify, in writing, each of the local jurisdictions no later than 15 days before the test date of the test site at which you wish to take your examination. Arrangements for you to take all tests at one site are made through NYS Department of Civil Service. You must provide a list of all exam titles, numbers and locations for which you have applied on a Cross Filing Form. Click [here](#) to access the Cross Filing Form and once completed, please forward to: hr@ontariocountyny.gov. All examinations for positions in State government will be held at a State examination center.

*The required **NON-REFUNDABLE application and administrative fees** must be submitted at time of application. If your application is disapproved, the fees will not be returned to you. Do not send cash, check or money order. If you are approved and do not appear for the examination, you forfeit the fees as no refunds will be made. In accordance with Civil Service Law, Section 50.5(b), an exception to the fee requirements will be made only for persons who are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household or who are receiving public assistance. The Fee Waiver Form can be found at the Ontario County Department of Human Resources website: www.ontariocountyny.gov/HumanResources.

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 maximum 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.

Any member of the **Armed Forces** of the United States of America, who having duly filed an application to compete in a scheduled competitive examination for Civil Service employment by the State of New York or any of its subdivisions and who due to active military duty is deprived of the opportunity to compete in such examination shall be provided with an opportunity to compete, under terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the State Department of Civil Service or Municipal Commission, by way of a special military make-up examination.

Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLFP) - The PSLF Program is intended to encourage individuals to enter and continue to work full-time in public service jobs. Under this program, you may qualify for forgiveness of the remaining balance on your (Direct Loan) loans after you have made 120 qualifying payments on those loans while employed full-time by certain public service employers. For more information about this program go to: <http://studentaid.gov>.

Ontario County is an **Equal Opportunity Employer** and, as such, offers equal opportunities for all qualified applicants with no discrimination as to age, race, color, creed, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, military status, predisposing genetic characteristics, marital status, domestic violence victim status or disabilities and, in certain circumstances pursuant to Executive Law 296, conviction record. Any person with a disability requesting reasonable accommodations in order to participate in examinations will be accommodated.

This examination is announced and will be rated in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Law and Rules and Regulations dealing with the rating of examinations will apply to this examination.

Michele O. Smith Director of Human Resources Fire Training Instructor (County) Exam No. 64-345 Issued: August 2, 2023
