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

## **POLICE CHIEF, TYPE B (CITY OF CANANDAIGUA)**

Civil Service Exam held in Ontario County  
(Promotional)

**Exam Date**  
**February 28, 2026**

**Exam Number**  
**70025-606**

**Application Fee\***  
**\$20.00** (Do not send cash)

**Application Deadline**  
**January 22, 2026**

\*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:** City of Canandaigua 2026 starting salary: \$126,460 Pending City Board Approval.

**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 26-weeks based on performance of duties.

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

**Minimum Qualifications:** On or before the examination date, candidates must possess Permanent Competitive status in the position of Police Lieutenant OR Police Sergeant for six (6) months in the City of Canandaigua Police Department.

In accordance with Civil Service Law, Section 52.10(a) which became effective September 4, 2024, time served provisionally immediately preceding permanent appointment shall count towards meeting the time in title and the employee shall be eligible to take the promotion examination.

**Qualifying Experience for Appointment:** Successful candidates will be eligible for appointment from the eligible list when they meet the time described in the minimum qualifications above.

In accordance with Civil Service Law, Section 52.10(b) which became effective September 4, 2024, time served provisionally immediately preceding permanent appointment shall count towards meeting the time in title that an employee needs to meet for appointment from an eligible list.

**Special Requirement for Appointment:** Possession of a valid New York State Operator's license at the time of appointment, and maintenance of such license throughout the tenure of employment in the position.

**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.

**Job Description:** This is a highly responsible management position involving direct responsibility for all police functions and requiring the ability to plan and direct law enforcement activities. The work is performed in accordance with policies and objectives established by the appointing authority allowing wide leeway for the exercise of independent judgment in maintaining high standards of performance.

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

**1. Knowledge of law enforcement methods, practices, and procedures** - These questions test for 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 in the course of 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, 2025. This portion of the test is a sampling of the various sections of the law that police personnel may encounter in the course of 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. Police Administrative Supervision and Administration** -These questions test for the knowledge of managerial functions involved in directing the operations of a B or C level police department as well as the knowledge of the principles and practices involved in supervising a large subordinate staff, including subordinate supervisors. These questions cover such areas as: developing objectives and formulating policies; forecasting and planning; organizing and coordinating; informing and instructing; guiding and leading; decision-making and problem solving; communicating effectively; staffing and staff development; time management; assigning work and evaluating performance; handling conflict and grievances; and budgeting.

**4. Job simulation exercises in police administration** - This job simulation exercise will cover such areas as: human resources management, prioritizing, problem-solving, public relations, and police procedure.

**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 for the ability to prepare the types of reports that police personnel write. Some questions test for 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 for 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.

**7. Job simulation exercise in police command** - This job simulation exercise will cover such areas as: management of operations, decision-making under pressure, public relations, and police procedure.

**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.

**USE OF CALCULATORS IS PROHIBITED FOR THIS EXAM**

**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.**

**SENIORITY CREDITS** (POINTS) WILL BE ADDED TO A SUCCESSFUL ELIGIBLE'S SCORE AS FOLLOWS:

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

Applications and further information may be obtained by visiting the ONTARIO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES website at [www.ontariocountyny.gov/HumanResources](http://www.ontariocountyny.gov/HumanResources). Completed applications and application fees must be electronically filed by 11:59 p.m. on **JANUARY 22, 2026**.

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](http://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.

\*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](http://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.

**Veterans' Credits:** Honorable discharged veterans may apply for additional points to be added to their final passing score on civil service examinations. The *Application for Veterans Credits*, the *Authorization for Disability Record*, and additional information regarding the requirements are available on our website at: [www.ontariocountyny.gov/HumanResources](http://www.ontariocountyny.gov/HumanResources). Completed forms must be received by this office before the Eligible List, from this examination, is established.

**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.

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Police Chief, Type B (City of Canandaigua)  
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