

# CITY CLERK

SANDY LAPERA, CITY CLERK

NOVEMBER  
2025

MONTHLY REPORT

Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share	
00100171255	Clerk Fees	Copies	1	25.00	
		Genealogy	1	22.00	
		Notary	19	38.00	
	Vital Records	Acknowledgement of Paternity	11	0.00	
		Births	58	580.00	
		Deaths	58	580.00	
		Government Use Copies - Free	5	0.00	
		Marriage	3	30.00	
	Sub-Total:			\$1,275.00	
00100171260	ZBA	Site Plan - 1,000 sq.ft or less	1	100.00	
Sub-Total:			\$100.00		
00100171261	ZBA	Area Variance	1	100.00	
Sub-Total:			\$100.00		
00100171265	Deed Recording Fee	DEED RECORDING FEE	27	810.00	
Sub-Total:			\$810.00		
00100182263	Fire Permits	Alarms	9	360.00	
	Solid Fuel Permit	Solid Fuel Permit	1	60.00	
Sub-Total:			\$420.00		
00100202544	Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	16	176.00	
		Female, Unspayed	9	225.00	
		Male, Neutered	22	242.00	
		Male, Unneutered	2	50.00	
		Replacement Tags	1	5.00	
	Late Fee	Late Fee	14	260.00	
		Sub-Total:			\$958.00
00100202545	Application-Renewal Fee	Hens Permit	1	50.00	
Sub-Total:			\$50.00		
00100202555	Building	Building Permits	6	56,056.58	
		Certificate of Occupancy	6	150.00	
		Signs	3	450.00	
	Sub-Total:			\$56,656.58	
Total Local Shares Remitted:			\$60,369.58		
Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program				71.00	
Total State, County & Local Revenues:		\$60,440.58	Total Non-Local Revenues:		\$71.00

To the Supervisor:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true statement of all fees and monies received by me, Sandra LaPera, City Clerk, City of Oneida during the period stated above, in connection with my office, excepting only such fees and monies, the application of which are otherwise provided for by law.

Supervisor

Date

City Clerk

Date

# CITY ENGINEER

JEFF ROWE

NOVEMBER  
2025

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City of Oneida  
Engineering | Public Works

November 2025 Monthly Report

Prepared By: Jeffrey A. Rowe, P.E.  
City Engineer



**CITY OF ONEIDA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS**  
109 N. Main Street, Oneida, NY 13421

# **CITY OF ONEIDA - ENGINEERING | PUBLIC WORKS**

## **Monthly Report – November 2025**

### **A. Public Works Monthly Recap (Streets, Traffic, Mosquito, Garage, Sanitary Sewer Collection)**

Public Works staff performed the General Maintenance tasks listed below during November 2025:

- Green waste pickup (bags, brush and chipper) – daily
- Fall Cleanup – leaves and clam bucket
- Stump grinder
- Topsoil and seeding restoration
- Street sweeper
- Rail Trail – concrete work (ADA) and topsoil/seeding
- Sidewalks replacement -framing
- Winter storage – maintenance and winterizing equipment
- Sewer cleaning – Fridays only
- Sewer calls – 6 after hours calls received
- Assist Water Department – jet truck and Hydrovac truck
- Assist Parks and Recreation Department
- Assist Traffic Department
- Tree planting – throughout City
- Remove garbage cans and bicycle racks (downtown area) for storage
- Assist Village of Sylvan Beach with Christmas decorations
- Mount Hope – dam inspection items
- Plowing and salting – Thanksgiving weekend – early start to “Winter”!
- Installed signage for Road Closed on Forest Ave at Route 46 and top of hill
- Remove Hometown Hero banners and flags
- Hang Christmas decorations on ornamental light poles

### **B. Wastewater Treatment Plant**

- Treatment plant general maintenance ongoing
- Shut down disinfection system (seasonal)
- Shut down and winterized Reclaimed water system
- Installed the last 2 influent pumps; not operational yet
- Restarted CAST system for HP Hood wash water

### **C. Water Distribution/Treatment**

- Monthly water sampling
- Coordination with contractor and operational staff for intake shutdown at Glenmore Dam
- Cybersecurity vulnerability assessment conducted by NYS Homeland Security at WTP
- Updated maintenance agreements with 3 municipalities
- Updated hydrant tax charges and prepared proposed 2026 service and material charges
- Continued procurement of materials for mixing at Baker Reservoir
- Submitted Round 3 of Lead and Copper sampling participation letters
- Coordinated hydrant installs and winterization

### **D. Buildings**

- General maintenance ongoing
- Leaves – cleanup and removal
- Replace soap dispenser in PD kitchen
- Replace filters on roof at PD and JC

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- Backflow preventer testing for both buildings
- Assisted with repair of internet cabling for Water Department building
- Cleaned roof drains
- Installed LED lighting in Evidence Room at PD

### E. Capital Projects

- Please find below a brief status update of on-going projects;

2025 Current Master Capital Project Summary		
Description	Status as of 11/30/25	Estimated Completion of Phase
WTP - Glenmore Dam Improvements	Construction	June 2026
Annual Street Resurfacing	Project Closeout	January 2026
Higinbotham Brook Culvert Replacement – Phase 1	Project Closeout	December 2025
Lake Street Pump Station Improvements	Project Closeout	December 2025
Infiltration and Inflow (I/I) Improvements	Secure Funding	Spring 2026
WWTP Improvements -- Phase 3	Construction	January 2026
Sidewalk Replacement	Project Closeout	Spring 2026

- **WTP – Glenmore Dam Improvements**

Status: Concrete load distribution beams – remaining 3 have been completed; 3" buttress anchors – drilling and cap placement/cleanup; retaining wall facing and cap/apron concrete (east) completed; blowoff valve replacement completed; blowoff valve concrete completed; raw water piping replacement completed; cofferdam removal completed, site cleanup and stabilization; prepare for winter shutdown.

- **WWTP Improvements**

Status: Two remaining influent pumps (reconfigured by Vendor) have been re-installed. Electrical contractors are pulling and terminating wiring for the pumps. ESG is continuing to work with contractors and WWTP plant staff to coordinate installation of influent pumps and maintain plant operations.

- **Lake Street Pump Station Improvements**

Status: Contractors addressing punch list items identified on notice of substantial completion.

- **Infiltration and Inflow (I/I) Improvements**

Status: Applications for additional grant funding being prepared.

- **Sidewalk Replacement**

Status: Contractor commenced work on October 7th. Sidewalk replacement work is completed in several areas throughout the City. Some restoration work is to be completed during Spring 2026 when weather permits.

- **Annual Street Resurfacing**

Status: Assembling project documentation for submission to NYSDOT CHIPS program for funding reimbursements.

# CODES DEPARTMENT

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**CITY OF ONEIDA**  
**CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT**

**JAMES ACKERMAN**  
Code Enforcement Officer



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**Monthly Report November 2025**  
**Housing Inspections**

	<b>November</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Inspections	8	73
Re-Inspections (housing, otr's & misc.)	9	114
No Shows	0	5
2 Family Units	6	42
3+ Family Units	2	31
Cancellations/rescheduled appts.	4	29
Complaints	4	124
Mowing/Grass Letter Sent	1	6
Lots Mowed by DPW	0	12
Misc. Trash Can and Junk Letters Sent	4	15
Door hangers left Order to Remedy	0	15
Appearance Tickets	0	2

**Code Enforcement/Building**

	<b>November</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Permits Issued	6	117
Cost	788.40	87024.97
Certificate of Occupancy	2	11
Certificate of Compliance	11	95
Permit Extensions	2	28
Stop Work Order	1	10
Building Inspections (otr's, misc.)	12	167
Sign Permits	3	20
Sign Violations	0	0
Sign Compliance	0	0
Orders to Remedy-Fence/Trailer	0	1

**Trash/junk letters and Door hangers- these numbers are combined for Housing and Code Enforcement**



# FIRE DEPARTMENT

SCOTT JONES, CHIEF

NOVEMBER  
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**CITY OF ONEIDA  
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
BUREAU OF FIRE**

Scott Jones  
Fire Chief



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***Oneida Fire Dept  
Monthly Reports***

***November, 2025***

# CITY OF ONEIDA

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
BUREAU OF FIRE

Scott Jones, *Chief*



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## **Fire Department Revenue-** **November, 2025**

Alarm Permits:	\$360
Solid Fuel Burning Permits:	\$60
Tent Inspections:	\$0
Fireworks	\$0
Fire Inspections:	\$555

### **Inspected Properties:**

115-117 Madison St  
2293 Genesee St  
401 Washington Ave  
585 Broad St  
1333 Middle Rd  
1061 Glenwood Ave  
124 Madison St  
274 Genesee St  
447 Sayles St  
212 Genesee St  
219 Genesee St  
341 Main St

11 Reinspections

	Nov-25	YTD
FIRE	\$496.64	\$7,245.54
RESCUE	1138.37	9942.82
NON-FIRE	2257.97	38356.32
EMERGENCY RESPONSE TOTALS	\$3,892.98	\$55,544.68

TYPE OF CALLS REPORT  
AND NUMBER OF CALLS

FIRE	5
RESCUE	113
NON FIRE	86
TOTAL	204



Overtime Expenditures

Acct	Start Bal	This period	YTD Bal
Regular 102	\$200,000.00	\$12,093.57	\$64,640.42
Train/EMS 107	\$5,000.00		\$2,672.03
Fire Mar 108	\$6,000.00	\$773.11	\$1,650.19
Train/Fire 109	\$26,906.42		\$7,600.66
Personal Leave 112	\$10,000.00		\$3,362.58
Short Shift	\$207,052.00	\$24,518.50	\$27,474.74

YTD Call Comparison

	2024	2025	DIFF
FIRE	39	59	20
RESCUE	1262	1331	69
NON FIRE	883	1037	154
Totals:	2184	2427	243

# CITY OF ONEIDA FIRE DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
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Fire Marshal's Office  
Brian B. Burkle Jr., Fire Marshal  
Andrew P. Bennett, Assistant Fire Marshal



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## FIRE MARSHAL MONTHLY REPORT TOTAL COMMERCIAL AND PUBLIC ASSEMBLY PROPERTIES - 403 NOVEMBER 2025

TOTAL INSPECTION HOURS	49.5
TOTAL INVESTIGATION HOURS	40
TOTAL FIRE PREVENTION HOURS	4
TOTAL OFFICE HOURS	93.5

OFFICE BREAKDOWN	TOTAL INSPECTIONS
BUSINESS INSPECTION	8
BUSINESS REINSPECTION	8
BUSINESS C OF C	2
PUBLIC ASSEMBLY INSPECTION	0
PUBLIC ASSEMBLY REINSPECTION	0
PUBLIC ASSEMBLY C OF C	0
OPERATING PERMITS	0
SOLID FUEL BURNING DEVICE	0
ORDER TO VACATE	0
VACANT BUILDING INSPECTIONS	0
TENT INSPECTIONS	0
FIREWORKS DISPLAY INSPECTION	0
OCCUPANCY LOAD RAINING	0
COMPLAINTS	0
APPEARANCE TICKETS	0
NO SHOW	3
STOP WORK ORDER	0
FOOD TRUCK INSPECTIONS	0

OFFICE BREAKDOWN	TOTAL HOURS
MEETINGS	2
PLAN REVIEW	0
PRE PLAN	0

**OFFICE BREAKDOWN CONT'D****TOTAL HOURS**

KNOX BOX WORK	1
FIRE EXTINGUISHER REPAIR	0
911 ADDRESSING	0
MISCELLEANOUS	3.5
CODES TRAINING	17
FIRE INVESTIGATION	24
FIRE INVESTIGATION TRAINING	16
FIRE PREVENTION	6.5
SMOKE DETECTOR INSTALLATION	0
SMOKE DETECTORS INSTALLED	0
CO DETECTORS INSTALLED	0

**FIRE MARSHAL' S ACTIVITIES**

All members completed 2025 In-Service Codes Training.

Coloring Contest winners delivered to school.

Members attended Oneida County Arson Task Force annual training.

Fire Investigation 2922 Schoolheimer Road.

Fire Investigation 514 Main Street.

# PARKS & RECREATION

LUKE GRIFF, DIRECTOR

NOVEMBER  
2025

MONTHLY REPORT

Rick Rossi  
Mayor



Lucas M. Griff  
Director

**CITY OF ONEIDA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

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## November 2025

### Financial Overview

- **Total Revenue: \$8,570.00**
  - Recreation Center Rentals: \$ 2,390.00
- A full financial report is attached.

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### Facility Rentals

- **October Rentals (47 total):**
  - Gym Rentals: 35 (including 20 birthday parties)
  - Room Rentals: 11
  - Batting Cage Rentals: 1
  - Park Rentals: 0
  - Pool Rentals: 0

- **Annual Rental Totals (to date):**
  - Room Rentals: 110
  - Batting Cage Rentals: 55
  - Gym Rentals: 99
  - Tot/Gym Rentals (Birthday Parties): 191
  - Park Rentals: 9
  - Pool Rentals: 5
  - **Total Rentals for the Year: 469**

- **Notes:**

Facility use increased slightly in November, driven by the start of basketball season and the colder weather prompting more indoor activities. We also worked closely with the School District to accommodate gym and room use for boys' basketball practices and for the Art Club's AP projects.

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### Adult Leagues & Programs

- The MUNY Basketball and Co-Ed Volleyball Leagues began their seasons in November.
  - The basketball league features 9 teams playing on Monday nights, while the volleyball league includes 15 teams competing on Thursday nights.
  - Both leagues will continue through March 2026.
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## **Youth Programs**

- Both Skills & Drills Basketball and JR NBA programs officially kicked off their seasons.
  - Over 110 children are enrolled in Skills & Drills, and more than 75 in JR NBA. Both programs will run through February 2026.
  - Staff conducted player evaluations, created teams, ordered jerseys, and built practice and game schedules.
  - Several high school basketball players volunteer at Skills & Drills on Saturday mornings to assist coaches. Their participation has been a huge help given the large enrollment, and the younger kids enjoy learning from them.
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## **Parks Maintenance & Projects**

- Updated the City marquee several times throughout the month.
  - Continued winterizing and closing parks for the season.
  - Installed outdoor holiday lights at Higinbotham Park in preparation for the upcoming Tree Lighting Ceremony.
  - Conducted snow removal as needed.
  - Removed the pool pump for future repairs and maintenance.
  - Pulled out mums and other seasonal flowers from park beds.
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## **Special Events**

- No special events were held in November.
  - Preparations were completed for the Christmas Festival, scheduled for Friday, December 5, including the Tree Lighting Ceremony, Parade of Lights, and the celebration at the Kallet Civic Center.
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## **Other Updates**

### **Oneida Rail Trail:**

DPW installed ADA detection strips at both ends of the newly surfaced trail sections. These were set into newly poured concrete sidewalks, completing another key improvement to accessibility and trail quality.

Respectively submitted,

Lucas Griff

Parks and Recreation Director

**Rick Rossi**  
Mayor



**Lucas M. Griff**  
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Oneida Recreation Department Coordinator  
Programming Report November 2025

- Zumba is going strong with about 35-40 people per session
- Pickleball is going 3 times a week with around 10-12 participants
- Jr. NBA- 2 divisions 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>- 76 kids
- Skills and Drills: 120 kids
- Christmas Festival preparations (Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>)
- Munych Basketball league on Monday nights- 9 teams
- Co-ed Volleyball on Thursday nights- 15 teams
- Turkey Trot- Over 60 participants
- Archery & Batting Cage/Pitching & Catching station upgrades & clinics
- Pop up Events
- Volunteer coaching seminars
- Teamed up with the Special Olympics for this event: Smiles Across the Fairways: Evan Worden's Disc Golf Classic 2025-Held at Allen Park-Over 40 adults and kids participated
- Collaborating with OCSD for usage of the Rec Center & Kallet for events/programs

Respectively submitted,

Justin Acker  
Recreation Coordinator



Oneida, NY

# Monthly Transaction Report

Date Range: 11/1/2025 - 11/30/2025

## Totals by Transaction Type and Revenue Code

Transaction Type	Revenue Code	Transaction Amount
Invoice	REC-Adult Volleyball - REC-Adult Volleyball	1,800.00
	REC-Equipment Rental - REC-Equipment Rental	15.00
	REC-Gym Rental - Rec-Gym Rental	145.00
	REC-Gym Tot party - REC-Gym Tot party	2,240.00
	REC-Muny Basketball - REC-Muny Basketball	3,300.00
	REC-Room Rental - REC-Room Rental	30.00
	REC-Youth Basketball - REC-Youth Basketball	1,240.00
	Transaction Total:	8,770.00
Payment	REC-Adult Volleyball - REC-Adult Volleyball	-1,600.00
	REC-Equipment Rental - REC-Equipment Rental	-15.00
	REC-Gym Rental - Rec-Gym Rental	-565.00
	REC-Gym Tot party - REC-Gym Tot party	-2,170.00
	REC-Muny Basketball - REC-Muny Basketball	-3,400.00
	REC-Room Rental - REC-Room Rental	-60.00
	REC-Youth Basketball - REC-Youth Basketball	-1,520.00
	Transaction Total:	-9,330.00
Total for Period:		-560.00

# PLANNING DEPARTMENT

STEVE VONDERWEIDT, DIRECTOR

NOVEMBER  
2025

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# Department of Planning and Development

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## Monthly Report — November 2025

### Overview

November was an active and strategically important month for the Department of Planning and Development. Work continued across multiple Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) projects, with steady progress on coordination, compliance, and site-specific advancement. The department also supported several complex zoning and redevelopment inquiries, strengthened PCZBA workflows, and began preparing foundational elements for the Comprehensive Plan and form-based zoning initiative scheduled to launch this winter.

The month also involved improved internal processes, expanded interagency communication, and close coordination with the City Manager on project readiness, business support, and public-facing development activities.

### Highlights & Recent Achievements

- DRI Project Coordination

Maintained ongoing communication with the NYS Department of State regarding timelines, documentation, and project eligibility across all active DRI initiatives. Focus areas this month included Hotel Oneida, Business Assistance Fund recapture and relaunch, and coordination with MRB Group on required reporting and file integrity.

- Hotel Oneida Project

The development team continued progress on interior demolition and preparation for major construction phases. Codes and Planning worked directly with the owners to clarify next steps for their building permit submission. Despite the season, momentum remains strong as the project transitions into winter with forward movement on interior systems and clearance.

- Business Assistance Fund (BAF) Relaunch

Working with MRB Group, the City completed a review of prior BAF-funded projects and identified funds to be returned to circulation due to non-completion or non-

compliance. Application instructions and internal processing steps were updated to prepare for the formal reopening of the program. Public communication steps have been drafted to ensure businesses clearly understand eligibility and expectations.

- **Comprehensive Plan & Form-Based Zoning Preparation**

Finalized contract details with Barton & Loguidice (B&L) for the City's Comprehensive Plan and Form-Based Zoning Overlay. Internal planning began for the kickoff process, engagement structure, and formation of a focused working group. Discussions included thematic priorities such as downtown revitalization, redevelopment corridors, zoning modernization, and long-term growth strategy.

- **533 Main Street – Zoning Clarification**

Met with the property owner to review a proposed senior-housing-style concept under the classification of a Community Residential Facility. Conducted a detailed code analysis of the R-2 District and prepared a clear follow-up summary outlining why the original concept did not meet the permitted use standards under Chapter 190. Provided alternative redevelopment paths that are legal, feasible, and consistent with the intent of the district. Tone emphasized partnership, clarity, and support while upholding the zoning schedule.

- **Community Residential Facility (CRF) Siting & Zoning Interpretation**

Continued internal review of CRF applicability across zoning districts, particularly in relation to Light Industrial (L-I), where such uses are prohibited under the Zoning Schedule. Clarified that the City already hosts multiple CRFs, reinforcing that Oneida is compliant with NYS expectations. Guidance was provided internally to ensure future proposals are evaluated consistently and defensibly.

## **Interagency & Regional Coordination**

- Coordinated with Madison County Planning on GML §239-m/f referrals.
- Communicated with NYSDOT Region 2 regarding projects adjacent to state highways.
- Continued conversations with the Madison County IDA regarding redevelopment and incentive opportunities.
- Maintained active discussion with DOS and ESD regarding DRI eligibility, compliance, and project structure.

## **Local Law, Code Interpretation & Policy Work**

- Continued refinement of zoning review procedures.

- Maintained comparative research on peer municipal standards.
- Provided zoning and code compliance guidance to Codes Office and applicants.

### **Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals (PCZBA)**

- Prepared November PCZBA agenda and packet using standardized templates.
- Ensured public notices met updated timing and formatting standards.
- Strengthened internal processes for packet assembly and meeting coordination.
- Advanced development of comprehensive PCZBA checklists for CUPs, SPRs, and SEQRA classifications.

### **Codes & Department Support**

- Coordinated with Codes Office on permits, property inquiries, and meeting preparation.
- Provided zoning determinations, floodplain evaluations, and redevelopment guidance.
- Updated intake procedures to improve application completeness and review efficiency.

### **Public Communication, Mapping & Resident Assistance**

- Responded to zoning, permitted use, and floodplain questions from residents.
- Coordinated with the City Assessor on improved GIS zoning accuracy.
- Continued development of SEQRA routing and classification guidance.

### **Administrative & Budget Items**

- Reviewed the proposed 2026 City Budget and confirmed stable funding for Planning and Codes.
- Continued digitization of department templates and shared drive organization.
- Coordinated with MRB Group to ensure DRI documentation integrity.

### **Looking Ahead (December Priorities)**

- Support launch of the Business Assistance Fund relaunch.
- Initiate Comprehensive Plan/Form-Based Zoning kickoff with B&L.
- Continue DRI coordination with DOS and ESD.
- Advance redevelopment conversations in multiple districts.
- Prepare December PCZBA meeting packet and materials.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve M. Vonderweidt, MBA  
Director of Planning & Development  
City of Oneida, New York  
Reporting Period: November 1–30, 2025



# POLICE DEPARTMENT

STEVE LOWELL, POLICE CHIEF

NOVEMBER  
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Steven Lowell  
*Chief of Police*

**CITY OF ONEIDA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**BUREAU OF POLICE**



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**November 2025 Monthly Report**

**Overtime:** The Department had a total of \$25,311 in overtime for the month of November before any reimbursements were requested. The Department endeavors to keep overtime costs responsible while providing the best quality services.

**Activity:** As a matter of continued exceptional service, during the month of November Oneida Police handled 842 service incidents, issued 98 traffic tickets and 65 parking tickets, and made 75 arrests.



During November, the department once again partnered with Toys for Tots to help support children and families throughout the holiday season. A collection box was placed in the department's lobby, and the community was invited to drop off new, unwrapped toys through December 6th. We are thankful to everyone who contributed to this important initiative and helped brighten the holidays for local families.

**CITY OF ONEIDA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**BUREAU OF POLICE**

***Message from the Chief of Police***

*As we close out the month of November, I want to take a moment to reflect on the progress our department has made and to share our continued commitment to serving the Oneida community with professionalism, compassion, and transparency.*

*Our community's expectations continue to grow, and we recognize the responsibility we have to grow with them. I am thankful for the forward momentum we've built this year—implementing progressive strategies, strengthening our partnerships, and focusing on proactive approaches to crime prevention. A key part of this effort has been the ongoing work of our CARE Coordinator, along with the dedication our officers show every day. Their combined efforts reflect our commitment to **Serving Better Together**.*

*Our call volume is on track to exceed last year's numbers, and our traffic enforcement has significantly increased year-to-date compared to 2024. These trends highlight both the demands on our department and the effort our officers are putting in to keep our community safe. We take seriously our responsibility to work side-by-side with residents, local organizations, and elected officials to protect and serve in a way that builds trust and supports the well-being of all.*

*This year's budget process resulted in meaningful additions to our staffing for 2026, including a new police officer position and a civilian property custodian role. These additions are very much needed and represent important first steps toward adequately staffing the department as our city grows. We are grateful for the support and collaboration that made this possible.*

*Thank you to our community, our elected leaders, and our department members for your continued support and shared commitment to moving our agency forward. Together, we will continue to build a safer, stronger, and more connected Oneida.*

*Sincerely,  
Chief Lowell*



Check us out on Facebook and download our mobile app for emergency notifications and more!