

# OSWEGO COUNTY



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## EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

### 911 TRAINING COORDINATOR

**EXAMINATION NUMBER:** 86165 (Open to the Public)  
73898 (Promotional – County Employees Only)

**EXAMINATION DATE:** Saturday, June 1, 2024

**LAST FILING DATE:** Wednesday, April 24, 2024 (Applications will **NOT** be accepted after this date)

**EXAM FEE:** Exam Fee Waived

**SALARY RANGE:** \$59,544 to \$78,911 per year. Promoted County employees will receive a salary adjustment per the Oswego County Professional Association Agreement.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** This position involves responsibility for directing the development and implementation of a comprehensive on-the-job training program and coordination of a continuing education program for new and existing employees engaged in emergency response communications at the County E-911 Center. The incumbent trains, supervises, and evaluates the performance and progress of all subordinate staff during the training process; analyzes training needs; and designs programs to correct deficiencies identified during performance review and quality assurance audits. The position interprets, monitors, adjusts, and implements policies and procedures; provides supervision and direction to subordinate staff; works independently and uses discretion; monitors emergency communication needs; and participates in personnel and labor relations activities. The incumbent may be required to work shifts which cover both day and night hours. The incumbent does related work as required. The job involves an unusual working environment which includes high stress dealing with life and death situations, the need to remain calm in emergency situations, and the need to be polite when dealing with angry and abusive people. The work is performed under the general direction of the department head with leeway allowed for the use of independent judgment in carrying out the details of the work. The 911 Training Coordinator may assume the duties and responsibilities of the Director of 911 Communication System, as designated.

**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:** There are no residency requirements for this exam, however, preference may be given to legal residents of Oswego County.

**VACANCIES:** A promotional examination for this title will be held at the same time as the open-competitive exam. The list resulting from the promotional exam will be certified prior to the open-competitive list when filling vacancies.

**PROMOTIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:** Candidates must have 12 months of permanent, continuous, competitive class, civil service status as a Principal Telecommunicator or Associate Telecommunicator in the Oswego County E-911 Department immediately preceding the date of the exam.

**SENIORITY CREDITS:** Rating of seniority is based on the length of permanent, continuous, classified civil service status up to a maximum of twenty years. Seniority credits of 0.2 per year will be added to an eligible score.

**OPEN-COMPETITIVE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Education, specialized background, training and experience.

- A. Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma and six (6) years of experience as a dispatcher in an emergency services organization which shall have included three (3) years supervising subordinate staff; **OR**
- B. Eight (8) years of experience as a dispatcher in an emergency services organization which shall have included three (3) years supervising subordinate staff; **OR**
- C. An equivalent combination of training and experience as defined by the limits of "A," and "B" above.

**NOTE:** Unless otherwise noted, experience credited towards meeting the minimum qualifications must be paid work experience. Volunteer experience will only be credited if specified on the exam announcement.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:** Per the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Security Policy, Section 5.12, employees with access, or un-escorted access, to unencrypted FBI CJI (Criminal Justice Information) or access, or un-escorted access, to physically secure locations or controlled areas (during times of CJI processing) must undergo fingerprinting. **NOTE:** A criminal record does not necessarily disqualify from employment or access, or un-escorted access, to CJI. An individualized determination will be made as to how any conviction would impact suitability to handle access, or un-escorted access, to CJI. Security awareness training shall be required within six (6) months of initial employment and every two (2) years thereafter.

**SCOPE OF THE WRITTEN EXAM:** A written test designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and /or abilities in the following areas:

**Ensuring effective inter/intra agency communications:** These questions test for understanding of techniques for interacting effectively with individuals and agencies, to educate and inform them about topics of concern, to clarify agency programs or policies, to negotiate conflicts or resolve complaints, and to represent one's agency or program in a manner in keeping with good public relations practices. Questions may also cover interacting with the staff of one's own agency and/or that of other agencies in cooperative efforts of public outreach or service.

**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.

**Administrative techniques and practices:** These questions test for a knowledge of management techniques and practices used in directing or assisting in directing a program component or an organizational segment. Questions cover such areas as interpreting policies, making decisions based on the context of the position in the organization, coordinating programs or projects, communicating with employees or the public, planning employee training, and researching and evaluating areas of concern.

**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.

**Supervision:** These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices employed in planning, organizing, and controlling the activities of a work unit toward predetermined objectives. The concepts covered, usually in a situational question format, include such topics as assigning and reviewing work; evaluating

performance; maintaining work standards; motivating and developing subordinates; implementing procedural change; increasing efficiency; and dealing with problems of absenteeism, morale, and discipline.

Use of a calculator is **ALLOWED** for this exam.

**NO TEST GUIDE AVAILABLE** – The New York State Department of Civil Service has not prepared a Test Guide for this examination. Test Guides published by the New York State Department of Civil Service are usually targeted to specific, entry-level titles. Test Guides are not provided for every examination. Candidates should focus their examination preparation upon the “Scope of the Written Exam” and other information listed on the examination announcement. Candidates may also find information contained in the publication “How to Take a Written Test” helpful in preparing for this examination.

The New York State Department of Civil Service is making a copy of this publication available on its Website at <https://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/testguides.cfm>. In addition, a copy of this publication is available upon request from the Oswego County Human Resources Department or may be downloaded from the web at <http://www.cs.ny.gov/pio/publications/howtotakeawrittentest.pdf>.

**PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS:** College graduates with student loans may be eligible to have part of their loan paid for after being employed in a full-time position at Oswego County. Additional information is available at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service>.

**MULTIPLE EXAMS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY (CROSS-FILING):**

- If you have applied to take exam(s) announced by another jurisdiction (county, city, state) scheduled on the same day as this exam, you must make arrangements (no later than two weeks before the date of the exam) to take all exams at one test site.
- If you have applied for both State and Local (county/city) government examinations, you must take all your examinations at the State examination center. You must notify the local government civil service agencies with whom you have filed an application of your intent to take both a State and Local exam on the same day. You will be advised by letter when and where to report for your examinations. You must bring all admission letters for all exams with you to the State site.
- If you have applied for multiple Local exams you must notify all local government civil service agencies with whom you have filed an application of the test site at which you wish to take your examination. For Oswego County examinations complete a Cross Filer Notification form, available at the Oswego County Human Resources Department or online at <http://www.oswegocounty.com/humanresources/forms>, and send to Oswego County Human Resources Department, 46 East Bridge Street, Oswego, NY 13126 or FAX to (315) 349-8254 or call (315) 349-8209. **If you are taking multiple exams on the same date with the Oswego County Human Resources Department only, you do not have to file a cross filer form.**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE POLICY:** Application/exam fee must be submitted to the Oswego County Human Resources Department or through the online portal before the close of business at 4:00 p.m. on the last file date listed on the Examination Announcement. Applications received via U.S. Mail will be accepted only if postmarked on or before the last file date. Applications that are received through inter-office mail, e-mail, or via facsimile must be received before the close of business at 4:00 p.m. on the last file date or they will not be accepted.

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ISSUED: March 8, 2024  
Julie A. Bell  
Director of Human Resources

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Applications and additional information can be obtained at the Human Resources Department, Oswego County Office Building, 46 East Bridge Street, Oswego, New York 13126, or by calling (315) 349-8209, or on the web at <http://www.oswegocounty.com/humanresources>.
2. Applications postmarked after midnight of the **Last Filing Date** will not be considered eligible for this examination.
3. Falsification of any part of the "Application for Employment" will result in disqualification and possible legal action. Inquiries may be made as to character and ability and all statements made by candidates are subject to verification.
4. Applicants must answer every question on the application form. Incomplete applications will be disapproved.
5. Accepted candidates will be notified when and where to appear for exam. None will be admitted to the examination without the official admission notice. If an application is rejected, due notice will be sent. The department does **not** make formal acknowledgment of the receipt of an application.
6. If you have not received your notice to appear for the exam three days before the exam date, call (315) 349-8209.
7. If special arrangements for testing are required (i.e. religious observance, disability), submit written request describing your needs with the application form.
8. Unless otherwise noted, candidates are permitted 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.
9. Active service members, veterans or disabled veterans desiring to claim additional credit may submit an "Application for Veteran's Credit" prior to the establishment of the eligible list. Forms are available upon request at the Human Resources Department.
10. Military Service members on active duty on the exam date may request a military makeup exam by calling (315) 349-8209. Members on active duty or discharged during the exam filing period may apply for the exam up to ten days before the exam date.
11. Per Section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, children of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty are entitled to receive ten additional credits on an exam which may result in an original appointment in the municipality where the deceased parent served. Candidates eligible for additional credit should indicate this on their exam application.
12. Candidates who fail the examination, or who fail to appear for the examination as scheduled, will be eliminated from further consideration.
13. Under specific circumstances an alternate test date may be arranged in accordance with established policy. Your request and verifiable documentation should be submitted at least one week prior to the test date or in case of an emergency no later than 4:00 p.m. on the next business day following the test.
14. This examination 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 exams will apply to this examination.
15. Unless otherwise specified, the final rank order of the eligible list established as a result of the exam will be determined on the basis of the scores received on the written test, plus veterans and seniority credits where appropriate.
16. The eligible list will remain in force for at least one (1) year and may be extended by the Director of Human Resources for a maximum of four (4) years. Changing conditions may make it necessary to certify future vacancies at higher or lower salaries than those announced.
17. Special Requirement for Appointment in School Districts and CITI: 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 CITI as involving direct contact with students, a clearance for employment from the State Education Department is required.
18. In accordance with the Child Abuse Prevention Act of 1985, candidates for appointment to Oswego County government positions which involve regular and substantial contact with children will be required to complete a State Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment clearance form. Failure to complete this form may result in decertification of your name from this eligible list for appointments in Oswego County.
19. Applicants may be required to undergo a State and national criminal history background investigation, which will include a fingerprint check, to determine suitability for appointment. Failure to meet the standards for the background investigation may result in disqualification.