



**NIAGARA COUNTY
CIVIL SERVICE
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POLICE DETECTIVE – AMENDED 3/20/2026

No 70021940 Promotional Examination

Salary Range: \$97,120 – \$98,264

The examination will be held to establish an eligible list used to fill any vacancies in the North Tonawanda Police Department that may occur during the life of the list. **The list established from this exam will supersede any existing list for this title.**

PROMOTIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

Eligibility for participation in the promotional examination: Candidates must be permanently employed in the North Tonawanda Police Department and have four (4) years of full-time permanent competitive status as a Police Officer or Deputy Sheriff, one (1) year of which must have been with the North Tonawanda Police Department, immediately preceding the date of the written examination.

Eligibility for permanent appointment from eligible list: Candidates must be permanently employed in the North Tonawanda Police Department and have five (5) years of full-time permanent competitive status as a Police Officer or Deputy Sheriff, two (2) years of which must be with the North Tonawanda Police Department, by the date of permanent appointment.

According to 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 exam.

SPECIAL NOTE: After 9/1/84, no person shall be eligible for appointment nor shall be appointed to any rank above the rank of police officer unless he or she has been appointed a police officer from an eligible list established according to merit and fitness as provided by Section Six of Article Five of the Constitution of the State of New York, or has previously served as a member of the New York State Police. Chapter 1016 of the laws of 1983, Section 58 1-b, New York State Civil Service Law, MSD-CL-23-83.

SENIORITY CREDIT: Seniority is based on the length of continuous permanent classified service in the jurisdiction in which promotion is sought, with points added to an eligible candidate's passing score for each appropriate five-year period or fraction thereof in accordance with the following schedule:

Less than 1 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

NOTE: Any person otherwise meeting the requirements for an examination, who was laid off from an agency for which the exam is being held, and whose name is presently on a **PREFERRED LIST**, is eligible to compete in the exam. When completing their application, such persons should be sure to indicate their present employment and/or title and location of their last permanent employment in the municipality.

DUTIES: The work involves responsibility for the investigation of crime and the collection of evidence. The duties are performed in accordance with Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations and ordinances. Employees of this class work independently or as a member of a team on unresolved investigations or to enhance solved cases. Assignments are received from, and priorities are set by a supervising officer. The nature of the work requires that incumbents may perform the duties at irregular hours, including evenings and weekends, and may be on call 24 hours a day. Does related work as required.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY OR POSTMARKED BY THE FILING DEADLINE.
YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE DISAPPROVED IF PAYMENT IS NOT RECEIVED BY THE FILING
DEADLINE.**

FILING DEADLINE

MAY 8, 2026

A **non-refundable \$25.00 application fee** is required. Apply and pay online or submit a check or money order payable to: **Niagara County Civil Service**

AMENDMENT ISSUED: March 20, 2026

EXAMINATION DATE

JUNE 13, 2026

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES: The use of calculators is **PROHIBITED**. Unless otherwise notified, candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand-held, solar or battery powered calculators. Devices with typewriter keyboard such as computers, spell checkers, personal digital assistants, address books, language translators, dictionaries or any similar devices are prohibited. **Cell phones and smart watches are prohibited.**

FEE WAIVERS: Waivers for the filing fee must be completed in full and submitted with required supporting documentation or your application will be disapproved.

SUBJECT OF EXAMINATION: There will be a written test which you must pass in order to be considered for appointment. The written test will be designed to test for knowledge, skills, and/or abilities in such areas as:

1. **Evaluating information and evidence:** These questions test for the ability to evaluate and draw conclusions from information and evidence. Each question consists of a set of facts and a conclusion based on the facts. The candidate must decide if the conclusion is warranted by the facts.
2. **Investigative techniques and criminalistics:** These questions test for knowledge of criminal investigation techniques and criminalistics. The questions will deal with, but will not necessarily be restricted to, such concepts as: interviewing; interrogation; evidence gathering and preservation; and surveillance.
3. **New York State Laws:** These questions test for knowledge of the laws in effect on January 1, 2026 that law enforcement personnel may encounter in the course of their day-to-day work-related activities. The questions are a sampling of job-related sections of the Penal Law, Criminal Procedure Law, Vehicle and Traffic Law, Family Court Act and other laws relevant to law enforcement in New York State.
4. **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.
5. **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.

A Guide for the Written Test for **Police Supervisors/Investigators** 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.

CANDIDATES NOTE: You are responsible for completing all sections of the official application. To receive credit for experience on a job, basic information such as address, name and title of supervisor, hours in the work week, final salary, and duties performed by you, must be shown. Be very specific in explaining experience that will qualify you for the position sought. Ambiguity and vagueness will not be resolved in your favor. **EACH SEPARATE SHEET ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED.**

MULTIPLE EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY: If you have applied to take a written test announced by either one 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 weeks before the test date, so they can make arrangement for taking all tests at one test site. All examinations for positions in State government will be held at a State Examination Center.

This examination will be prepared and rated in accordance with Section 23(2) of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Law, Rules and Regulations dealing with preparation and rating of examinations, as well as establishment and certification of eligible lists for positions in the classified service will apply to this examination.

Please review **[IMPORTANT EXAMINATION INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES](#)**

Exams/Jobs Portal - **<https://niagara-portal.mycivilservice.com/>**

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