

Deputy Sheriff Salary & Benefits – 2025

1. **Starting Salary:** \$63,145/year

Other Pay:

- ◆ Option of time and one-half pay or compensatory time for overtime work.
- ◆ Shift differential compensation
- ◆ Longevity Increment
- ◆ Sick time accumulation sell-back
- ◆ On-Call Pay (For Investigators Only)
- ◆ Clothing Allowance (For Investigators Only)

2. **Vacation:**

| <u>Length of service</u> | <u>Vacation time</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 year – 5 years | 10 days |
| 6 year – 12 years | 15 days |
| 13 or more years | 20 days |

3. **Sick leave:**

Earn one sick day a month as long as no unpaid leave of absence in excess of five working days or no unauthorized leave is taken. Any employee hired after the fifteenth day of the month will not earn a sick day for that month. Employee may accumulate a maximum of 200 sick days.

4. **Personal leave:**

Employees receive four (4) personal days to be used during the year, which cannot be carried over to subsequent years. In the first calendar year of employment, personal days are prorated based on the following chart:

| <u>Date of Hire</u> | <u>Personal Days</u> |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| January 1 – March 31 | 4 |
| April 1 – June 30 | 3 |
| July 1 – September 30 | 2 |
| October 1 – December 31 | 1 |

5. **Holidays:**

Employees are entitled to thirteen holidays.

6. **NYS Retirement System** - (20-Year Retirement Plan)

Tioga County is a participating employer with the NYS Retirement System and all full-time permanent employees and employees that are currently a member of the NYS Retirement must join.

7. Health Insurance:

For new employees, Tioga County offers Excellus Blue Cross/Blue Shield PPO Option H-Split medical coverage with \$15 co-pay for most services unless announced otherwise within the PPO Plan description. The cost is 17.0% of the premium for either the Individual or Family Health Plan. This entitles an employee to medical coverage and prescription coverage of \$5 for Tier 1 drugs, \$15 for Tier 2 drugs, and \$30 for Tier 3 drugs.

Employee health insurance contributions are automatically deducted pre-tax unless the employee waives participation in the program.

There is no dental or vision coverage.

Coverage begins the first day of the month following the month that the employee was hired. However, if the employee begins work on the first workday of the month then coverage begins the first of that month.

8. Life Insurance:

Tioga County will cover the premium for a life insurance policy having a face value of \$5,000. This policy would be payable upon the death of the said employee, and would terminate upon the termination of employment with the County.

9. Flex Spending Plan:

Employees may join a flex program to have pre-tax dollars set aside for medical and dependent care expenses. Employees must pass their probationary period to be eligible for the medical portion of the program, but may join the dependent care immediately.

10. Deferred Compensation:

Employees may elect to participate in a pre-tax payroll deduction investment plan administered by Nationwide Retirement Solutions.

11. Employee Assistance Program:

This program through Bree Health (NexGen EAP) provides employees and their family members a free, confidential, 24/7 holistic approach to wellbeing. Some features include Behavioral Health Counseling, HR Legal/Financial Consultations, Health Advocacy, Child/Elder Care, Virtual Concierge, Health Coaching, and more.

12. Job Oriented Training:

Upon successful completion of a course of training related to an employee's duties, the full-time employee shall be entitled to reimbursement of one-half of the cost of tuition, therefore, provided that the attendance at such course shall have had prior approval of both the department head and the Personnel Officer.