

# Tioga County Sheriff's Office



From  
**Sheriff Gary W. Howard**

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**News Release**  
**Thursday, May 14, 2026**

The Tioga County Sheriff's Office would like to welcome our newest Deputy, K9 Shrek. Shrek and his handler Deputy Lawrence Alger went through many weeks of training and are now out protecting the residents of Tioga County. Shrek is trained in handler protection and tracking, with a specialty in narcotics detection.

The Sheriff's Office would like to thank Owego Police Officer Larry Vanek for all his help with the continued training of K9 Shrek and Deputy Alger.

We would also like to thank eNvy Pet Supplies of Newark Valley for their generous donation of food for K9 Shrek.



Approved by Captain Trevor Yaeger  
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