

# Onondaga County Sheriff's Office News

## Kevin E. Walsh

Sheriff



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### FAA to Award Air-1 Commercial Air Carrier Certificate

**Syracuse, New York** – Onondaga County Sheriff Kevin E. Walsh is pleased to announce that Air-1's application for a commercial air carrier license has been approved by the Federal Aviation Administration.

At 1:00pm this afternoon, the Air 1 Foundation will host a brief ceremony at the Onondaga County Sheriff's heliport, located on Cessna Drive, where representatives from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will present Sheriff Walsh and the Air-1 flight crew with a Part 135 Commercial Air Carrier Certificate. The Part 135 certification will allow the Sheriff's Office the ability to bill for services provided by Air 1.

Over the past several months, the Sheriff's Office has worked closely with United States Senator Charles E. Schumer who has supported Sheriff Walsh's efforts to the aviation program. "Senator Schumer acknowledges the vital role Air 1 plays in providing public safety to Onondaga County and the surrounding area. He helped the Air 1 Foundation obtain not-for-profit status and personally requested that the FAA expedite the application review." said Sheriff Walsh.

When notified of the FAA's approval, Onondaga County Legislative Chairman J. Ryan McMahon, II stated "This has been a long process and we would like to recognize the hours of hard work put in by many in the Sheriff's Office to achieve this status. We are encouraged by this next step and are hopeful that this will help the Foundation in their fundraising efforts to keep Air 1 operational."

Representing the FAA at today's ceremony will be Carl Kohl, Thomas Williams, John Liccini, Thomas McCormick and Shawn Hayes. Representing U.S. Senator Schumer Office will be Angelo Roefaro, the Senator's Regional Director. Also attending today's ceremony will be Onondaga County Executive Joanne Mahoney, Onondaga County Legislator John Dougherty, Onondaga County Comptroller Robert Antonacci, Emergency Management Commissioner Kevin Wisley and several other supporters of the Air 1 Aviation program.

Air 1 has provided 36 years of shared services to police, fire and EMS providers throughout Onondaga County and the Central New York Region. Anyone wishing to support the Air 1 Foundation can do so by visiting [www.Air1Foundation.org](http://www.Air1Foundation.org)

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