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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **County Comptroller Antonacci: Audit Finds Sheriff Conway Focused on Improving Sheriff's Office**

Syracuse, NY – One of Sheriff Gene Conway's first official acts as Onondaga County Sheriff was to request an audit of the Sheriff's Office. The Review of Trust & Agency Accounts is the second in a series of reports. Comptroller Antonacci is happy to assist Sheriff Conway in finding ways to improve the Office and ensure the taxpayer's money is spent effectively and efficiently.

"Utilizing the expertise of the Comptroller's Office in looking at the way the Sheriff's Office handled cash in the past has proven invaluable in improving the Office moving forward," Conway said.

"Our report found many areas to improve the operation of the Sheriff's Office. I am pleased to say the staffs of both our Offices worked collaboratively and reached solutions which addressed past deficiencies. These recommendations were either immediately implemented where possible, or the first steps were taken to implement those recommendations. This was truly a team effort," said Comptroller Antonacci.

"Procedures which were standard practice for years, if not decades, had gone unchanged," continued Antonacci. "I commend Sheriff Conway and his administration for having the vision to jump in and not only ask for this review, but to implement the needed changes as quickly as he did."

"Today's report does not represent the end of our work, but is instead an update on our progress," Antonacci said. "We will continue to work with Sheriff Conway, Undersheriff Cassalia, and the entire Sheriff's Office to improve the Sheriff's Office and Onondaga County," concluded Antonacci.

You can view the audit at <http://www.ongov.net/comptroller/documents/SheriffLtrandReportFinal.pdf>.

Questions concerning this audit can be directed to Sheriff Conway at 435-3044, or Comptroller Robert Antonacci, CPA at 435-2130.