

Civil Division: Oneida County Government  
Jurisdictional Class: Non-Competitive  
EEO Category: Skilled Craft  
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## **AIRPORT HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** This position exists at the Oneida County Airport and involves responsibility to operate a variety of specialized heavy motor equipment required for the upkeep and maintenance of buildings and grounds. This class differs from that of Heavy Motor Equipment Operator by virtue of the fact that employees in this class must operate fire and rescue equipment used in crash rescue operations of aircraft. Additionally, when not engaged in heavy equipment operation and/or crash rescue training, an incumbent performs maintenance duties on airport lighting and minor building maintenance. The work is performed under general supervision of a higher ranking maintenance employee. Supervision over the work of others is not a responsibility of employees in this class. The incumbent does related work as required.

### **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:** (Illustrative Only)

Operates snowplows, rotary plows, bulldozers, graders, rollers, backhoe, sanders and gang mowers in maintaining runways and adjacent grounds;  
Operates fire or rescue equipment or serves with fire rescue crew;  
Uses heavy equipment leveling, grading of safety zones and excavating for repair to water and sewer lines;  
Assists in maintaining runways and roads, by spreading stone, tar and other repair materials;  
Maintains and repairs taxi and runway lights, flood lights, beacon lights and other special airport electrical equipment;  
Participates in painting both the inside and outside of buildings;  
Participates in Airport Rescue – Firefighting (ARFF) and Firefighter 2 duties including the operation of ARFF vehicles, fighting aircraft fires, and rendering emergency first aid treatment;  
Maintains and performs minor repairs to motor driven equipment;  
Performs janitorial duties in the custodial care of buildings and grounds;  
Does unskilled landscaping in caring for shrubbery beds and lawns;  
Performs manual tasks related to motor equipment operation;  
May use a variety of hand tools such as shovels, picks, axes, rakes, etc., in performance of duties;  
May operate chain saw in cutting and trimming of trees;  
Performs manual work assigned within departmental operations when not engaged in equipment operation.

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**FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Good knowledge of the operation and maintenance of a variety of heavy or specialized automotive equipment; good knowledge of operation of airport crash rescue heavy equipment; ability to understand and carry out complex oral and written instructions; ability to service and make minor repairs to assigned equipment; ability to perform minor building maintenance activities, including airport light replacement; ability to read and understand assigned equipment operational and servicing information; mechanical aptitude; willingness to respond to emergencies and work under adverse weather conditions; good hand and eye coordination.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Two (2) years of experience in the operation of specialized or heavy motor equipment.

**NOTE:** Verifiable part-time experience as stated above will be pro-rated toward meeting full-time experience requirements.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Must successfully complete and maintain Firefighter 2 and FAR Part 139 ARFF training within six (6) months of appointment.
2. Must maintain all firefighting requirements and training listed in NAS 3306 and NFPA 1003.
3. Possession of a valid Class B or greater, CDL, without airbrake restriction at time of appointment and duration of appointment.
4. Must successfully complete the required training for certification in ARFF, CPR and First Aid within six (6) months of appointment and maintain certification throughout employment.

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