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PRESS RELEASE

ONEONTA PUBLIC TRANSIT OFFERS \$1,000 SIGN-ON BONUS FOR NEW BUS DRIVERS

The City of Oneonta Common Council has approved paying newly hired part-time bus drivers at Oneonta Public Transit a \$1,000 sign-on bonus. The goal of the bonus is to attract quality candidates in the face of a nationwide bus driver shortage.

Oneonta Public Transit is a fixed route bus service operated by the City of Oneonta. OPT serves the City and Town of Oneonta with rural routes providing transit to and from Cooperstown and Sidney. OPT is an essential service connecting community members with important services and resources.

Bus Drivers for OPT earn \$13.50 - \$18.00 per hour for day shifts and \$17.50 - \$22.00 per hour for night shifts. Starting rates scale based on years of verifiable driver experience. Applicants must possess a New York State Commercial Driver License with a passenger endorsement to be considered for employment.

To qualify for the sign-on bonus a candidate must have at least one year of bus driving experience with a clean drivers' abstract and must be willing to work any hours which OPT operates. Half of the sign-on bonus will be included in the new hire's first paycheck and the second half upon their six-month anniversary.

Interested candidates may find information at www.oneonta.ny.us or by calling the City of Oneonta personnel office at (607) 432-0670.