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DOCTORS TOP LOCAL GOV'T PAY LIST

Lewis County, Massena Hospital Employees Are Highest-Paid in the North Country

The Empire Center for Public Policy today released the 2014 edition of “What They Make,” an overview of local government payrolls (outside New York City) for the period of April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014.

The Center’s analysis revealed that all 11 of the highest-paid municipal employees in the North County (Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties) were employed by Massena Memorial Hospital or Lewis County General Hospital; 10 of these employees had the same pay (\$255,000) during this period. The names, employers and pay of the 11 employees are attached.

The following table shows the five highest-paying employers in the North Country for general employees and police or firefighters:

General Employees			Police or Firefighters		
Employer	#	Avg.	Employer	#	Avg.
Massena (town)	453	\$52,268	Massena (village)	30	\$67,943
Plattsburgh (city)	168	\$47,563	Gouverneur (village)	6	\$65,660
Lake Placid (village)	63	\$45,571	Watertown (city)	146	\$65,267
Potsdam (village)	51	\$44,588	Potsdam (village)	14	\$64,621
Lyme (town)	9	\$43,750	Canton (village)	9	\$61,635

The amounts listed in the report do not include fringe benefits such as health insurance or pension contributions, which can add more than 35 percent to the cost for taxpayers.

“The Empire Center produces this report because it is committed to protecting the right of taxpayers to know how their money is being spent,” said Executive Director Tim Hofer. “Employee compensation is the single largest component of most municipal budgets. Pairing this pay data with the localized spending data in SeeThroughNY’s Benchmarking NY tool, taxpayers can get a real sense of how their local governments are spending their tax dollars.”

The Empire Center is an independent, non-partisan, 501(c)3 think tank based in Albany. Each year, the Empire Center obtains and processes payroll information from public employers across the state. To read the full report, visit empirecenter.org/publications/wtm14. The Benchmarking New York tool, as well as individual payroll records, are posted at the Empire Center’s transparency website SeeThroughNY.net.

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Top 11 Municipal Employee Pay in the North Country April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014

Employee	Employer	Pay
Charles F. Fahd	Town of Massena	\$288,443
Gerard A. Crawford	Lewis County	\$255,000
Vu Dinh	Lewis County	\$255,000
Cynthia H. Fraser	Lewis County	\$255,000
Todd R. Howland	Lewis County	\$255,000
Robert C. Martinucci	Lewis County	\$255,000
James V. Stillerman	Lewis County	\$255,000
Josefina Tan-Domingo	Lewis County	\$255,000
Priti V. Mandalaywala	Town of Massena	\$255,000
Rosalind S. Mariano	Town of Massena	\$255,000
Khurram Mumtaz	Town of Massena	\$255,000

Source: *SeeThroughNY.net*