

OCO Policy on News Media Access and Relations:

It is OCO's practice to respond to news media inquiries as quickly as possible, depending upon availability of spokespersons or subject experts and the complexity of the topic being covered.

All requests for comments, interview, photos/video, or statements must be handled through OCO Administration, 315-598-4717.

OCO Executive Director Diane Cooper-Currier is the Agency's designated official spokesperson, and the only person authorized to speak on behalf of the Agency unless otherwise designated by herself or the Chairman of the OCO Board of Directors. Her phone number is: 315-598-4717 ext. 1017.

Arrangements for filming/photographing and/or interviewing OCO department and program staff, volunteers and clients must be made in advance by contacting the Senior Director of Operations Betsy Copps at 315-598-4717 ext. 1092.

Due to confidentiality requirements, federal and state regulations, and Agency policy, all OCO clients, employees and volunteers must have a signed release on file with the Agency before they can be interviewed, filmed or photographed.

News media are free to visit program sites that are public places or service portals; however, many program sites are also clients' homes or shelters and therefore not accessible without permission. Please check with the Senior Director of Operations first.