



August 2026 Managers Report

covers the period July 1, 2026 through July 31, 2026

New Public Works Employee: Anthony Lopez started with Public Works on July 27.

Lawnmower: Our large commercial mower has blown a motor. \$6K repair or \$8.5K replacement. Not anticipated. Mower is nearly 10 years old. We still mow- in/around the Rec Park, town hall, town dock, wildlife ramp, rights-of-ways on 55 and White Farm.

Financial Report- Attached ending 6/30/26, attached first month of 26-27

Hurricane Awareness: Looking toward August 17, 6PM, to do our annual Hurricane prep meeting- most especially helpful for new residents and those who have not been in the path. The information provided, however, is useful to ALL residents, and we invite residents and other locals to attend.

Mosquitos: Weather is different this year- more wet more often. We are currently spraying Tuesday and Thursdays 5:30AM-7:30AM

Valve Project Valves are being placed now. There may be slight interruptions as the work continues. Dinghy dock work is awaiting fair weather.

Auditor: Will be here August 19-21.

1	Town of Oriental				
	Monthly Budget Report Major Funds Only				
			9 %	of Fiscal Year Completed July 2026	
	GENERAL FUND	Budgeted 26-27	YTD 26-27	% of Budget	YTD 25-26
3	REVENUES				
4	Property Tax	\$604,415.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
5	Sales Tax	\$276,040.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
6	State-Shared Revenues	\$129,850.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
7	Solid Waste Fees	\$183,601.00	\$15,258.25	8%	\$15,162.45
8	Development Permit Fees	\$12,500.00	\$800.00	6%	\$1,625.00
9	DMV Tax	\$42,855.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
10	Grant Revenues	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
11	Other Revenues	\$456,137.00	\$6,157.51	1%	\$6,580.67
12	GF Interest Earnings	\$14,000.00	\$200.00	1%	\$1,746.94
13	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$24,500.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
	TOTAL G/F REVENUES	\$1,743,898.00	\$22,415.76	1%	\$25,115.06
14	EXPENDITURES				
15	Legal	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
16	Administration	\$515,174.38	\$38,582.94	7%	\$81,344.86
17	Police	\$229,058.58	\$11,729.37	5%	\$13,837.52
18	Public Works	\$352,945.04	\$15,916.95	5%	\$17,326.86
19	Sanitation	\$205,000.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00
20	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,314,178.00	\$66,229.26	5%	\$112,509.24
	Revenues Over Expenses		-\$43,813.50		-\$87,394.18
					Revenues over expenditures
	WATER FUND	Budgeted 26-27	YTD 26-27	% of Budget	YTD 25-26
22	WATER REVENUES				
23	Water Collections	\$378,000.00	\$33,368.61	9%	\$33,786.06
24	All Other Water Revenue	\$57,060.00	\$2,078.50	4%	\$2,473.88
25	TOTAL REVENUES	\$435,060.00	\$35,447.11	8%	\$36,259.94
26	EXPENDITURES				
27	Administration	\$226,579.68	\$12,121.46	5%	\$25,970.43
28	Operating	\$208,680.32	\$22,449.70	11%	\$22,524.59
29	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$435,260.00	\$34,571.16	8%	\$48,495.02
	Revenues Over Expenses		\$875.95		-\$12,235.08
30	Current Month Summary of Cash Accounts	25-26 FYE	Last Month	Current Month	
31	GENERAL FUND Reg checking				
32	Fund Balance G/F	\$1,232,340.73	\$1,232,340.73	\$1,532,157.10	
33	NCCMT GF	\$490,160.83	\$490,160.83	\$490,160.83	
34	WATER FUND Reg Checking				
35	Water- NCCMT	\$59,634.05	\$59,634.05	\$59,634.05	
	Water Fund Balance	\$34,878.07	\$34,878.96	\$33,218.36	
	Water Retained Earnings	\$1,146,616.07	\$1,146,616.07	\$1,146,616.07	
36	OTHER FUNDS (Capital and Special Revenue)	25-26 FYE	Last Month	Current Month	
37	Occ Tax- Waterfront Enhancement	\$151,374.84	\$151,374.84	\$2,822.84	
38	Occ Tax - Parks and Recreation	\$12,578.24	\$12,578.24	\$1,129.08	
39	Occ Tax - Tourism	\$72,588.76	\$72,588.76	\$1,693.73	
40	POWELL FUNDS				
	Powell in First Citizens	\$80,843.37	\$80,843.37	\$80,843.37	
43	NCCMT Powell	\$126,780.04	\$126,780.04	\$126,780.37	
44	Total Powell	\$207,623.41	\$207,623.41	\$207,623.74	
45					

2 months behind

*not from investments

PFAS \$25,685.84

salt-5k, tap+7K, test++6K,
no contracted ORC

YTD 2025 OCC	YTD 2026 OCC
\$2,599.54	\$2,822.84
\$1,039.80	\$1,129.08
\$1,559.76	\$1,693.73
\$5,199.10	\$5,645.65

\$446.55

FYE + deposits

FYE + interest

plus 100,000 to be moved from GF



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Public Service Announcement



Alert: I-073026-PSA | 30 JULY 2026

Malicious Cyber Actors Targeting Water and Wastewater Sector Internet-Facing Programmable Logic Controllers, Causing Operational Disruptions

INTRODUCTION

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are issuing this Public Service Announcement (PSA) to warn critical infrastructure asset owners and operators that malicious cyber actors (MCAs) are conducting cyber attacks targeting Operational Technology (OT) devices, including Rockwell Automation/Allen-Bradley Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs), specifically MicroLogix 1100 and 1400 series. Since 27 July 2026, Water and Wastewater Sector (WWS) utility companies in at least seven states have reported incidents to the FBI, and some of that activity degraded water operations. While the FBI has only observed this behavior with the referenced Rockwell PLCs, similar considerations should also be made with other branded PLCs.

After remotely accessing internet-facing devices, the actors changed the IP addresses and passwords, resulting in a loss of monitoring and control functionality. To reduce the risk of compromise, the FBI and EPA recommend **removing PLCs from direct internet exposure** via secure gateway and firewalls, setting up **strong, unique passwords**, and utilizing an **access control list (ACL)** to allow only authorized communication between expected control system devices.

THREAT LANDSCAPE

MCAs are targeting internet-exposed PLCs (Rockwell Automation/Allen-Bradley's MicroLogix 1100 and 1400 series) to remotely tamper with device configurations by changing IP addresses and turning on and setting passwords, resulting in a loss of view, and in some cases function, of connected equipment in targeted facilities. At least one organization reported modified PLC project files after noticing ladder logic discrepancies across several sites. Additionally, across several victims, similarities in network setup provided by third parties may provide MCA the opportunity to multiply successes when vulnerable network and hardware setups exist across customers.

Operational effects reported to the FBI have included loss of pressure and flooding. Pressure loss in water systems could potentially allow untreated ground water to seep into pipes. Once compromised, the extent of impact to victims' operations depended upon the type of function for which the PLC was configured (monitoring versus controlling equipment), the equipment itself (1100 versus 1400), the function the device supported, and capability to switch to manual operations. The FBI and EPA are engaging with victim organizations and are providing the following recommendations for critical infrastructure asset owners and operators.

Tips to Protect Yourself

The FBI and EPA recommend individuals take the following precautions:

- **Disconnect PLC from the public-facing internet.** Follow the joint guidance [Secure connectivity principles for OT](#) to safely allow remote access. Specifically, "remove inbound port exposure," so the OT system is never directly exposed to the internet or external networks, and to ensure all access is mediated, monitored, and controlled. Do this through a secure gateway (jump host) that brokers the connection.
 - o Ensure cellular modems, used for remote field connectivity and access, are secured with strong authentication and updated.
 - o Enable logs for connected modems and regularly review for suspicious activity to detect intrusions and improve incident response speed.
 - o To mitigate unauthorized access to OT via cellular modems, organizations should consider implementing isolated architectures, such as private Access Point Name (APN), 5G Public Network Integrated Non-Public Network (PNI-NPN), cellular Software-Defined Wide Area Network (SD-WAN), Zero Trust Network Access (ZTNA), or a site-to-site virtual private network (VPN).
- **Ensure device passwords are complex, unique combinations of letters, numbers, and symbols** that are not easily guessable. Implementing robust password practices remains a critical security measure that can help prevent unauthorized access and strengthen the overall security posture of OT devices.
- **Strictly control network access to PLC devices.** Configure firewall rules or access control list (ACL) security features on PLCs or programmable controllers to allow only authorized communications between expected control system devices. Block access from unauthorized or threat actor-controlled IP addresses, such as those associated with hosting providers
- **Place physical and software key switches into the run position** to block unauthorized changes to logic, configuration, and firmware. Devices should only be in the program or remote position when updating or downloading software online and immediately switched back to the run position when complete. (See Rockwell Automation's [System Security Design Guidelines](#) for manufacturer's instructions.)

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- Prior to switching the device to run mode, review and validate project files, as changing modes will lock in the current project file downloaded to the device.
- **Practice and maintain the ability to operate OT systems manually.** The capability for organizations to revert to manual controls to quickly restore operations is vital in the immediate aftermath of an incident. Business continuity and disaster recovery plans, fail-safe mechanisms, islanding capabilities, software backups, and standby systems should all be routinely tested to ensure safe manual operations in the event of an incident.
- **Review project files running on PLCs for unauthorized changes.** Use vendor provided integrity checking tools and visually compare the running program to known good logic. Ensure reusable logic and input/output configurations are valid.
 - If restoring backups, verify the backup does not contain malicious logic before deployment.
 - Review logs and configurations on all connected devices, including modems, HMIs, and workstations, to assess potential lateral movement by threat actors. If it appears the actors connected to additional devices, reimage these devices to remove any potential malicious changes or access tools.
- **Plan for end-of-life (EOL) replacements** when possible. When a hardware device is EOL, the manufacturer no longer sells the product and is not actively supporting the hardware, which also means they are no longer releasing software updates or security patches for the device. Since EOL devices no longer receive security updates, they are routinely targeted by MCAs.
 - Maintain a rolling 12-month EOL forecast, reviewed quarterly with owners and procurement.
 - Track EOL systems by product, owner, location, and retirement date.
 - Replace or isolate EOL assets; if delays occur, apply compensating controls with firm decommission dates.

REPORT IT

If you or someone you know has sustained similar OT outages, please contact your [local FBI Field Office](#) and file a complaint with the IC3 at www.ic3.gov. Additionally, you can contact CISA via CISA's 24/7 Operations Center at contact@cisa.dhs.gov or 1-844-Say-CISA (1-844-729-2472). Be sure to include as much information as possible:

- Model numbers, serials, and IPs of programmable logic controllers connected to network
- Unusual IPs on networks connected to programmable logic controllers

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EPA's Cybersecurity Technical Assistance:

<https://www.epa.gov/cyberwater/forms/cybersecurity-technical-assistance-program-water-sector>

Rockwell Automation: Contact the Rockwell Automation Product Security Incident Response Team (PSIRT) at PSIRT@rockwellautomation.com for questions regarding this guidance, or to report cyber incidents related to Rockwell Automation products.

For additional information on mitigating threats to OT systems, please see previous Guidance Documents:

- FBI, CISA, EPA, DOE | [Primary Mitigations to Reduce Cyber Threats to Operational Technology](#)
- FBI, CISA, EPA | [Incident Response Guide: Water and Wastewater Sector](#)
- FBI, CISA, EPA | [Top Cyber Actions for Securing Water Systems](#)
- NCSC-UK, FBI, CISA | [Secure connectivity principles for operational technology \(OT\)](#)

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RESOLUTION 2025-04

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF ORIENTAL:

WHEREAS, each year there are annual events and festivals within the Town limits that require street closings, and

WHEREAS, each year the organizers of these events and festivals appear before the Board of Commissioners seeking permission to close the same streets and/or reserve the Town's Docks, and;

WHEREAS, the Town Manager has the ability to make adjustments to these closings for specified events or in the event of a severe weather warning or state of emergency at his/her discretion, bringing major adjustments back to the Board, and;

WHEREAS, to facilitate the organization of these annual events and festivals, the Board of Commissioners has created a Resolution hereby granting permission to close certain streets and Town owned facilities as outlined below:

Oriental Police Department Procedures for Closing Town Roads and Facilities during Special Events

During certain special events in Oriental, some town roads are closed for public safety and to accommodate vendors, pedestrians, and special vehicular traffic.

I. Croaker Festival 1st weekend in July

A. Street Vendors Lou Mac Park - Friday/Saturday/Sunday Event

1. Partially barricade South Ave. at Neuse St. and within the last block of Freemason, Mildred, High and Vandemere between 2:00 - 6:00 am on Friday, to slow drive-through traffic while vendors set up.
2. Block drive-through traffic at the barricades above except for vendors and residents at 3:30 pm on Friday, in preparation for festivities beginning at 5 pm. Reopen these streets at 11:00 pm after the street dance Friday night.
3. Block the same streets as in #1 by 6 am on Saturday morning. Streets remain closed until completion of fireworks (approximately 10 pm Saturday night). Residents may enter their homes as needed.
4. Hwy 55 at the Robert Scott Bridge will be closed for the fireworks as required by the Fire Marshal. Signs will be posted ahead of the event in order to let the public be aware of the closure.

B. Parade

1. Close Hodges between S. Water St. and Factory St. 2 hours before parade time.

2. Close Ragan (between Link and Broad) and Lupton (between Gilgo and Ragan) to through traffic one hour before parade time.
3. During the parade, parts of Broad, Hodges, Wall and South Ave are closed to traffic.
4. A detour around the closed portion of Broad St. (Hwy 55) is provided by directing incoming traffic on Hwy 55 traffic down Midyette to Hodges. Police officer is stationed at the intersection of Hodges and Broad to direct detouring traffic. The detour is reversed for traffic incoming across the bridge.

II. Spirit of Christmas 2nd Weekend in December

A. Flotilla – Friday night and Saturday Night

1. Parking is allowed all along South Ave. during the Friday night flotilla which starts at 5:30 pm.
2. Close Hodges St. between Factory and S. Water St. at 4:45pm for the lighting of the Christmas Star at the Town Dock, this starts at 5:00pm.
3. During this weekend, rafting is permitted at the Town Dock except on the East side of the dock (next to the Oriental Marina).
4. Town Dock# 1 is reserved for small boat flotilla participants ONLY from Friday noon until Saturday Noon.
5. Town Dock #2 is reserved for the large boat flotilla ONLY from Friday 12PM until Sunday 12 PM. Town Dock #1 is reserved from Saturday Noon until Sunday Noon.

B. Parade – Saturday Afternoon

1. Close Hodges between S. Water St. and Factory St. 2 hours before parade time.
2. Close Ragan (between Link and Broad) and Lupton (between Gilgo and Ragan) to through traffic one hour before parade time.
3. During the parade, Broad, Hodges, Wall and part of South Ave are closed to traffic.
4. A detour around the closed portion of Broad St. (Hwy 55) is provided by directing incoming traffic on Hwy 55 traffic down Midyette to Hodges. Police officer is stationed at the intersection of Hodges and Broad to direct detouring traffic. The detour is reversed for traffic incoming across the bridge.
5. Streets reopen as parade passes.

III. Chinese New Year Dragon Run - Hodges St. (S. Water St. to Factory St.)

1. Close route 2 hrs before parade time.
2. Remain closed through second Dragon Run.
3. Reopen street to traffic approximately 1:00 am.

IV. Oriental Cup Regatta Hodges St. – (Town Docks)

1. Reserve use of the Town Docks during the Regatta.
2. Allow rafting except on the East side of Town dock #1 (next to the Oriental Marina).

VI. Car Show (October)

1. Close South Ave and feeder Streets at South Avenue according to the projections provided by organizers, (projections and request no later than one month prior to the event). This allows for expansion or contraction of the event.
2. Reopen all streets 15 minutes after awards are presented.

VII. Ol' Front Porch Music Festival (October)

1. Close South Avenue and feeder streets from South Avenue to First Ave. according to request presented to the Board no later than one month prior to the event. This allows flexibility as the event expands/contracts.
2. Reopen all streets except Freemason prior to headliner event concert.
3. Reopen all streets 15 minutes following headliner concert.

IX. Miss Fay Bond's Birthday celebration

- 1 Close South Ave between Freemason St and the end of Lou Mac Park for open street dance.

Town Staff will notify businesses on any street closing for these events at least one week in advance of the event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Oriental Town Board of Commissioners of the Town of Oriental, North Carolina that the document, "Procedures for Closing Town Roads and Facilities during Events" is hereby accepted.

Duly adopted this 11th day of March 2025, by the Town Board of Commissioners of the Town of Oriental.

Sally Belangia, Mayor

Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk