



Michael J. Bouchard

OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF



On January 11, 1999, Michael Bouchard accepted the appointment as successor to John F. Nichols who passed away suddenly. In November of 2024, Sheriff Bouchard was returned to Office for the seventh time.

His current term will expire on January 1, 2029.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Recipient of Sheriff of the Year, by the Major County Sheriffs of America, The Sandra S. Hutchens award.
Recipient of Michigan Sheriff of the Year 2022, by the Michigan Sheriff's Association, The Terrence E. Jungel award
- Recipient of the Patrick Henry Patriot of the Year from the Patriot Week Foundation, 2020
- Recipient of Fraternal Order of Investigators Award 2019
- Named Distinguished Sheriff by the Michigan Sheriffs' Association, 2019
- Recipient of National Sheriff of the Year, 2016, by the National Sheriff's Association, the Ferris E. Lucas award
- Recipient of the Silver Star for Bravery from the American Police Hall of Fame, 2016
- Identified as one of the most influential people in security by Security Magazine, 2014
- Inducted into the Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice Wall of Fame, 2010
- Recipient of the Earth Day Hero Award at Michigan Earth Day Fest, April 2010
- Recipient of Achievement Award for Innovative Program (Operation Medicine Cabinet) from the National Association of Counties, 2009
- Recipient of the Michigan Food and Beverage Association's Distinguished Service Award, Metro Detroit Youth Day, 2009
- Recipient of the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award, 2008
- Multiple recipient of the Commendation Award from the International Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association for Outstanding Service and Dedication in the area of Law Enforcement
- Recipient of the 'Executive of the Year' by the Detroit Executive Association, 2008
- Easter Seals' 2008 'Outstanding Advocate' Award
- Recipient of the ESGR's (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve) Pro Patria Award, 2008
- Recipient of Two (2) Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties, 2008
- Birmingham/Bloomfield Race Relations and Diversity Task Force Champion, 2008
- Recipient of the Community Service Award from the Optimist Club of West Bloomfield, 2008
- Recipient of the Oakland County Youth Assistance 'Champion of Youth' Award, 2007
- Recipient of the Project Freedom of Michigan's '1st Project Freedom Award', 2007
- Recipient of the Justice for Children's 'Centurion Award', 2006
- Recipient of the Easter Seals 'Angel of Change Award', 2006
- Recipient of the Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Oakland County 'Circle of Light Award', 2006
- Recognized by the FBI for Exceptional Service in the Public Interest on 9-11

- Recipient of the Oakland County Bar Association's Distinguished Public Servant Award, 2003
- Recognized by the City of New York for tireless dedication to the World Trade Center recovery effort
- Recipient of the Palace Sports and Entertainment Community Service Award, 2001
- Recipient of the International Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association South Oakland Narcotics Intelligence Consortium Award
- Nominated for the 2001 National Commission Against Drunk Driving Award
- Recipient of the 2000 Oakland County Domestic Violence Prevention Award
- Recipient of the Oakland University Distinguished Legislative Service Award
- Recipient of the Prevention Coalition of Southeast Michigan 2000 Partner in Prevention Award
- Recipient of the Waterford School District/Oakland Community College Diversity Conference Special Award
- Recipient of the 1999 "Leadership Oakland" Award
- Recipient of the 1992, 1996 and 1998 Outstanding Young Men of America Award
- Recipient of the Michigan Jaycees Outstanding Young Michigania Award
- Legislator of the Year Award from the Police Officers Association of Michigan
- Legislator of the Year Award from the Michigan Association of School Boards
- Recipient of the 1992 Deputy Sheriff's Distinguished Legislative Award
- Recipient of the Distinguished Legislative Service Award from the Oakland County School Boards Association
- Recipient of the Humanitarian Award from the Arab-American and Chaldean Council
- Leadership Award by the American Cancer Society's Humanitarian Committee
- Recipient of the March of Dimes Outstanding Service Award
- Recipient of the Birmingham Brother Rice Distinguished Alumnus Award
- Decorated nine times for meritorious acts in the line of duty by the Bloomfield Township Police Department
- 1996 Michigan Credit Union League State Legislator of the Year
- 1996 Legislator of the Year by the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police
- 1997 Recipient of the Legislator of the Year Award by the Fraternal Order of Police

KEY LEGISLATION SPONSORED BY MICHAEL BOUCHARD

- Legislation that requires convicted sex offenders register with local law enforcement and allow this information to be accessible to the public
- Legislation which saves taxpayers \$358 million annually through the reduction of the Real Estate Transfer Tax
- Legislation requiring that incinerators be set back a minimum of 1,000 feet from schools, hospitals, and nursing homes
- Legislation to repeal the tax base sharing
- Legislation to require accountability among the members of the parole board to the people of the State of Michigan
- Legislation to stimulate declining downtown commercial zones
- Legislation to allow for criminal background checks of individuals other than relatives supervising minor children
- Legislation to give permanent standing to appealed rate reductions for property owners
- Legislation to require convicted drunk drivers to pay costs related to their arrest and conviction
- Legislation to allow credit cards as a method of payment at the Secretary of State
- Legislation to regulate and license Casinos and assist those who are harmed by related activities