



Bouchard Highlights 2024

Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard

Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard accepted the appointment to Sheriff on January 11, 1999 successor to John F. Nichols who passed away suddenly. He was a police officer for 12 years working his way through a variety of positions. In November of 2020, Sheriff Bouchard was returned to Office for the sixth time and his current term ends January

He was named Michigan Sheriff of the Year 2022, by the Michigan Sheriff's Association and National Sheriff of the Year in 2016 by the National Sheriffs' Association. He was given the distinction of Distinguished Sheriff by the Michigan Sheriffs' Association in 2019. He is the founder and President of the Michigan Fallen Heroes Memorial and is the only combined memorial of its kind which honors police, fire, and EMS personnel who have died in the line of duty.

Sheriff Bouchard is a past president of Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA) and is currently the Vice President – Government Affairs for this prestigious organization.

Sheriff Bouchard is a devoted sportsman and enjoying restoring older vehicles, including a 1963 M-37 Military Dodge Power Wagon. He and his wife, Pam, are proud to have three children, Mikayla, Michael, and Jacob. Two of his children serve as Reserve Deputies. He also has care of Max Justice Broock, a donated King Charles Cavalier which serves in the Sheriff's Office Therapy Dog program. Sheriff Bouchard graduated with high honors from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and Police Administration. He is also a graduate of the United States Secret Service Dignitary Protection Program and the FBI National Executive Institute Program.