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Oakland County Sheriff's Office to get U.S. honor

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PONTIAC -- The Oakland County Sheriff's Office has been selected to receive the 2008 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award -- the highest recognition given by the U.S. Government.

The Sheriff's Office is one of 15 recipients in the nation to receive the award, which acknowledges agencies that support their employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve. Some 2,199 employers were nominated and a national selection board of senior Defense officials and business leaders selected this year's winners.

"I am grateful to the men and women who serve our country," Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard said. "We can show our gratitude as employers by standing by those in the military at home while they are supporting and protecting us abroad."

The award will be presented during a formal ceremony Sept. 18 at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C.

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