

Rick Jones (R – Grand Ledge)



Biography

PROFESSIONAL:

Rick Jones was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 2004 and re-elected to a second term in 2006. Prior to this, he worked 33 years in law enforcement, serving over 30 years with the Eaton County Sheriff Department. Rick started as a deputy and worked his way up through the ranks as sergeant, lieutenant, and captain before being elected sheriff in 2000.

COMMUNITY SERVICE & AFFILIATIONS:

Rick volunteers with Eaton Community Hospice, delivers Meals-On-Wheels to shut-ins, and volunteers with Area 8 Special Olympics. Rick is a 12-gallon donor with the Red Cross. He is a fundraising-events volunteer for Woldumar Nature Center. He was a construction volunteer for the Imagination Station and Playground of Dreams, community playgrounds in Potterville and Eaton Rapids. Rick is a Member of Grand Ledge Rotary, American Legion S.A.L Post 42, and Eaton County Farm Bureau. Rick has been an active participant in charity events: Crop Walk, Relay for Life, and Walk for Warmth.

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Rick has been awarded the Service to Children Award from the Eaton County Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Council, the "Very Involved Person" Award from the Greater Lansing 100 Club for volunteer work, as well as appreciation awards from the Dimondale Lions, the Olivet Rotary, and the American Legion. He received the Charlotte Community Excellence Award for volunteer work from the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. He was also awarded Eaton County Sheriff's Award for Bravery.

During his first term in office, Rick has been honored as Legislator of the Year by:

- The Fraternal Order of Police
- The Dads and Moms Association of Michigan
- The Michigan Sheriffs' Association
- The Great Lakes Shooting Sports Association
- The Police Officers' Association of Michigan
- Fight Crime: Invest In Kids (early childhood education)
- The Above & Beyond Award was presented by the Department of Defense, National Guard and Reserve
- Michigan Farm Bureau has named Rick as a Friend of Agriculture

EDUCATION:

Rick received his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University. He has also received Executive Leadership Training from Central Michigan University and further training from the F.B.I. (Executive Leadership Training), the U.S. Department of Treasury (Crisis Management Training), and the U.S. Department of Justice (Correctional Leadership Training).

PERSONAL:

Rick has been married for 33 years to Charlene. They have two children, Kate and Charlie. They also have a grandson, Nick. Rick is an active member of the Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church. Rick was born November 17, 1952.