

Sheriff James R Voutour

Biography

On January 1st, 2009, Sheriff Jim Voutour was sworn in as the 56th sheriff of Niagara County. Sheriff Voutour was re-elected in 2012 after running un-opposed with the endorsement of every political party in Niagara County. He was re-elected again in 2016 and once again had the nomination of all political parties. Sheriff Voutour came up through the ranks of the sheriff's office starting as a road patrol deputy, sergeant, captain and chief deputy.

Sheriff Voutour received his Bachelor of Science Degree from SUNY Brockport in 1988, majoring in Finance and Management. He returned to college in 2011 and received his Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Niagara University. He is a graduate of the 76th class of the FBI LEEDS School and a graduate of the New York State Executive Institute.

Sheriff Voutour is a past- president of the New York Sheriff's Association where he serves on several committees. He is also a member of the National Sheriff's Association and is co-chair of the National Traffic Safety committee and a member of the Emerging Technology committee. Sheriff Voutour was awarded the prestigious J. Stannard Baker National Award for Traffic Safety in 2018. He is a frequent lecturer on criminal justice topics at the national, state and local levels and is an adjunct professor of Criminal Justice at Niagara University.

Sheriff Voutour volunteers his time with several Niagara County Agencies. Sheriff Voutour is a 2008 graduate of Leadership Niagara and was voted "Top Speaker" in 2011 and 2012. In 2014, Sheriff Voutour was voted "Leader of the Year" in Niagara County. He also volunteers for Opportunities Unlimited, Community Missions, Health Association of Niagara County, AARP, PAL, UNYTS, the YWCA and numerous block clubs.

Sheriff Voutour was elected to the Western New York Baseball Hall of Fame, the SUNY Brockport Athletic Hall of Fame and is a former professional baseball player. He resides in Lockport with his wife Pilar (DiCarlo) Voutour, a teacher at Barker School and their two daughters, Julia, 20 and Lydia, 18.

Sheriff Voutour retired in 2019 and formed an LLC, Blue50Tech which provides consulting services for law enforcement around the United States.

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