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Sheriff Charmaine McGuffey (Abbreviated) Bio

Sheriff Charmaine McGuffey is a lifelong Cincinnati and a 40-year veteran of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. Prior to being elected sheriff in November 2020, she held the rank of sergeant, lieutenant, captain, and major. Sheriff McGuffey took office on January 4, 2021, and is the highest-ranking woman in the history of the Hamilton County, OH, Sheriff's Office.

During her tenure as major of Jail and Court Services, Sheriff McGuffey was credited with leading reforms in the jail to reduce the likelihood of people returning to jail. She was also credited with bringing the jail from the worst ranking in the State of Ohio to the top ranking.

Sheriff McGuffey is a reformer and effective leader committed to moving our justice system from one of hard incarceration to one that offers opportunities for rehabilitation. Sheriff McGuffey is committed to public safety and to ensuring accountability, transparency, and engagement with the community as the foundation of the work in the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff McGuffey is a member of the Human Rights Campaign, a graduate of Leadership Cincinnati 39, and in 2023 was named a Career Woman of Achievement by the YWCA of Greater Cincinnati. In 2024, Sheriff McGuffey was awarded the David Crowley Leadership Award by the Human Rights Campaign, the Cincinnati Women's Political Caucus Outstanding Achievement Award, and the NAACP Marion Spencer Open Hearts Award.