



2026 CHEMTREC Michigan Hazmat Responder of the Year Award

The Michigan State Police, Hazardous Materials Training Unit has partnered with CHEMTREC® to provide an annual award recognizing the Michigan public sector hazardous materials responder who has made significant contributions locally or regionally to the hazardous materials emergency response profession. This award recognizes individuals who exemplify great leadership and commitment to the mission and goals of the Michigan hazardous materials response community. Nominees are highly esteemed by their colleagues and peers and are recognized for upholding professional standards, mentoring others, and contributing to day-to-day excellence within their chosen department/agency.

This prestigious award will be presented at the 2026 Michigan Hazmat Responder Conference (MIHRC) on April 21 at the Crowne Plaza Lansing West.

To Nominate a Responder:

The nominations must be completed via the [online survey](#). It will include the name and information about the nominated person, the submitter's information, and a written statement explaining the reasons for nominating the individual for the award.

The submissions will be reviewed by the MIHRC Committee along with other outside persons and rated on the merit of each submission. Members of the committee may also submit persons for consideration. If a member of the committee submits a nomination, that person shall abstain from voting.

All nominations must be received by February 1, 2026. The winner will be contacted by March 1, 2026, and recognized at the [2026 Michigan Hazmat Responder Conference](#) on April 21, 2026, at the Crowne Plaza Lansing West.

Winner Receives:

- Free attendee registration, lodging, and conference provided meals to the 2026 MIHRC on April 20-22, 2026.
- Recognition at General Session the morning of April 21.
- An award to take back to their home or agency to proudly display.
- Recognition on the new CHEMTREC Michigan Hazmat Responder of the Year plaque to be on display in the lobby of the Michigan Hazmat Training Center.
- And of course, bragging rights!