

## Sie Jewell

A life long Southgate resident, Simon Jewell served the United States Marine Corp from 1956 –60. Returning home, Sie started his career in public service with elected terms to the City school board where he eventually held the position of chairman.

Simon Jewell volunteered for duty with the Southgate Fire Department in 1968. Sie moved up the ranks being promoted to Lieutenant and then, Captain. He worked closely under Chief and KFA Hall of Famer Ray Muench. Sie became involved in all the local, regional and state fire department associations. He regularly served on committees of the Campbell County Firefighters Educational Association and led the Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association as President. Throughout this time, Sie became active in the KFA, attending conferences and serving on committees. In 1975, he served as co-chair for the KFA State Conference, hosted by the Southgate Fire Department.

Sie was elected Fire Chief of Southgate in 1978, shortly after the horrific Beverly Hills fire. This was a time when the department needed sound, professional leadership and Chief Jewell provided it. He rebuilt a department that was suffering from the aftershock of one of the most devastating fires in our country's history. Sie led his department through a tough time and saw that the great tradition of the Southgate Fire Department endured.

Sie Jewell was elected KFA 5<sup>th</sup> Vice-President in 1980. Actively promoting enhancements for volunteer and career firefighters, Sie worked closely with many other dedicated KFA members to see the passage of HB 525, creating financial training incentives for volunteer departments and career firefighters. Sie also promoted an overhaul of the EMT re-certification process.

Sie retired as Chief of Southgate in 1986, but remained active in his department, his associations and the KFA. As historian of the Campbell County Firefighters association, Sie worked feverishly to see published the history of all Campbell County Fire Departments. I'm sure you can purchase one from him here at the conference as Sie continually promotes this wonderful work in his humorous fashion.

After moving from Southgate to a newly built home in the Camp Springs area, Sie became active in the county, serving as a judge executive appointment on the County Board of Adjustments. He also stayed active with the fire service assisting departments including Camp Springs, Silver Grove, and Melbourne. He presently serves on the fireboard of Campbell County Fire District 1, and puts in tremendous time as its treasurer.

Sie Jewell has received many deserving awards for his outstanding work including Northern Kentucky Firefighter of the Year, and during Cincinnati, Ohio's bi-centennial, he was recognized as one of the 200 greatest Greater Cincinnatians. By Chief Jewell's side throughout this tremendous run has been his wife Sally and children Sie and Beth. We thank them for sharing Sie with us.

Chief Simon Jewell has graced the KFA for over 30 years with his sprit, dedication, and friendship. It is our pleasure to honor him tonight with his induction into the KFA "Hall of Fame".

Presenting Chief Jewell's award will be one who served under Sie for many years and the present Chief of the Southgate Fire Department, John Beatsch.

