

PAT TREVATHAN

Pat Trevathan's life in public service started in 1951 with 4 years in the United States Navy. Following his military commitment, he served one year as a volunteer firefighter for the McCracken County Civil Defense before embarking on a 20-year career with the Paducah Fire Department, retiring as Captain in July of 1976. Pat's fire service career was not limited to his full-time position, serving as Deputy Chief of the Fairdealing Volunteer Fire Department for 14 years and as Training Officer of the Reidland-Farley Fire District.

Pat believes in education, teaching firefighters and emergency medical personnel through a 27-year career as an employee of fire rescue training. 23 of these years were spent as the Region 1 coordinator. To further illustrate his value of education, Pat holds an associate degree in fire science technology and a bachelor and masters degree from Murray State University in technical education. A life-long commitment to EMS, Pat holds the distinction of one of 15 chosen to initiate EMS training within the Commonwealth in 1970 with an EMT certification number of 104, EMT instructor certification # 14 and EMT Instructor Trainer # of 6.

Pat has served many organizations and associations. Lifetime member of the West Kentucky EMS Association, lifetime member of the Ky. Professional Firefighters Association, President of the Ky. EMT Instructor Association from 1972-1975 and executive secretary 1982-1997. Pat Trevathan was the first President of the Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association. Pat was inducted to the Dr. Jack Carey EMS Hall of Fame in 1993.

As a delegate at numerous KFA conferences, Pat's extreme knowledge of parliamentary procedure was utilized by the KFA. Serving as our KFA parliamentarian from 1984 to the year 2000, Pat brought a new decorum to our meetings. Through the years many tough decisions were put upon Pat for resolution. He did this respectfully, professionally, and by the book. His influence on many young firefighters has produced not only tremendous firefighters and emergency medical responders but also a few schoolhouse lawyers.

Pat was present at the ceremony with his wife Violet and it was our great honor to bestow this Hall of Fame award to a most deserving individual.

Presenting Pat's Hall of Fame Award was 2000 KFA President and former running mate with the KPF and the Paducah Fire Department Gerald Stewart.

