

Mark Lockett

William Mark Lockett was born January 18, 1941. In 1960 Mark joined the U.S. Air Force and became an Airman First Class working on Air Defense Command. While serving in the Air Force Mark married Janet, his wife of 47 years and counting. While Mark was serving his country an event occurred back home that would form the foundation of his career in the fire service.



In 1960 Mark's father, Luther Lockett, was instrumental in the formation of the Masonville Fire Department. When Mark left the military in 1964 and returned home he joined the Masonville Fire Department. While actively involved in his volunteer firefighter career, Mark ran a dairy farm operation with his brother, Richard, and brother-in-law, Charles. In 1973 Mark Lockett was elected Chief of the department that his father helped to organize. He

still holds that office today.

As Chief, Mark helped Davies County introduce the ISO Grading Schedule which led to a county wide reduction in insurance rates. During Chief Lockett's tenure, a second station was built in 1974, the main station was renovated and a third station was added in 1990 near the Ohio County border, leading to a further reduction in ISO rating.

One of the State's most recognized and respected fire chiefs, Mark has been actively involved in both regional and state fire service. He is an active member of the Green River Fire Fighters Association, having served as President from 1989 to 1991. He has worked tirelessly to bring Green River to the forefront in fire and EMS issues. His involvement has been vital in the formation and continued success of its Officer School.

Mark has served for many years as a member of the KFA Constitution and By Laws Committee as well as a member and Chairman of the KFA Resolutions Committee. During his tenure as Resolutions Committee Chairman, some of the most important and controversial issues have been masterfully handled through Mark's Resolutions Committee. From 1994 to 2002, Mark's service was highlighted with two terms from two governors on the Kentucky Fire Commission.

Mark has been busy with more than the fire service all these years. He and Janet have raised two sons, Andrew and Matthew, and a daughter, Katherine. Andy is currently a Captain in the Masonville Fire Department serving under his father. The Lockett's have been blessed with eight wonderful grandchildren, who they spoil at every opportunity. Mark is a member and elder of the First Christian Church of Owensboro. He remains active in the family farming business.

It is with great pleasure that we induct William Mark Lockett into the 2008 class of the Kentucky Firefighters Association "Hall of Fame".