

# Jimmy Cox



Chief Jimmy Cox of the Campbellsville Fire Department began his career in 1958. Advancing through the ranks, Jimmy was appointed Chief in 1973 and served in that position until his retirement 23 years later. Extremely dedicated to the department, for many years, Jimmy lived at the fire station.

As Fire Chief of Campbellsville, Jimmy engineered great change. The department's apparatus fleet continually grew during his time. Department training qualification and standards advanced. He worked vigorously for his personnel to see increased benefits including entry in the state retirement system.

Jimmy has always been a vital member of the Lake Cumberland Firefighters Association, serving the firefighters of that region in many capacities. An 8 time President of the Association, his efforts were vital in the creation of the Campbellsville / Taylor County Training Center and pursuing cooperative agreements of all neighboring departments.

Chief Cox attended his first KFA conference in Shively in 1974 and has been a regular attendee ever since. Activities in the KFA began with committee assignments in 1982. Jimmy served as chairman of our Emergency Medical Service committee and as a member of the legislative committee.

Jimmy was actively involved during those busy times in the 1980s, with the KFA's dedicated effort toward the passage of the landmark House Bill 525, providing financial benefits to full-time firefighters and volunteer fire departments. Jimmy was also committed and spent much time traveling the State to recruit new fire departments for membership in the KFA.

Chief Jimmy Cox was installed as 5<sup>th</sup> Vice-President of the KFA at the Ashland conference in 1986 and served under the Presidencies of Walter Brumfield, Charlie Trodglan, Bob Gaddie, Sylvan Smith and Gary Norvell.

The first representative from the Campbellsville Fire Department to serve as KFA President, Jimmy promoted the association whenever and wherever he could. His influence led other members of the Campbellsville department to active roles in the KFA including regional director and long-time committee member Bill Hall and our current President Allen Johnson.

We would be remiss in not mentioning Jimmy's life of the party scenarios at past conventions. Remember last year and his award winning

Hillbilly night performance. We also need to mention Jimmy's resemblance and love of the great "Willie Nelson". If Jimmy could only sing.

Chief Cox enjoyed visiting and working with firefighters from across the Commonwealth. His knowledge, activity and support assisted many fire departments.

Today Jimmy enjoys camping, and especially spending time with his grand and great grandchildren. He also stays involved with his Saloma Baptist Church.

Chief Cox stated that he appreciated the opportunity to serve the KFA. Jimmy, we appreciate your service to the KFA and the firefighters throughout this great State appreciate you.

With wife Wanda, who has been with Jimmy for the past 25 conferences, and his number one supporter, we say thank you and congratulations on this well deserved Hall of Fame award.

Presenting Chief Jimmy Cox's Hall of Fame award are two of his former firefighters and close friends, Captain Bill Hall, and the man who followed Jimmy's foot steps into the Presidency of the KFA, our President, Allen "AJ" Johnson.