

# Edward E. Cureton



Chief Edward E. Cureton was born March 10, 1880 in Owensboro, Kentucky. He joined the Owensboro Fire Department in 1901 as a Fire Alarm Electrician. Appointed Assistant Chief in 1917, Cureton became Fire Chief of Owensboro in 1919 serving 20 years until his retirement in 1939 due to injury. Chief Cureton modernized the department designing and purchasing the first motorized fire apparatus in Owensboro. Fire Prevention was the Chiefs primary focus, winning many state and national awards for his departments public safety

initiatives. During his regime as Chief, he participated in the infancy and growth of the KFA. Since the KFA's establishment in 1919, Chief Cureton became an active participant, regularly attending annual conventions and fire schools. Chief Cureton became the 3<sup>rd</sup> President in the history of the KFA in 1925. The Chief and his Owensboro department hosted the 1927 KFA convention and fire school, becoming the first city beside Louisville to host a KFA conference. Edward E. Cureton passed away on March 29, 1962.