

## Joseph Bowman



Joseph Bowman was born on March 8, 1955. He grew up in Valley Station Kentucky. He graduated from Valley High School. Joe joined the Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Department in 1977. He progressed through the ranks rising to Assistant Operations Chief. Since 2012 Joe has been Chief Officer of Fleet Maintenance for Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Department. Joe served as Jefferson Counties Firefighter Association President from 1990-1992. He has assisted with the Jefferson County Fire School since 2011 and has served on the Best Practices Committee for the Louisville Metro Fire Services.

Joe began his involvement with the Kentucky Firefighters Association in 1978 when Hall of Famer Chief Reginald "Kay" Back convinced him to get involved. Joe has served on the Resolutions Committee as well as on the Legislative Committee for many years. Joe also served on the Futuristic Planning Committee under Chairman Sie Jewell. The Futuristic Committee was responsible for reshaping the structure of the KFA and Joe Bowman was one of a small group that worked many hours to successfully complete their mission. Joe Bowman served four years as a Director to the KFA for the Jefferson County Region and was one of the few directors that regularly attended the KFA meetings and promoted the Kentucky Firefighters Association to the departments in his area. Joe sights his work on the Futuristic Committee as his most significant accomplishment but his many years of service and willingness to work behind the scenes give Joseph Bowman a cumulative resume fitting of a Hall of Famer. Presenting the Hall of Fame Award to Joseph Bowman is his longtime friend and colleague Chief Bobby Cowherd of Shelbyville.