

Dave Jansing 2009

The longest serving secretary in the history of the KFA, David E. Jansing, is our next inductee into the KFA Hall of Fame.

Following in his uncle, Leo Jansing's footsteps, Dave entered the fire service at the age of 18 as a volunteer firefighter with the Ft. Mitchell Fire Department. Dave advanced through various ranks in his early years and was promoted to Chief Fire Inspector in 1982. He held this position for 13 years until appointed to Assistant Fire Chief in 1995, a position he still holds today.

A graduate of Covington Catholic High School, Dave attended the Law Enforcement Academy at ECU and the University of Cincinnati Fire Science Program.

Dave has worked full-time in public service throughout his career, serving as a Kenton County Police Officer for 10 years. He then worked as a deputy state fire marshal in the 1980's and full-time fire chief of the Pt. Pleasant Fire Department in the early 1990's. He has been employed for the past 23 years as a certified fire investigator through the IAAI.

While being actively involved with his local volunteer fire department in Ft. Mitchell, Dave became an EMT in 1994 and has been serving the Ft. Mitchell life squad for 15 years.

Chief Jansing has been honored for many accomplishments throughout his combined 38 years of service to the Ft. Mitchell Fire Department and Life Squad. In 1988 he was honored by Chief Vic Dietz as Firefighter of the Year in Ft. Mitchell and has been granted lifetime membership status in both the fire department and life squad organizations for his years of active service. In 2005, Dave was recognized by the City of Ft. Mitchell for his exemplary volunteer service and recognized on its Wall of Honor.

Dave is the 2006 recipient of the Public Service Award presented by the National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators and will receive the Northern Ky. Area Development District's "Firefighter of the Year" award next month.

Dave, an ever present force in the Northern Ky. Firefighter's Association since 1975, became the first Director of Region 7 on a state-wide level in 1988. He served in this role for 2 years when KFA Hall of Famer Don Roberts contemplated retirement from the KFA secretary position after 12 years on the job. At the urging of another Hall of Famer Sylvan Smith, Dave agreed to take on the position. As Smitty said, "Dave, for a couple years". Those "couple of years" has turned into 19 years with more to come. Obviously, Smitty's definition of a couple are a lot different than most.



Secretary Jansing is on his second 4-year term as the fire service representative on the State Housing Board and serves as the District 4 regional Vice-President for the Kentucky Fire Chief's Association.

He is serving as a national board member for the National Society of Professional Insurance Investigators, and on the board of the Greater Cincinnati Regional Fire Arson and Investigators seminar.

With all his spare time, Dave decided to enter politics in 2006 and was elected as Lakeside Park city councilman.

Besides family, the fire service, and politics, Dave enjoys golf, bowling, baseball, and working in the yard but no hole in ones, or 300 games on his resume, although his grass is always freshly cut and finely trimmed. The firefighter Olympics' are another area where Dave has taken a lead role and derives great enjoyment. He has for many years served as judge for both the Northern Kentucky region and State Olympics. A fixture in his straw hat and sun burned features.

Faithfully involved with his church, Dave has served St. Henry on its parish council for 14 years, 6 of those as President. His constant companion and love of his life Paula has been alongside Dave every step of the way, and with daughters Tina and Angie, the Jansing's has made the KFA and the fire service a family affair. Angie has followed her father as an active firefighter with the Ft. Mitchell department.

Dave Jansing's love of the fire service is known throughout the state of Kentucky. Whether in suppression, inspections, investigations, or local, regional and state association involvement, Dave has been a leader for over a quarter of a century.

Following a long line of Northern Kentuckians to hold the KFA secretary position for over 59 years, from Henry Bogenshutz to Bob Hebbeler to Don Roberts, Dave Jansing has upheld the duty and tradition of the KFA. Every important discussion and decision of the KFA since 1990 has Dave Jansing's fingerprint and we are proud to induct him into our Hall of Fame tonight.

Presenting Secretary Jansing's Hall of Fame award are KFA treasurer and good friend Terry Keller and Dave's daughter Firefighter Angela Jansing.

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