

Charles W. Shaw

Charley Shaw's name has been synonymous with the Kentucky fire service for over 30 years. Seeing his father's activity as a volunteer firefighter in LaRue County, Charley quickly developed a passion for the service. While attending Campbellsville College in the middle 60's, Charley joined Campbellsville-Taylor County Rescue in 1966 while a student. Advancing through the ranks, Charley made Chief of the department in 1976 and served for nearly 30 years.



Chief Shaw's community service did not end with the county rescue squad. A Campbellsville City Council member from 1980 thru 88, Charley also serves or had served the Campbellsville Fire Department, sheriff's department, communications center, park and garden association, cystic fibrosis and juvenile diabetes foundations. An original coordinator for the state fire rescue-training program, Charley has served the state's fire and emergency responders in this capacity since 1975.

Charlie Shaw has been a leader in fire service training throughout his career. He has developed many instructional programs, including some of the best technical rescue programs in the nation. Charley, an adjunct faculty member with the National Fire Academy has performed his duties nationally through guest instructor, presentations, and keynote address' to groups including the Tennessee State Fire Chief's Association in Nashville, Southeastern Fire Chief's Conference in Tampa, Florida, and the Michigan State Fire Instructors Conference in Ann Arbor. Chief Shaw has been published nationally in various instruction manuals and magazines.

Charlie's involvement in the KFA has spanned 3 decades. His work as special events coordinator covers a wide array of projects, including the State Firefighter Olympics, State Fire School Expo and the Annual Kentucky Fallen Firefighter Memorial Program. Charlie's multi-media presentations at the State school and annual KFA conferences are always highlights eagerly anticipated by all.

Through his effort, the KFA has expanded its many services. From assistance with annual conferences to coordination with firefighter funerals, Charlie has been front and center, planning, coordinating, providing. Charlie took it upon himself to learn the best ways to pay the ultimate respect to a fallen firefighter and has coordinated funerals literally in all areas of our Commonwealth. As the only man we know who travels with his own casket, Charlie's knowledge, concern and wisdom has benefit many a firefighter and his family through these traumatic experiences.

Chief Charlie Shaw has been a true leader in Kentucky's fire service and the KFA for over 25 years. It is with tremendous pride and thanks that tonight; we induct Charles W. Shaw into the Kentucky Firefighter's Association Hall of Fame.

Presenting this award is Charlie's long time friend and KFA 1st Vice-President, Allen "AJ" Johnson.

Mr. Charles Shaw