

Randy Lawson



Randy Lawson was born on November 24, 1954 in Louisville. Randy's family settled in Jeffersontown when he was twelve. In 1975 Randy joined the Jeffersontown Volunteer Fire Department following in the footsteps of his brother Jerry and his uncle Dennis.

Randy also married Debbie Kaiser, the love of his life, in August of 1975 and the two are still happily married today. They have three children Tony, Carrie and Kendall. The Lawson's have been blessed with eight wonderful grandchildren leading to a very busy and happy life for Randy and Debbie.

After joining Jeffersontown in 1975, Randy was promoted twice over the next five years to Sergeant and then Captain along with becoming an EMT. By 1980 Jeffersontown had paid personnel and in May of that year, Randy was hired as a firefighter and water officer. Over the next several years, Jeffersontown was growing dramatically as a community and the fire department restructured several times to keep pace. Randy served the department in a variety of roles including Drill Master, helped found a Training Bureau for the department, was Co-Chairman of the Jefferson County Training Association and held the ranks of Assistant Chief,

Major and Lt. Colonel. From August 1,2009 to June 30 2012 Randy Lawson was Chief of the Jeffersontown Fire Department.

At the urging of then Chief Bob Gaddie, Randy Lawson got involved with the Kentucky Firefighters Association in 1975 shortly after he joined the department. He attended many conferences over the next several years and served on a variety of committees including being on the original K.F.A. Driver Training Committee, Chapter 75 Committee, Advisory Committee and the Legislative Committee. Randy was selected to become Seventh Vice President when the position was vacated and he was the last Vice President to complete seven terms. Randy Lawson was elected K.F.A. President in August, 2002 and hosted the 2003 convention of the K.F.A. Tonight we are honored to induct Past President Randy Lawson into the 2018 class of the Kentucky Firefighters Association Hall of Fame.

Presenting the award to Randy are his son Captain Tony Lawson of the Jeffersontown Fire Department and K.F.A. Past President and Hall of Famer Mike O'Day