



## **Harry J. Thomas**

Harry Thomas was born, on September 17, 1943, in South Charleston, West Virginia. In 1956, at age thirteen, Harry Thomas was allowed to join the Russell Volunteer Fire Department by his father, Fire Chief George Thomas.

Harry was promoted to Captain, Assistant Chief, and eventually followed his father's footsteps and became Chief in 1979. Chief Thomas served as president of the Eastern Kentucky Firefighters Association for nine years, spent six years as president of the Greenup County Firefighters Association and four years on the Kentucky Fire Commission.

Chief Thomas was a vital contributor to the successful convention of President Larry Collier in 1986. For many years, Hall of Famers James Hogsten and Gerald Clark joined with Harry to promote and serve the Kentucky Firefighters Association in the Eastern Kentucky Region.

Presenting the award to Harry Thomas is his former Assistant Chief, Bernard King and current KFA Vice President, Billy Selvage.

