

Hall of Legends, Legacies, and Leaders

Inductee #22

Chief Lloyd Layman

Author and educator

Parkersburg, West Virginia

Born: September, 1898

Died: January, 1968



Lloyd Layman entered the fire service after military service in World War I and ten years in the West Virginia State Police. In 1931, he was asked by the city fathers of Parkersburg to help reorganize the fire department there, and became its chief in September, 1931.

During World War II Chief Layman served in the U.S. Coast Guard, directed the Coast Guard Fire Fighting School at Fort McHenry in Baltimore, and conducted research into marine firefighting. He returned to Parkersburg in 1947, and retired as chief in 1951. In 1954 he became the first director of the Fire Office, Federal Civil Defense Administration, a predecessor of FEMA, and did a great deal to build federal interest in the nation's fire problems.

Chief Layman was the author of **Attacking and Extinguishing Interior Fires** (1955) and **Fire Fighting Tactics** (1953), both classic textbooks.