

## Hall of Legends, Legacies, and Leaders

**Inductee #23**

**Warren E. Isman**

**Fire Chief, Author, and Lecturer**

**Fairfax, Virginia**

**Born: March 22, 1938**

**Died: August 5, 1991**



Warren Isman was among the first to fully recognize the impact that hazardous materials would have on the fire service. He advocated and executed a huge amount of work in this field that resulted in the fire service becoming a key factor in protecting the public from hazardous materials.

After earning a Bachelor of Science degree in physics, Chief Isman became a volunteer firefighter, first on Long Island and then in Maryland. He taught for the University of Maryland Fire Service Extension, and in 1972 joined the Montgomery County Department of Fire and Rescue Services, where he eventually became chief of the department. In 1983 he became chief of the fire department in Fairfax County, Virginia.

Chief Isman was an author and speaker, and wrote more than 200 articles for fire service publications. He was president of the International Association of Fire Chiefs in 1987-88.