

Hall of Legends, Legacies, and Leaders

Inductee #28

James C. "Robbie" Robertson

Fire Marshal and Author

Ranson, West Virginia

Born: June 8, 1929

Died: November 9, 2013



James C. "Robbie" Robertson served as the Maryland State Fire Marshal from 1962 until 1982, and was a senior instructor for the University of Maryland. He later served as a field representative for the NFPA, and worked as a consultant for Mizell Hodges & Associates. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve for many years, retiring with the rank of Commander. He received an associate degree from Oklahoma State University and a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Southern California.

Robbie was the author of **Introduction to Fire Prevention**, now going into its eighth edition; it is a standard textbook for fire education programs. He was a frequent speaker at conferences and seminars, and a respected source of information on the history of the fire service. He was a director of the National Fire Heritage Center, and its first secretary.