

CITY OF EVANSVILLE - 2026

GEORGE FLOWERS, SR.



*Evansville's First Black Fire Chief,
Youth Advocate, Mentor*

Despite significant life challenges, including being raised by a single mother and experiencing poverty, George Flowers, Sr. devoted 35 years of distinguished service to the Evansville Fire Department. In 2004, he made history as the department's first Black Fire Chief.

Following his fire service career, Flowers spent nine years as Program Manager for the Evansville Housing Authority's YouthBuild Program, helping young people who had dropped out of high school gain job skills, education, and renewed purpose.

A dedicated advocate with the American Cancer Society, he traveled to Washington, DC, as a Relay for Life Ambassador to advocate for funding to address minority health disparities, with a focus on prostate cancer. His many honors include Kiwanis Firefighter of the Year, the Distinguished Hoosier Award, and the Governor's Award for Excellence in Volunteerism (Lifetime Achievement).

His life reminds us that perseverance, service, and leadership can transform lives. As Flowers often said, "I give, not because I have much, but because I know how it feels to have nothing."