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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

P. O. WILLIAMS

Born in Winchester, Tennessee on January 27, 1916, Chief Paul Ottis Williams attended public school in Adairsville, Georgia; and Tech High School in Atlanta, Georgia.

Chief Williams interrupted his career in the Atlanta Fire Department which began September 1, 1942, to serve in the U. S. Navy for three years during World War II. Upon his return, he worked his way through the ranks to his present position. He was appointed Fire Engineer 7/2/48, promoted to the rank of Lieutenant 10/1/52, Captain 1/4/57, Battalion Chief 1/11/62, and Deputy Chief 3/2/67. On April 1, 1969, Chief Williams will have attained his life long ambition of being Chief of the Atlanta Fire Department.

Married to the former Christine Holland on July 1, 1936, they are the parents of two children: daughter Betty Jane who is a senior at Sylvan High School, and son Paul Jr. who is attending the University of Georgia. With a devotion to family, Chief Williams enjoys camping and fishing trips with his family, has devoted much time to work with the boy scouts, and is a member of the Capitol View Methodist Church.

Ever alert to the needs of a progressive Fire Department, Chief Williams attended a Seminar at the University of Georgia on Fire Administration in 1968 and is presently attending weekly classes on Executive Development in Municipal Governments conducted as a part of the University of Georgia System.