

Name: Chris Noeldner
Position: Firefighter/Paramedic
Years of Service: 8 years
Personal: Married to Kerri, 2 children, Joseph and Ellisyn



Chris completed the South Dakota Firefighter I and II course in the winter of 1991 and graduated from South Shore High School in 1992. He joined the U.S. Army as a construction equipment mechanic. As a mechanic for construction equipment, he traveled and had the opportunity to fight fire in many different states during his army career.

In the fall of 1995, Chris enrolled in the EMT-Basic course. After his tour in the Army, he moved to Texas in 1996 and became a volunteer firefighter with Nacogdoches County. There he had the chance to help the residents of Nacogdoches County as a first responder and firefighter. In December of 2000, Chris moved to Watertown and was hired at Watertown Fire and Rescue in August of 2001. He worked as a firefighter/EMT until January of 2003 when he was deployed to Ft. Carson, Colorado with the U.S. Army Reserves until October 2003. Then he was deployed again in August 2004 until January 2005. Chris then attended paramedic training in Brookings in 2006 and became a National Registry Paramedic. He continues to work in this capacity today and has certifications as an ARFF Firefighter, Wildland Firefighter, Hazmat Operations and Technician, Rail Tankcar Specialist, Rope Rescue Technician, Confined Space Technician, and Trench Rescue Technician.

During his career at WFR, he has had the opportunity to attend a wide variety of classes around South Dakota and the United States. Serving as a paramedic in his hometown community has been an honor and pleasure. Chris says he especially enjoys the public education aspect of his career.