

Name: Justin Pietz  
Position: Firefighter/Paramedic  
Years of Service: 5 years  
Personal: Married to Lehla, 2 children, Trevor and Jesse



Justin graduated from Watertown High School in 1992. He married Lehla in 1995 and moved to Harrold, South Dakota to farm with his father-in-law. It was during this time Justin had his first fire-fighting experience as a volunteer with the Harrold Fire Department. He would later go on to become an EMT and receive his Firefighter 1 & 2 certifications while volunteering in Harrold.

Justin says his experience in Harrold made him decide he wanted to become a full time firefighter. In the meantime, he and his family moved to Pierre where he worked on for the state radio system and also volunteered with the Pierre Fire Department.

In May of 2003, Justin found his way back to Watertown when he was hired to fill a temporary vacancy. While the temporary position only lasted two months, Justin knew he had made the right career decision. He went on to paramedic school in Sioux Falls at the Avera McKennan School of EMS, graduating in 2004. He worked in Chamberlain as an EMT during this time and would go on to become the EMS Director for Canton Ambulance.

Finally, in August 2004, Justin was offered a permanent job with Watertown Fire Department when another position became available. He has worked here since that time. Justin holds certifications as a Hazmat Tech, ARFF Firefighter, and Wildland Firefighter. Justin's hobbies include fishing, hunting, operating a mowing business and "dabbling" with rental housing.