

Name: Mike Oletzke
Position: Captain
Years of Service: 17 years
Personal: Married to Bonnie, 1 Daughter



Mike began his career in the fire service with Watertown Fire and Rescue in 1992 as a firefighter/paramedic. Mike was one of the first paramedics hired by the City of Watertown to staff their advanced life support ambulances.

Mike graduated from Sisseton High School in South Dakota in 1976 and then went on to Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown, where he graduated with a degree in electronics in 1978. Following a different career for many years, Mike returned back to Lake Area Technical Institute and Prairie Lakes Training Center in 1990 and earned his diploma and certification as a National Registry Paramedic in 1992, which he still holds today.

Along with his medical training, Mike also has numerous training certifications pertaining to fire suppression, Hazmat, and rescue. This includes Firefighter I and II, Hazmat Rescue Technician, Hazmat Specialist, Fire Arson Investigator, Dive Master Operations, Terrorist Response Operation, ICS Operations, and electronics technician. In 2007 Mike was selected as the Watertown Firefighter of the Year. In February 2006 Mike accepted into the National Fire Academy resident course for Fire Arson Investigator. He is one of three fire investigators for Watertown Fire and Rescue. He has also attended the Mount Marty College Leadership Academy in 2007.

In April of 2002 Mike was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and in June 2005 he was promoted to Captain.

Personal interests include professional tournament fishing in the FWL, PWT, and the MWC Walleye Tours, spending time with his wife Bonnie of 30 years, being with his daughter Michelle along with her husband Rob, and his two grandchildren. Other interests include outdoor activities such as hunting and working out.