

## Chris Klawitter

Fisher Fire Chief Chris Klawitter grew up on a dairy farm in Euclid, Minnesota. He is a 1997 graduate of Crookston High School. From there, he attended the University of Minnesota-Crookston. He is currently a self-employed contractor.

Since Chris has moved to Fisher, he has been heavily involved in the community. From the Fisher Fireman's Pig Roast to the First Responder Halloween Chili Feeds and Church Suppers. He helps around the community with snow removal in the winter. As for building projects, most know him as "Chris the Builder." He loves to hunt, trap and fish in the Fisher area.

In 2002, Chris joined the Fisher Volunteer Fire Department and the first responder crew. In 2004, Fire Chief Aaron Merrill retired. Chris then stepped up to become Chief Klawitter. He leads the team as one of the youngest chiefs in Minnesota. He did not let his lack of experience stop him. He is always looking toward the future and finding new ways to take the department one step further through training and community involvement. He enjoys, as many departments do, finding grants to keep the equipment and fire hall up to date.

Around City Hall, Chris always talks with reference to how he greatly appreciates all the help that his local area chiefs give him, as well as all those who he has encountered in trainings, schooling and conferences. The motivation it brings to him is astronomical. Chris stated, "I think I have steered the fire department in the right direction, but there is always room for improvement. Personally, I have come a long way also."

Chris has attended the last four MSFCA conferences in his quest for information. He expressed appreciation for the support he has received from MSFCA and his friends at the local level stating, "I am proud to be part of this organization."

