

Biography

Hello, my name is Michael Koehler and I was born on January 11th, 1995 and currently live in Plover, Wisconsin. I went to high school at SPASH where just before coming out of school I had multiple changes on what I wanted to do for a career from enlisting in the Marine Corps, going to school to become a police officer before finally settling on becoming a firefighter. I graduated high school in 2013 where at the time I worked at Menards. In the fall of 2013 I went to school at MSTC in Wisconsin Rapids for EMT-Basic where I passed my national registry in May of 2014. I then went to school at NTC during the summer for fire academy where I obtained my state fire 1 & 2 certification. In the fall of 2014 I started my Associate's Degree at MSTC in Wisconsin Rapids for paramedic. On January 15th, 2015 I was hired at the Village of Plover Fire/EMS Department as a firefighter where I'm still a firefighter to this day. In the fall of 2015 I went through medic school, finishing the class in the spring of 2016. During medic school I was one of three students selected to be the first paramedic interns at the Stevens Point Fire Department. Also, during medic school in the beginning of 2016, I was hired on as a first responder at Plover as an EMT-B. I eventually passed my paramedic national registry in March of 2017 where then shortly later I accepted the position as a full-time paramedic at Gold Cross Ambulance Service in the Fox Valley. I worked at Gold Cross for a year and to this day I believe that working at Gold Cross was one of the best decisions I've made in my public safety career as it offered me an extremely wide variety of experiences with a crazy call volume of over 24,000 calls a year. Working at Gold Cross with its aggressive and fast pace EMS system also helped to prepare me for my current occupation along with being a firefighter at Plover. After working at Gold Cross for a year, I accepted a full-time position as one of the first four paramedics for the Village of Plover with its new ambulance service under Portage County in April of 2018. After working full time at Plover for a few years, I finally reached one of my career goals where I accepted the full-time position as a firefighter/Paramedic at the City of Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department in September of 2020 which today is my current occupation. The public safety service is something that runs strong in my family as my father was a firefighter for the Town of Hull and Village

of Plover, my grandfather who was a police officer for the city of Stevens Point, my cousin who is a sheriff's deputy for Portage County, my uncle who was a firefighter for Junction City (currently Rudolph Fire Department), the City of Mosinee, and currently the City of Wausau, and my younger brother who is going to school for law enforcement. Some of my favorite hobbies are camping, hiking, hunting, fishing, kayaking, and anything and everything to do with firearms. Over the next couple years my buddies and I have hunts planned for out west in Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana for mule deer and pronghorn along with somewhere further down the line an elk hunt to be planned. Some of my future goals is to travel all over Europe and visit countries like Germany, Russia, Poland, Switzerland, and many more along visiting many of their historical sites from World War 2. I would also one day like to hike up the Swiss alps and hike up the famous Matterhorn. Well if you made it this far then you now know a little more about me.