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Chief Pischke has been involved in the Fire Service for over 28 years starting his career with the City of Littleton Fire Department, serving as the Chief of the Silverthorne Fire Protection District, and Division Chief with North Metro Fire Rescue and currently is serving as the Deputy Chief of the Mountain View Fire Protection District.

Chief Pischke has been actively involved in the wildland arena since his days in Silverthorne where, with the rest of Summit County, there are heavy wildland interface issues. Chief Pischke was an integral part of creating an ordinance in Summit County that dealt with protective spacing between structures and the wildland. While fortunate to have been in Summit County in the days before the Pine Bark Beetle kill, the wildland urban interface issues were just as prevalent then and have only been magnified by this recent infestation.

While with North Metro Fire, Chief Pischke started the Departments first Wildland Team and worked to involve the Departments firefighters in assisting local, regional and national efforts to combat wildland fires.

When he took the position as Deputy Chief with Mountain View Fire, Chief Pischke recognized the need (due to the wildland interface issues in the area served by the Mountain View Department) to formally develop a Wildland Fire Team there as well. Today, this Team plays an active roll in the local and national wildland firefighting efforts.

Chief Pischke continues to be active on both local and state levels as it relates to wildland issues and recently worked with other Fire Service people, representatives of the Colorado State Forest Service and the State Sheriffs organization to amend SB 09-020: in order to clarify the fire protection responsibilities delegated to county sheriffs versus those held by the local fire protection districts, to encourage planning for wildland fire in all counties and that such planning be conducted cooperatively between the sheriff and the fire chiefs of the county, and to clarify the role of the Colorado State Forest Service.