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EMS/Fire Brigade Elevates Skills By Cross-Training

Michael Allison, Firefighter/Paramedic

Michael Allison's fire career dates to 2006, and he became a certified paramedic in 2009. He has been affiliated with Love County EMS/Fire Brigade for 10 years. "I really like this place. This is home to me. I like the cross training that is here, where firefighters also are able to deliver emergency medical care in the field."

Allison also works at the Grand Prairie, TX, fire department. He holds advanced certification in fire technology and fire chemistry and is considering further college training in emergency or fire department administration.

Allison is imbued with the firefighter ethic – five generations of his family have been firefighters. "There are morals and integrity and pride and honor in being 'trained to serve' that my family has valued, and I want to repeat that," he said.



Chance Weger, Firefighter/Paramedic

Chance Weger started his career in 2008 in the brand new Station 2, WinStar Casino. He acquired 9-1/2 years of fire fighting experience and, studying through the Love County EMS/ Fire Brigade training center, earned his paramedic licensure.

Recently, Weger shifted to part-time status, primarily field-training new hires, while he also works at the Little Elm Fire Department in Texas.

The pace of calls at the then-small casino was slow 10 years ago. "Sometimes we could go two or three shifts with no transports," Weger recalls. But calls now come in at the rate of four-five per day "or more," he said, some of them life and death situations.

In one case a first aid attendant did CPR on a casino patron, then Weger and his crew arrived to perform de-fibrillation and restart the patient's heart.

"The man was already talking to us when we went out the door," Weger said. "Without us he wouldn't have lived. This is why we are in this field."



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