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## EMS/Fire Brigade First Responders Serve WinStar & Riverwind Casinos

## Brian Davis, EMT, First Aid Attendant

"Our duties are to take care of patrons and staff," says Brian Davis, EMT, First Aid Attendant at WinStar Casino. Thousands of people may spend time there in a 24-hour period. "We are Mercy's face for anyone needing medical attention. We handle everything we can on the spot but are mindful that paramedic support from the fire and ambulance station is seconds away."

In one case, Davis performed CPR on a patron whose heart had stopped; paramedics shocked the patient's heart back to life with an AED device. "Later I saw a picture of the patient sitting up alert and well at the hospital surrounded by family members. It's gratifying to feel like you did something that meant so much," he said.



Davis joined Love County EMS/Fire Brigade in 2016 after completing EMT studies at Grayson County College in Texas. In a prior career, he spent 17 years in title research for an oil company.

He was accustomed to spending vacation time fishing at Leeper Lake in Love County, never dreaming he would one day help save lives nearby at the casino. "I love Love County and being affiliated with the staff of the hospital and EMS. There's no better group of folks," he said.

## Savanha Smith, EMT, First Aid Attendant

As an infant, Savanha Smith sometimes was strapped in a car seat in the back of the ambulance as her mother, a career EMT, responded to emergencies in their hometown of Frederick.

It comes as no surprise to learn that, by age 17, Smith was already a licensed EMT. She has five years of experience riding the Frederick ambulance or, since 2017, serving in the first aid room at Riverwind Casino in Norman.

"I have the experience to know when a patient at the casino or hotel, or parking lot, needs more than first aid," Smith said. During her first week, Smith applied CPR to a patient experiencing a heart attack, until the EMSTAT ambulance arrived. More often, she is



treating patients who have experienced falls or cuts or, in the case of kitchen workers, burns. "I do my job to help," she said. "A good day for me is when I go home knowing I did my best to help someone."

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