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EMS/Fire Brigade Veteran Firefighter Aids Younger Crew

Heath Weaver, Firefighter/EMT

This veteran firefighter and vehicle driver joined Station 2, WinStar Casino, in 2012 after 24 years of fighting fires with the Madill Fire Department.

"They call me 'OG' for old guy, but they have accepted me and I share my experiences when appropriate," Weaver said. Paying attention, listening, and learning from everyone are skills that have taken Weaver far in life.

It was observing firefighters as they shopped or dined at the grocery store and restaurant where Weaver worked during high school that attracted him to professional firefighting.

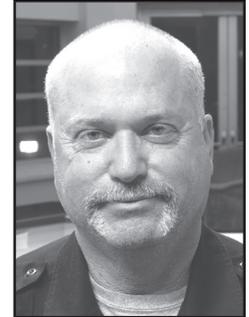
In the Navy, following graduation from Kingston High School, Weaver learned firefighting skills. After completing his service career in 1990, he graduated from EMT training and worked as an ambulance medic while waiting for an opening on the Madill Fire Department.

"It was never about the money at a small town department," Weaver remarked. "It was about serving my 'home' community." To further support his family, Weaver took a second job as a welder for CM Trailers. Once again, being a quick study brought advancement, and Weaver would subsequently serve CM Trailers as purchasing director and safety director.

"On the safety job, I had to learn and teach employees the proper way to lift and move things. I now try to help young firefighters use those same techniques to ward off injury and extend their careers," Weaver said.

As for his penchant for detail and knowledge of business office practices, Weaver is using those skills in the public interest also – he is now in his second term as an elected member of the Madill City Council.

Weaver has a 22 year-old son and an 18-year-old daughter.



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